



May 17, 2023

City Manager Report: Council Meeting 5/23/23

- **Housing**
 - Chugach Corporation's groundbreaking on May 22 and presentation to Council at 23rd meeting
 - Valdez Senior Village Apartments groundbreaking May 25th at noon for the project team; Council is invited
- **Washington DC trip**
 - Mayor & Mayor Pro-tem along with Ports & Harbor Director and Finance Director met with Alaska's delegation and representatives from MRAD, USCG, & EPA. Trip coordinated by Lobbyist Jack Victory & Eric Kroos at Capitol Hill Consulting Group
- **Operations & Initiatives**
 - First cruise ships of the season have arrived and the season is ramping up
 - Title 17 draft is ongoing, will have a full report at June 6th meeting from Planning Director Kate Huber
 - Finalizing contract for Strategic Communications Plan to formalize process and procedures for internal and external communications (identified in employee survey as a deficiency)
 - Have received a number of inquiries about the Pipeline Club property working with Economic Development Director Martha Barberio, City Clerk, & Legal to have comprehensive path forward with intended purpose of disposing of property to the private sector.
 - Military Appreciation Weekend May 27-28
 - Attended successful May Day Fly-in event
 - Attended Providence Community Dialogue Luncheon – Community Health Needs Assessment survey is out and encourage everyone in town to participate
 - Working with the High School to develop a "Job Shadow" program with City departments for HS Junior & Senior students during the school year
- **Personnel**
 - Received Employee Engagement Survey results working with HR and department heads to implement initiatives that will focus on areas in need of improvement
 - Captain Mike Bowden retired from the Fire Department after 29 years of service to the community of Valdez
 - City Manager search is ongoing, first review of applicants begins June 1st. Next steps and further details outlined at June 6 meeting.
 - Core Values identified in Directors' retreat include:
 - Integrity
 - Stewardship
 - Service
 - Sustainability
 - Celebration

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- **Council Retreat Topics**
 - Please email Sheri and/or myself by the end of the month topics and we will narrow down conversation to common themes.
 - Anticipate a conversation about service level objectives
 - Revenue
 - Expenses
- **Projects**
 - Separate verbal report