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MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Christopher Maines, Planning Director
Through: Jack Savo Jr., Acting City Manager
Date: October 23, 2025
Re: November Report

PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission postponed the regularly scheduled meeting for the month of September. The items for the next agenda will involve the Comprehensive Plan update. Agnew::Beck will begin their work in the month of November; I am to have the Comprehensive Plan finished by Spring of 2026. Additional items will involve Parking Lot Standards, Condemnable Properties, and continue our discussion on Road Maintenance and City Ownership. As always, I encourage Council members to attend our Planning Commission meetings.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

EPA Landfill Appropriation:

The City of Dillingham's 4.72-million-dollar project officially started on October 1st, 2025. However, due to the government shutdown, our contract has not arrived, and we have been unable to begin the work. I am optimistic that when the government reopens we will still be able to meet the timelines provided to the EPA. If anything changes I will notify Acting City Manager Jack Savo Jr.

AHFC Rural Professional Home Grant:

I submitted an application to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation through the Rural Professional Home Grant. The ceiling of the grant award is \$700,000 dollars. If successful, we will be notified in January of 2026, with funds becoming available in Spring of 2026. This is only one of several opportunities I have been monitoring and will continue to find ways to help the current housing crisis within Dillingham.

Harbor Lights and Harbor South End:

We have been in communication with Nushagak Electric on behalf of the City of Dillingham. We were quoted \$15,234 dollars to complete the work and extend through the lease lots on the South End of the Harbor. Payment has been processed and should be dispersed to Nushagak Electric by October 24th, 2025. We do not have a scheduled date for work to begin, but I will continue providing updates to Acting City Manager Jack Savo Jr.

Snag Point Erosion Appropriation:

I have been working with Acting City Manager Jack Savo Jr. on this project. I have completed a scope of work and budget for review by FEMA. After the government shutdown ends, I am hopeful it will be accepted, and we can begin working on this project. With the Chris Hladick now being under contract, he can provide some additional expertise on a project of this size. We are currently meeting with FEMA bi-weekly and will update the Council on developments as things proceed.

Planning Department Fees and Services:

I will be working on the fees and services for the Planning Department. We have not updated them for many years. Additionally, over the last 18 months I have noticed that there are areas in which the city offers services, and it has not been capturing revenues. One example is in document acquisition and research within the Planning Department. On average I provide documents and research services 2-3 times per week and if we include this as a fee, it will help with funding the department. I will be working with the Finance Director on this matter.

Updates/News:

The Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation through AARP has secured a grant for picnic tables and benches. They have donated them to the City of Dillingham and the Curyung Tribal Council. The benches and tables will be distributed around Dillingham. There will be a formal unveiling in November. Dates will be provided to the City Council when finalized.