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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: February 20, 2026
Re: March 2026 Report

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission held its meeting on February 19, 2026. We have begun grading and developing the 2026-2032 Capital Improvement Program discussion. We currently have 31 projects total and will seek to have a full list graded and submitted to the City Manager in April 2026. I am maintaining a heavy emphasis on projects that are currently in development or beginning development. I will keep the Council updated as we continue towards submission.

SNAG POINT EROSION APPROPRIATION:

I have been working with City Manager Jack Savo Jr. on this project. FEMA is in the process of reviewing our extension request. We have maintained bi-weekly conferences with our State of Alaska Representative. In our latest meeting with the State of Alaska, we were informed that the States request to FEMA for our extension was tabled. The State had failed to format its letter of request properly and were asked to resubmit. Our City Manager and I will continue monitoring the situation. When asked if there was anything we could do to aid in this process, we were plainly told that the State will handle it. I remain optimistic that we will get this extension but our request may not be received until after April.

DILLINGHAM 2036 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The public review process of the draft plan was posted on the city webpage as well as the City of Dillingham Facebook page. We have also included flyers with direct links to the public comment form. This plan also includes an online interactive future land use map that will allow Dillingham residents to post comments directly to all areas within the municipality as to what they feel is best suited for future development. Members of the Planning Commission and myself will be hosting public booths to collect comments. The public comment period will end on March 18th, 2026. Agnew::Beck will be attending the March 11, 2026 Planning Commission meeting, so I invite the council to attend and participate in the discussion.

LEGISLATIVE CAPITAL BUDGET ACCOUNT 2026-2027:

We entered five projects into CAPSIS, the legislative Capital Project Submission and Information System. These projects included the Downtown Firehall Replacement

Building, Wastewater Systems Upgrades-Improvements, Harbor Floats- including Water/Sewer and additional Bathroom Facilities at the Harbor, Harbor Revetments and Breakwater/Emergency Bank Stabilization, and Snag Point Erosion/Sewer Lagoon Bank Stabilization. These projects will be used by the Alaska State Legislature, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, and agency grant administrators. The backup information you provide may become part of the legislative and public record.

NPS FUNDING:

It was brought to my attention that the National Park Service has granted the City of Dillingham funding to construct the Basketball Court/ Tennis Court and the field along the Old Airstrip Subdivision. This was federally funded in 1984 and was in conjunction with support from the Alaska Court System. NPS has reached out to me because we are 40 years late on our reporting. After I get the City of Dillingham into compliance, we will be eligible for future funding to further upgrade the park area. This is the best course of action, because once you receive funding from NPS, the land can only be used for NPS purposes into perpetuity. I will solicit input from the council and staff as to what upgrades are needed for this site.