

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBER INFORMATION

We have begun our information sharing with the Council on departments and general local government. Thanks to all for the presentations and participation. Below is a summary and schedule for the remainder of the events.

On November 22 the Council received information concerning parliamentary procedures and Clerk duties. In addition, the Mayor and City Administrator provided an overview of local government powers and duties.

On November 30, the Treasurer(s) provide information to the Council on budgeting (General Operating Budget and CIP), and the monthly financial reports. The Marine Facilities Coordinator also provide an overview of the plethora of duties and activities within his responsibilities.

As part of our Work Session on December 6th we heard from the library and fire department. I hope you are finding the information useful and encourage reaching out to any department that you would like more information on. In addition, I am always available if you have additional questions, comments, or suggestions.

The following schedule is fluid and changes in dates or content can be made.

- On Jan 24 the Treasurer(s) will discuss budget and CIP development in preparation for the upcoming FY23 budget.
- On Feb 7, if the agenda allows, the DRC will provide an overview of the operations, maintenance, and needed improvements for sustainability.
- On Feb 28 we will hear from the DRC if Feb 7 doesn't work. If it does, we will hear from the Mayor and City Administrator on a variety of community centric issues.

ROADS UPDATE

A big THANKS to Glacier Bay Construction for the snowplowing. The City had intended to contract with snowplowing providers but was notified that municipal snowplowing insurance was too expensive to make the work profitable; therefore, a contractual agreement couldn't be reached. GBC was able to amend its contract to include service to our side roads just in time for our first significant accumulation. THANKS JUSTIN!

If you believe your road needs service, contact City Hall.

FEMA REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED FOR COVID-19 DISASTER

The received approximately \$9,300 for reimbursement for costs under the COVID-19 disaster declaration. The FEMA funds reimbursed us for costs initially paid for under the CARES Act funds, these funds must be used for costs allowed under the CARES ACT and spent by the end of the year. As approved by the Council at the December Work Session, staff will utilize the funds for purchases of hepa filters for the back room of City Hall, the upstairs of the Fire Hall, funding for existing CARES Act projects at the Fire Department, and salary offset of the Fire Chief. Also, as directed by the Mayor, the City has given the Gustavus Community Center funds (NTE \$500) to continue food security program from 2020. In this year's program, the GCC will only provide halibut, assuming the fisher is successful, as no illegal moose were taken.

A HUGE thanks to Phoebe Vanselow for the work getting the reimbursement. The amount of documentation and the number of meetings was insane. **GREAT WORK PHOEBE!!!**

RAPIDS TESTING FUNDS

Payment for the City's RAPIDS and PCR testing now comes from one source, leaving approximately \$2,000 of funds identified for RAPIDS testing which must be used by the end of March 2022.

Because of the restrictions of the grant, no substitute expenses have been identified as of yet. In response to Council member Sharman's question at the Work Session, the RAPIDS testing program averages 30 tests per week. Although we haven't received actual costs per test, it is estimated that the tests cost approximately \$10.

ARPA FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Hello: You may remember my discussion about different funding opportunities under the ARPA. Below is general information about each category, just hit the link

<https://eda.gov/arpa/>. The EAA category has to do with infrastructure grants for projects like public works, solid waste, ports and harbors, trails, etc. The match is 20% but there is the ability to fund 100% - however, without the match the application is likely not as competitive which translates to *won't get funded...*

Anyway, to be competitive, we need to prioritize what projects we want to submit for and then do things to score higher. For example, resolutions in support of projects. Community letters of support. Identify documents that show the project is a priority, such as the CIP; city-wide survey; strategic plan and the draft update to the strategic plan; etc. The deadline is March 2022, so it isn't that much time to get public input and conduct public meetings, and all the rest of it.

If you have any ideas for a project(s) please begin to outline it so that we can collect all of them and the Council can determine if it wants to submit an application. Below are links from EDA for ARP Programs:

- Information on each of EDA's six ARPA Opportunities is available here: <https://eda.gov/arpa/>. There are links to one-pagers, NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity), recorded webinars, FAQs for each program <https://eda.gov/arpa/resources/>. Deadlines for applicants vary by program. There will be high demand for the competitive programs, and EDA has to obligate all \$3B ARP funds by September 2022.
- Questions about projects that may be eligible for EDA's Build Back Better Regional Challenge, Economic Adjustment Assistance, Indigenous, and Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation should be directed to the EDA Regional Office and the Economic Development Representative; their POC contact info is: <https://eda.gov/contact/>.
- Questions about the Good Jobs Challenge, for those interested in developing industry led, sectoral workforce systems, can be directed to EDA HQ at: GoodJobsChallenge@eda.gov.
- Questions about the Research and Networks of Practice NOFO, such as for the University Consortia on ocean economies, can be directed to: research@eda.gov
- EDA Investment Priorities guide the ARP and other EDA investments, including Recovery and Resilience. This program highlights Equity, and Environmentally Sustainable economic development.