

## MAYOR'S REPORT JUNE 10, 2024

### UPDATES

**Alaska Airlines Law Enforcement Issue.** Thanks to State Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities Southeast Regional Director Christopher Goins, and to City Administrator Kathy Leary for achieving a resolution to the TSA requirement for a law enforcement presence at the airport this summer for the Alaska Airlines jet. DOT has hired 3 Special Officers as airport law enforcement officers and Administrator Leary greeted the first Safety Officer at the Airport on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Public Access on the Hydro Road.** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is continuing to engage in dispute resolution with the Olneys and AP&T, and a City work group is working on a good faith proposal to submit on behalf of the community.

**The Xunaa Borough Petition.** The Local Boundary Commission released its preliminary staff report on May 28<sup>th</sup> recommending against adoption of the Xunaa Borough petition in its current form. There is a public comment period until July 8<sup>th</sup> after which a public hearing is currently scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> in Hoonah. LBC website: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/LocalBoundaryCommission>

**Damage to Dock.** In mid-May two commercial vessels, one of which had neither a current commercial use agreement nor a vessel registration, were tied up to the steel float, one of which was unattended for 3 days. During that time, the failure to remove the vessels in the face of the incoming weather event resulted in damage to the grates and timbers due to wind and wave action. We are reviewing the damage to the city-owned steel float, and are tracking the associated costs from violations of the float use, and potential liability of vessel owners as a result of the damage to the float system.

**Congratulations to DRC Manager/Operator Ian Barrier** for the DRC achieving a Waste Index score of 99% from the Solid Waste Program of the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation!

**Thanks to Janene Driscoll & Deb Hemenway** for the City beautification project.



**A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Casey Walker, Justin Marchbanks and Glacier Bay Construction** for donating, delivering, and staging barrier logs along the eroding bank of the Salmon River on the road to City Hall, and for keeping City staff, Council members and the public safe.



**Coming up :** City Cybersecurity Assessment & DNR visit June 11-12, 2024

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