

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA  
RESOLUTION 2026-003**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA,  
ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF WHITTIER’S CALENDAR YEAR 2026 LOCAL  
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whittier initiated a public survey to engage residents and gather feedback on local priorities, fostering a transparent and inclusive approach to identifying the City’s most urgent community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council conducted a work session on November 18, 2025 to deliberate over the survey findings, refine the list of local priorities, and ensure alignment with the City’s operational goals and available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution serves to identify the City’s most critical local legislative priorities, directing the administration to take actionable steps to implement these projects and initiatives, which range from public safety to infrastructure development; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects outlined in this resolution are designed to enhance the quality of life for Whittier residents, including improvements to recreational spaces, public safety, and municipal infrastructure, in line with the City’s long-term vision; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of this resolution reflects a thorough and community-oriented process that incorporated public feedback, Council discussion, and administrative expertise to ensure that Whittier’s local legislative agenda is clear, achievable, and focused on the community’s best interests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**Section 1.** The following priorities are identified as the City of Whittier Local Legislative Priorities for Calendar Year 2026:

1. Acquisition of ARRC Non-Operational Lands
2. Playground, Park, and Trail Infrastructure Improvements
  - a. Construct Whittier Falls Park
  - b. Improve Lu Young and City Park
  - c. Improve Horsetail Falls Trail
  - d. Establish Ice Rink and Sledding Hill
  - e. Kayak Infrastructure
  - f. Recreational Vehicle Waste Disposal Station
3. Comprehensive Plan Update
4. Contaminated Sites
5. Museum and Community/Visitor Center
6. Small Business Development Support

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- 49 7. Harbor Infrastructure Improvements
- 50 a. Harbor Business District Restroom Improvements
- 51 8. Transportation Master Plan
- 52 9. EMS, Fire, and Police Equipment Upgrades
- 53 10. Reducing Human-Wildlife Conflicts through Bear Management and Safety Measures
- 54 11. Whittier Creek Levee Repair
- 55 12. Head of Bay Planning and Infrastructure

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57 **Section 2.** The City Manager is hereby instructed to communicate the City’s local  
58 legislative priorities to the appropriate municipal departments and take all necessary steps to  
59 develop actionable plans for each priority. The City Manager shall secure funding where  
60 applicable, initiate the implementation of projects, and actively pursue completion of these  
61 priorities. Additionally, the City Manager is directed to regularly report progress to the City  
62 Council and collaborate with relevant stakeholders to ensure the timely and efficient advancement  
63 of the City’s legislative agenda.

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65 **Section 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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67 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council  
68 on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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74 **Victor Shen**  
75 Mayor

76 AYES:  
77 NOES:  
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79 ABSTAIN:

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86 **Shelby Carlson**  
87 Acting City Clerk

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