

To: Whittier City Council
From: City Manager Jackie C. Wilde
Re: City Manager Report for June 2026 Council Meeting

This month's report captures significant progress and critical updates across multiple departments, showcasing the City's continued commitment to infrastructure development, financial accountability, and community engagement.

City Manager Office

The City continues to move into a very active construction and tourism season. Staff are coordinating multiple projects simultaneously, including paving improvements, park enhancements, harbor infrastructure work, utility projects, and ongoing grant-funded initiatives. Administration has been focused on ensuring contractors, consultants, and City departments remain aligned on project schedules, permitting requirements, and funding obligations. Several project coordination meetings have been held in recent weeks to prepare for upcoming construction activities and minimize impacts to residents, businesses, and visitors.

Administration has continued to focus on strengthening coordination between departments and improving overall operational effectiveness. With several major projects scheduled throughout the summer and fall, efforts are being directed toward project planning, resource allocation, staff development, and long-term community priorities. The coming months will be particularly busy as construction, tourism, and seasonal operations overlap, and staff are working to ensure projects move forward while maintaining the high level of service expected by residents, businesses, and visitors.

Manager's Monthly Wilde Recognition

This month's Manager's Monthly Wilde Recognition goes to... Junior Turituri

Junior is being recognized for his outstanding attitude, strong work ethic, and unwavering commitment to the Whittier community. Whether he is assisting residents, supporting City projects, or working alongside his coworkers, Junior consistently approaches every task with a positive attitude and a smile.

His willingness to help, dedication to getting the job done, and genuine care for the people of Whittier do not go unnoticed. Junior's professionalism and community spirit reflect the very best of public service and help make Whittier a better place to live and work.

Thank you, Junior, for your hard work, positive energy, and continued commitment to our community. Your efforts make a difference every day, and we are proud to recognize you with this month's Wilde Recognition Award.

Finance Department Report

This report reflects an abbreviated look at finance-related activities through the end of May, 2026, with financial statements through April, 2026, where 33% of the fiscal year has elapsed.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH FEBRUARY

GENERAL FUND: Cash Balance in the General Fund at April 30 is \$1,712,596. Based on 2026 Budgeted expenditures of \$5,136,920 that level of cash is sufficient to cover 4.0 months of operations. The City's budget policy reflects the goal of establishing a reserve of between nine (9) and twelve (12) months, or between \$3,852,690 and \$5,136,920. The current level of cash is lower than the 9-month goal by \$2,140,094. During the upcoming budget season in preparation for the City's 2027/2028 Biennial Budget, staff will present a Fund Balance recovery plan aimed at building the City's reserves to fall within the City's Fund Balance Policy. Revenues through April are at 12.8%, or actual of \$587,873 versus budget of \$4,608,378. Tax revenues are at 6.6%, with Property Tax at 3.5% of budget and sales tax at 17.3%, as little tax is generated and reported early in the calendar year.

License and Permits are at 24% largely reflecting collection of \$15,408 in ambulance fees. Intergovernmental Revenues (from state and federal sources) are at 11.2% of budget, or \$27,470 largely due to the receipt of National Forest Receipts.

General Fund expenditures are at 28.8% of budget through April, with 33% of the year having elapsed. Transfers between Funds have not been recorded. All General Fund departments are under budget through except for City Council/City Clerk and Property and Facilities. The largest budget overage is in community support, where contributions toward BTI/Whittier Manor capital repairs have been recorded as future liabilities, increasing actual expenses early in the year. Property and Facilities budget is higher than year-to-date estimates due to payment for boiler repairs at the Public Safety Building totaling.

GENERAL FUND MAJOR REPAIR & REPLACEMENT FUND – F72: Cash Balance in the General Fund's Major Repair and Replacement Fund at April 30 is \$823,680. The purpose of this Fund is to replace capital assets and infrastructure that are not components of the City's enterprise funds (Harbor, Delong Dock, Water/Sewer). This includes things such as land, streets, sidewalks, public restrooms, City-owned condos, stormwater systems, culverts, Public Safety Building, Fire and EMS rescue vehicles and fire trucks, snow removal equipment, vehicles, dispatch equipment, generators, EMS defibrillators and breathing apparatus, dispatch equipment, police equipment, boilers, IT equipment and networks, etc.

WATER AND SEWER FUND: The Cash balance in the Water and Sewer Fund (the "operating fund", Fund 50) is \$647,626 in addition to cash available in the Water and Sewer Major Maintenance and Repair Fund (the "capital fund", Fund 75) of \$1,369,927. Based on 2026 Budgeted Expenses (excluding depreciation) of \$380,511, cash reserves available in the operating fund are sufficient to cover 20.4 months of expenses. Cash reserves available in both the operating and capital funds, are sufficient to cover 63.6 months of operations. Water and Sewer Fund revenues through April are at 16.2% of the budget, excluding inter-fund transfers. The Water and Sewer Fund revenues are largely seasonal and will increase during the busier summer months. It is not anticipated that the

community's largest seafood operator will be open for business in 2026; this is not expected to have a large impact on revenues since it was foreseen that the seafood industry would not contribute significantly to water/sewer revenues in the coming year. Investment income has not been recorded nor have for one-time cash transfers from the General Fund of \$23,341, in repayment of a short-term loan for the purchase of a loader. Excluding depreciation, expenses through April are at 28.1%.

WATER/SEWER MRRF: The Cash balance in the Water/Sewer MRRF Fund, as mentioned above, is \$1,369,927 to be used for the repair and replacement of major Water and Sewer capital assets. This

includes infrastructure such as the City's wastewater lift stations and pumps, automated controls, generators, wellhouses, buildings/plant, vac truck, loader, underground water and sewer lines, other system improvements, water wells, etc.

HARBOR FUND: The Cash balance in the Harbor Fund (the "operating fund", Fund 51) is \$697,398, in addition to cash available in the Harbor Major Repair and Replacement Fund (the "capital fund", Fund 73) of \$693,180, at April 30. Based on 2026 Budgeted Expenses (excluding depreciation) of \$2,026,967, cash reserves available in the operating fund are sufficient to cover 4.1 months of expenses. Cash reserves available in both the operating and capital funds (total \$1,390,578), are sufficient to cover 8.2 months of operations. Harbor Fund Revenues for the Harbor Fund are at 58.8%, as the largest sources of revenue, preferential (annual) moorage, is brought in early in the year. Transfers-In and Transfers-Out have yet to be recorded. Overall, Charges for Services (includes moorage, utilities, wharfage, launch, parking, etc) are at 65%; Lease revenues exceed the annual budget largely because the portion of the lease that is payable to the Railroad, is pending. Investment income has not been recorded.

HARBOR MRRF: The Cash balance in the Harbor MRRF Fund is \$693,180 to be used for the repair and replacement of major Harbor capital assets. This Fund accounts for the Water-Borne Passenger Fee which was implemented in January, 2025, and which accounts for per-passenger fees of \$8 set aside entirely to pay for capital asset and infrastructure replacement in the Harbor, to benefit payers of the fee. Revenues through April are entirely related to the Water-Borne Passenger Fee collections of \$21,985; these revenues are initially used to cover harbor bond debt (through a transfer-out to the Harbor Enterprise Fund for debt payments), and then for capital assets and infrastructure. This includes harbor floats, electrical system, harbormaster building and boilers/furnace, harbor water/sewer systems, breakwater, boat ramps, passenger, sheet piles, grid, fuel float, Ocean Dock, Passenger Dock, City Dock, harbor restrooms, boardwalk, computer systems, cameras, parking meters, pay stations, vehicles, pump out carts, skiff, crane, backup generator, snowblowers, and other harbor capital assets and infrastructure.

DELONG DOCK: The Cash balance in the Delong Dock Fund is \$1,470,543. These reserves are intended for future use as matching funds for the replacement of the dock. The City was recently awarded a PIDP grant in the amount of \$4,074,520 for engineering and design of the dock replacement, and the City is applying for a construction grant to replace the dock. The City will commit the reserves from the Delong Dock Fund toward the City's match to replace the dock. Delong Dock actual revenues reflect only a single permit for the use of the dock in the coming year. Otherwise, revenues are not expected to be recorded until the summer season. Interest revenues have not been recorded and only \$49,701 in expenses have been recorded through April, related to electricity and insurance.

GRANTS: Since the first of the year, the City has been awarded \$5.2 million in grants, including: 1) \$3,500 for Alaskans for Litter Patrol and Recycling; 2) \$410,000 additional funding to extend Shotgun Cove Road; 3) \$4,074,520 for engineering/design of DeLong Dock replacement; 4) \$10,000 for accessible pocket parks; 5) \$3,559 in fish disaster funding from the Pacific Marine Cod Fisheries; 6) 406,299 in Title 23 FHWA earmark funding for Shotgun Cove Road; 7) \$28,035 in funding from DOT/NHTSA to outfit police vehicles with TraCS system; and 8) \$310,000 in funding for asbestos abatement at the BTI Building. Staff continues to seek funding for a new ambulance, DeLong Dock construction, and Shotgun Cove Road. Current grant projects that are underway include the Water Well Replacement Project which began in May, which will replace the City's well field and significantly increase the capacity of the water system to handling the growth in demand. The backup generator for the City's water system is expected to arrive by July. The Safety Action Plan draft has been completed. The EPA contamination mitigation program is underway, and Shotgun Cove Road construction will continue through the end of the year. The City continues to address the Harbor Phase III float replacement project issues and the wastewater sludge removal and 301H waiver projects. The City also expects additional wastewater CDS funds to pursue the recommendations in the City's sludge removal and maintenance plan.

OTHER FINANCE ACTIVITIES: Staff completed the annual audit and are working to finalize the 2025 financial statements. The auditors will present their findings to the Council in a work session in the coming month. Issues that were addressed in the audit included the issuance of new debt in 2025 (harbor revenue bonds, wastewater loan for Lift Station No. 5, and the motor grader loan), legal issues surrounding the new Ground Passenger Fee, and a Single Audit of the Shotgun Cove Road federal grant and the State DOT Harbor Phase III Replacement grant. The City is currently responding to a standard PERS Audit with focus on the status of rehired retirees. The Administration is working with PERS to determine the termination costs associated with the potential removal of the Public Safety Director from PERS, to offer additional flexibility to the City in hiring and retention. Staff continue to identify businesses operating in Whittier, to ensure that they are properly licensed and registered. We have received positive responses from ground passenger businesses and are seeing improvements in Ground Passenger registration compliance.

City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Report

I had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., which felt like a pilgrimage to the roots of our nation's democracy. The trip provided valuable perspective on the federal systems, institutions, and relationships that directly affect local governments like Whittier, particularly as we continue to pursue federal funding opportunities for critical infrastructure and redevelopment needs.

Significant progress was made on transportation planning efforts. The draft Safety Action Plan has been prepared, along with the draft *Whittier Moves Transportation Master Plan*. Public pop-up booths are scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, to share information with the community and gather feedback. Booths will be held from 1:30–3:30 p.m. at the Head of the Bay and Harbor Triangle, and from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at the Museum Shuttle Stop and the BTI West Lobby.

Administration also worked with the City's grant writing contractor to prepare the Port Infrastructure Development Program grant application for construction funding for the DeLong Dock replacement project. This remains one of the City's most important infrastructure priorities, and staff continue

working through the many grant, compliance, and project development steps necessary to move the project forward.

Brownfields work also continued. Administration submitted a grant application as part of the process to release the \$5 million in Congressionally Directed Spending secured by Senator Murkowski for remediation of the Buckner Building. Staff also checked in with NORTECH regarding the data gap analysis and anticipate receiving a draft soon. This work is a necessary step in positioning the City to responsibly pursue environmental assessment, cleanup planning, and eventual remediation activities.

The Council Beautification Grant Review Committee met and reviewed the applications received for the 2026 pilot program. The recommended awards are before Council at this meeting for approval. Because funds remain available, Administration has decided to re-publish and re-open the application period to allow additional eligible projects to be considered this year.

Staff also continued work on lease compliance and follow-through on Council direction regarding City leases. This includes reviewing lease files, tracking required documentation, communicating with leaseholders, and continuing to build a more consistent and accountable lease administration process.

In addition to these larger projects, routine Clerk and Administration work continued, including land use permits, public records requests, film permits, facility use permits, and other day-to-day administrative matters.

Harbor Department Report

Admin: Aniva provided information for city wide audit. We continue with our transition over to MarineGo from Marina Office. Transition is going well and the redundant systems are helpful to truth our our transition and processes. Field staff are coming up to speed on doing the daily inventory on Ipads which updates MarinaGo in real time.

Harbormaster attended the Whittier Moves worksession online

Harbormaster attended Washington State deligation that traveled to Whittier to observe port/rail operations. Toured DeLong Dock, Railyard and AML operations.

Harbormaster hosted the US Army Corp of Engineers Civil Works Section. The event was for their Small Boat Harbor and Deep Draft Navigation class for Corp Planning Associates. These 18 engineers came from all over the US to visit Whittier and discuss harbor operations, Army Corp involvement in the development of Whittier and other marintime operations.

Harbormaster was engaged in several zoom meetings and Whittier site visits of security personel (Navy/Army/Marine/Coast Guard) regarding the USS Ted Stevens Commissioning ceremony.

Harbormaster met with USCG representative to discuss our local Marine Transportation System Recovery Plan updates.

Harbormaster hosted the quarterly city wide safety meeting.

Harbormaster updated four of the city's safety plans to include Fall Protection, Confined Space Entry, Emergency Action Plan for Harbor Staff, and Lockout Tagout procedures. This is a collateral duty of the Harbormaster.

Harbormaster continues to engage with Harris Sand and Gravel about the float performance issue and

anticipates more information in the coming days.

Harbormaster attended meeting with Greater Whittier Seafoods to discuss ongoing efforts and operations, meet and greet with new staff and managers.

Operations: Harbor staff assisted two vessels from that were taking on water from sinking. Assembled net pens and released approximately 125k Coho smelt, anticipate the receipt of the same number of Chinook salmon on 15 June. I want to thank SeaTow for offering their platform, Captain and time to the chinook salmon effort!

Chinook Fire and Safety came down at the end of May and conducted the annual inspection of the harbor and citywide fire safety, sprinkler systems, and fire extinguishers.

Staff continue to replace electrical pedestal bases, water fixtures and make general repairs throughout the harbor as needed.

Police Department Report

Calls by Service Area

Service Area	Calls
Whittier	85
Girdwood Service Area	148
Other	8
Total	247

Narrative Summary

In May 2026, WPD handled 247 calls for service. Excluding Security Checks, Whittier accounted for 55 and Girdwood 49 calls. Serious incidents stood out, including MVA/Accident (4), Theft/Burglary (1). Additionally, there was a fatal MVA WPD assisted APD with. Jurisdictional mix: Whittier 34.4%, Girdwood 59.9%, Other 3.2%.

Bullet-Point Summary

- Whittier: 85 calls. Top types: Parking Problem (20), Traffic (6), Unspecified in CAD (5).
- Girdwood: 148 calls. Top types: Traffic (16), Welfare Check (5), Disturbance (5).
- Other: 8 calls. Top types: Traffic (5), Agency Assist (2), MVA/Accident (1).

Call Types by Jurisdiction

Call Type	Whittier	Girdwood	Other	Total
Security Check	30	99	0	129
Traffic	6	16	5	27
Parking Problem	20	3	0	23
Disturbance	3	5	0	8
Welfare Check	2	5	0	7
Agency Assist	0	4	2	6
Unspecified in CAD	5	1	0	6

MVA/Accident	1	2	1	4
Animal	1	2	0	3
Parking Enforcement	3	0	0	3
Phone Call Request	2	1	0	3
Citizen Assist	2	0	0	2
EMS/Fire	2	0	0	2
Public Assist	1	1	0	2
Reddi	0	2	0	2
Suspicious	1	1	0	2
Trespassing	1	1	0	2
Drugs	1	0	0	1
Dui	0	1	0	1
Fd Community Relations	1	0	0	1
Found/lost Property	0	1	0	1
Fraud	0	1	0	1
Hazmat Spill	1	0	0	1
Paper Service	0	1	0	1
Public Contact	0	1	0	1
Vehicle Check	1	0	0	1
Wildlife Violation	1	0	0	1

Citation Information

Category	Whittier	Girdwood Service Area	Other	Total
Parking	13	0	0	13
Speeding	4	1	0	5
Other Traffic	1	1	0	2
Other	1	0	0	1
Total	19	2	0	21

Personnel and Training

Currently the Whittier Police Department is one position down. We are continuing our recruitment process and will conduct boards on potential police candidates within the next couple weeks.

- Officer Lloyd Willis was awarded his Alaska Police Standards Council Advance Police Certificate in May 2026.
- Officer Tim Sampson was awarded his Alaska Police Standards Council Intermediate Police Certificate in May 2026.
- Lieutenant Jerry Herrod was awarded his Intermediate Police Certificated in June 2026.
- Officer Colin Neace's Alaska Police Standards Council Basic Police Certificate was renewed in June 2026.

Whittier Police Department is currently preparing for upcoming training in July 2026. We will be conducting our annual in-service training on use of force, reality-based simulation training and recertification on new equipment (Taser 10).

We also anticipate the complete installation of our in-car videos and mobile data terminals with new software.

Fire Department Report

During the month of May, Whittier Fire/EMS responded to **23 total incidents** and continued providing community outreach, and public service support throughout the community.

Incident Summary

- **18 EMS Calls**
- **2 Fire Calls**
- **2 Rescue Calls**
- **1 Out of service area Call**

Community Support & Meal Program

Whittier Fire/EMS continues to support children and less-fortunate members of our community by providing access to meals.

Meals remain available at the fire station between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

During the month of May, the department provided 130 meals to community members and local Church.

Community Relations and Outreach

Whittier Fire/EMS remained actively engaged in supporting and strengthening community relationships through outreach activities including:

- Participated in and supported Breakfast at the School
- Assisted a single mother with clothing support for her children
- Conducted water rescue training with school-age children to promote water safety awareness and emergency preparedness
- Fire lane painting in the Triangle area with participation from the Fire Chief and two youth volunteers
- Youth Volunteers and the Fire Chief conducted several Head of the Bay clean-ups
- Fire Department Staff attended Whittier School Graduation
- Fire Department Staff conducted several station tours for out-of-town guest

Whittier Fire/EMS remains committed to emergency response readiness, community engagement, and supporting the health and safety of residents and visitors.



City of Whittier Fire/EMS Department Yearly Statistics 2026



	Jan			Feb			Mar			Apr			May			Jun			Jul			Aug			Sep			Oct			Nov			Dec		
	Time			Time			Time			Time			Time			Time			Time			Time			Time			Time			Shift					
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EMS/Medical		4	1	2	6		1	7	1	1	7		1	12	5																					
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Rescue		2			1			1			2			2																						
Walk-In			1					1			2			2																						
Transport out of Whittier		1		1	5			1	5	1	1			1	5	2																				
After hrs call duty phone						2				4	2		6			4																				
Out of Service Area															1																					
Sub-total	2	8	2	2	9	0	1	8	1	1	14	0	1	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
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Station Tours				1			1			7			10																							
Meals Provided	30			16			127			74			130																							
Outreach				1			3			16			9																							
Totals	30			18			131			97			149			0			0			0			0			0			0			0		

2026 Calls

71 Total calls for service

6 Calls for cruise ship related calls

8% of all calls cruise ship related

Time

A - 0000-0800

B - 0800-1800

C - 1800-2400





Public Works Monthly Report

Public Works and Water Departments continued focusing on infrastructure improvements, seasonal maintenance activities, and major capital project implementation. Efforts were directed toward improving transportation infrastructure, preparing for peak summer visitation, and advancing major construction projects throughout the community.

Public Works staff met with the Department of Public Safety to review roadway signage and traffic enforcement concerns throughout the community. Final recommendations are being developed and will be implemented in coordination with Public Safety. Public Works also worked closely with the City Manager to advance the Gateway Road paving project from Prince William Sound Way to the tunnel approach. The City Council approved the project at the June 2 Special Meeting, and paving operations are scheduled for the week of June 15. Construction activities will occur during nighttime hours between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. to minimize disruption to traffic. Coordination is ongoing with the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel and campground operators, as temporary road closures will be required during paving operations. In preparation for the project, Public Works extended three 36-inch culverts to accommodate roadway improvements. Staff also placed approximately three tons of cold patch asphalt throughout the City to address potholes and improve roadway conditions. Additionally, the viewing platform at Lou Young Park was demolished and removed after it was determined the structure was beyond repair and could not be safely rebuilt. Public Works staff also successfully returned the City's pavement striping machine to operational status and will begin roadway striping activities as weather and staffing levels permit.

The Water Department continued preparations for the Whittier Well Field Improvement Project. The construction contract has been fully executed, and a preconstruction meeting is anticipated during the week of June 15. Construction activities are expected to begin shortly thereafter and continue through April 2027. This project represents a significant investment in the City's water infrastructure and will

improve system reliability, operational efficiency, and long-term water supply capacity for the community.

The Shotgun Cove Road Project continues to progress on schedule and within budget. The City has enjoyed working with Quality Asphalt Paving (QAP), whose professionalism and responsiveness have contributed to the success of the project. In addition to their work on Shotgun Cove Road, the City has contracted with QAP to provide roadway preparation and paving services for the Gateway Road and Prince William Sound Way paving project. Local businesses and stakeholders are also benefiting from having a paving and heavy civil contractor mobilized in Whittier, allowing several private and commercial improvement projects to move forward while equipment and personnel are available locally.