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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.

Alaska Railroad Land Conveyance

House Bill 216 officially became effective on July 3, 2026, marking another important milestone in the City's efforts to acquire Alaska Railroad non-operational lands. City staff continues working closely with the Alaska Railroad Corporation on the required surveys, legal descriptions, and Purchase and Sale Agreement. This remains one of the City's highest legislative priorities.

Shotgun Cove Road Extension

Construction continues on the Mile 2.0 to Mile 3.0 segment. City staff continues coordinating with the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Forest Service, and our federal delegation as we prepare another application for Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects funding to complete the extension to Trinity Point.

DeLong Dock Replacement

Planning continues following the award of \$4.1 million for preliminary engineering and design through the Port Infrastructure Development Program. Additional federal funding opportunities continue to be pursued as design advances.

Well Field Replacement Project

Planning and coordination continue on the City's Well Field Replacement Project. This critical infrastructure investment remains one of the City's highest priorities to ensure the long-term reliability of Whittier's drinking water system.



Community Partnerships

The City recently welcomed Senator Lisa Murkowski to Whittier for a tour of several priority infrastructure projects, including Shotgun Cove Road, DeLong Dock, the Buckner Building, and the Well Field Replacement Project. Staff also continues coordinating upcoming visits with military leadership and other state and federal partners regarding Whittier's strategic importance for transportation, emergency response, and national defense.



Wilde Recognition



This month's Wilde Recognition goes to the incredible team at QAP for the outstanding work they continue to do throughout Whittier.

Whether paving roads, preparing sites, or constructing critical infrastructure, QAP has consistently demonstrated professionalism, craftsmanship, and a commitment to delivering quality work. Their crews have become familiar faces in our community, and their work is making a lasting impact that residents and visitors will benefit from for years to come.

I would like to extend special recognition to Kyle Green and Andrew Loan for their leadership, coordination, and dedication to every project. I also want to recognize each operator, laborer, truck driver, mechanic, and crew member whose hard work often goes unseen. The long hours, attention to detail, and pride each of you brings to your work have not gone unnoticed.

Over the past year, QAP has successfully completed the Head of the Bay paving project and improvements within the Harbor Triangle while continuing construction on the Shotgun Cove Road project. In the coming weeks, they will also begin work on the Whittier Falls Park improvements, including site clearing, creation of new open space, hydroseeding, and construction of the new parking area. These projects represent meaningful investments in Whittier's future and will improve the quality of life for both residents and visitors.

On behalf of the City of Whittier, thank you to Kyle, Andrew, and the entire QAP team for your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence. We truly appreciate your partnership and everything you do to help build a stronger Whittier.



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Assistant City Manager Report

Administration continued advancing both the EPA Brownfields Multipurpose Grant and the Buckner Building Congressionally Directed Spending project. The City also received NORTECH's draft Data Gap Analysis for future remediation and demolition planning. Staff are coordinating with EPA, ADEC, and NORTECH on next steps.

Lease administration

Staff finalized and released the Request for Proposals for land appraisal services to support fair market value determinations for City-owned and City-managed lease properties. Work continued on lease file review, compliance tracking, and development of more consistent procedures.

View RFP:
www.whittieralaska.gov/projects/page/request-proposals





REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2026-03 | LAND APPRAISAL SERVICES

Small Town. Big Mission. Strong Community.

1. INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

The City of Whittier ("City") invites qualified appraisers or appraisal firms to submit proposals to provide professional real property appraisal services for City-owned and City-managed leasehold properties.

The purpose of this procurement is to retain a qualified appraiser or appraisal firm to prepare fair market value appraisals for an initial group of municipal lease properties.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The City of Whittier ("City") requests proposals from qualified independent real estate appraisers to provide appraisals for a number of parcels to determine the fair market value of the properties as if vacant (site value).

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:

Proposers will provide proposals by hard copy. Proposers should provide three (3) hard copies of the proposal in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the proposing firm, clearly marked with the Contractor's name and "Proposal for Land Appraisal Services".

Hard copy proposals must be received by the City Clerk's office prior to 2:00 p.m. local time on July 29, 2026, or such later time as may be announced by addendum. Proposals will be time-stamped by the City Clerk's office at the time of receipt, with such stamp reflecting the official time of receipt of the proposal. Late proposals will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

PROPOSAL DELIVERY:

Proposals can be delivered in person or by courier to the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, 660 Whittier Street, Whittier, AK 99593. Proposals delivered via US Postal Service must be mailed to:

**City of Whittier
PO Box 608
Whittier, AK 99593-0608**

Please note: Mail delivery to Whittier may take considerably longer than other areas of Alaska. Mail service can be unreliable, including courier services. Whittier is subject to third-party parcel distributors who deliver on behalf of UPS, but service is sporadic and inconsistent with UPS's standard delivery times. There is no FedEx service to Whittier.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP:

Questions can be directed via e-mail to the City Clerk at: cityclerk@whittieralaska.gov.

The City Clerk is the sole point of contact for all matters related to this RFP.

All questions and responses to questions will be posted on the City's website as an addendum. It is the responsibility of the bidder to check the City's website for any addenda.

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Buckner Building & Brownfields

Staff resubmitted the draft CDS workplan outlining the phased remediation approach. ADEC and their contractor are beginning Phase II Environmental Site Assessment activities at the future Whittier Falls Park site to characterize site conditions and support long-term redevelopment planning.



Transportation planning

Work continued on the Whittier Moves Transportation Master Plan and Safety Action Plan. Staff participated in Technical Advisory Committee meetings, planning discussions, and public engagement as the project moves toward completion.

Fire/EMS Department Report

During the month of June 2026, Whittier Fire/EMS responded to a total of 39 calls for service, continuing to provide emergency response and community assistance to residents and visitors.



 EMS Calls

32

 Rescue Calls

3

 Fire Calls

4

Total Responses

39

Community Meal Program

Whittier Fire/EMS continues its partnership with the Children's Lunchbox to help provide meals for local children and community members experiencing food insecurity.

Meals are available at the Public Safety Building Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

June 2026

41 meals

distributed to the community

Community Outreach

Whittier Fire/EMS remained active in supporting the community beyond emergency response:

- Hosting community car washes at the Public Safety Building to raise donations for the Whittier Community School and Swim night
- Picking up and distributing summer toys for Whittier's children.
- Assisting several motorists with flat tires and other roadside needs.



Serving Whittier with Pride



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Whittier Police Department

Monthly Activity Report – June 2026

Whittier	Girdwood	Other
139	171	8



Total
318

Narrative Summary

In June 2026, WPD handled 318 calls for service. Excluding Security Checks, Whittier accounted for 94 and Girdwood 73 calls. Serious incidents: Welfare Check (9), Trespassing (7), Theft (4), MVA/Accident (4). Jurisdictional mix: Whittier 43.7%, Girdwood 53.8%, Other 2.5%.

Highlights by Jurisdiction

- Whittier: 139 calls. Top types: Parking (31), Traffic (19), Disturbance (6).
- Girdwood: 171 calls. Top types: Traffic (22), Welfare Check (7), Reddi (5).
- Other: 8 calls. Top types: Parking (3), Agency Assist (2), Information (1).

Top Call Types by Jurisdiction

Call Type	Whittier	Girdwood	Other	Total
Security Check	45	98	0	143
Traffic	19	22	0	41
Parking	32	2	2	36
Welfare Check	2	7	0	9
Citizen/Civil Assist	6	1	0	7
Disturbance	6	1	0	7
Trespassing	5	2	0	7
Agency Assist	0	3	2	5
Reddi	0	5	0	5
Follow Up	0	4	0	4
MVA/Accident	1	2	1	4
Theft	1	3	0	4

Citation Summary

Parking	Speeding	Other	Total
10	10	4	24



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Whittier Police Department

Special Activity Report - Fourth of July Weekend (July 3-5, 2026)

Whittier

17

Girdwood

59

Other

3



Executive Summary

During the July 4th weekend, WPD documented 79 total calls for service. Activity was concentrated in Girdwood with 59 calls (75%), followed by Whittier with 17 calls (22%) and Other areas with 3 calls (4%). Excluding security checks, officers handled 50 operational calls.

Key Points

- Total calls: 79 over the three-day holiday weekend.
- Operational calls excluding security checks: 50.
- Traffic-related activity was the largest operational category with 17 calls.
- Proactive activity remained high with 29 security checks and 5 foot patrols.
- Notable calls: 2 hit-and-run reports, 3 medical calls, 1 fireworks complaint, 1 missing person.

Calls by Date and Jurisdiction

Date	Whittier	Girdwood	Other	Total
07/03/2026	5	26	2	33
07/04/2026	9	21	0	30
07/05/2026	3	12	1	16
Total	17	59	3	79

Top Call Types

Call Type	Total	Notes
Traffic	17	Stops, enforcement, complaints, hazards, REDDI
Foot Patrol	5	Proactive patrol activity
EMS/Medical	3	Police-relevant medical response
Public Assist	2	
Parking Problem	2	
Hit & Run	2	Hit-and-run and MVA reports
Noise Complaint	2	
Agency Assist	2	
Security Check	29	Excluded from operational discussion

Narrative Summary

The July 4th weekend produced a mix of holiday-related public safety activity, proactive patrols, traffic enforcement, and routine calls. Girdwood accounted for the majority of activity. Traffic-related calls were the leading operational category. Security checks were concentrated in Girdwood including Alyeska, Arlberg, Hightower, and Seward Highway-area locations.





Harbor Department Report

July 2026

Administration

Harbor administrative staff are currently collecting the second half of preferential and annual moorage payments. The payment deadline was July 15, and staff have been assisting customers with processing payments, updating accounts, and responding to moorage-related questions to ensure the annual billing cycle remains on schedule.

Harbor activity continues to exceed expectations this summer. Monthly transient moorage is currently running approximately **50% higher** than the same period last year, reflecting another strong tourism and boating season. Increased vessel traffic has kept both the administrative and operations teams busy while continuing to provide quality customer service to harbor users.

The Harbormaster joined City staff during Senator Lisa Murkowski's visit to provide an update on the Harbor Phase III project and tour DeLong Dock. The visit included discussions on current port operations, future development plans, the importance of the harbor to the regional economy, and the proposed DeLong Dock replacement project.

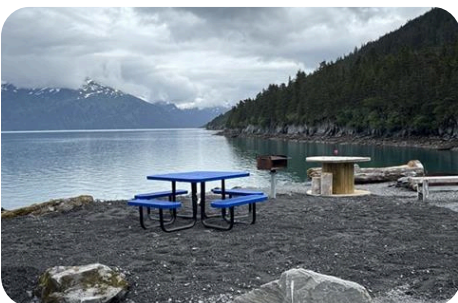
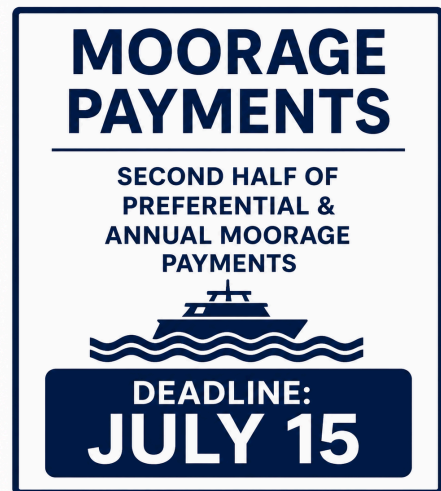
The City continues to work with Harris Sand & Gravel and BMI regarding the condition of the Harbor Phase III floats. Staff remain engaged with all parties as solutions are evaluated to ensure the long-term performance and reliability of the harbor infrastructure.

Operations

Harbor staff continue routine maintenance throughout the Small Boat Harbor, including replacing electrical pedestal bases, repairing water fixtures, maintaining dock infrastructure, and completing general repairs to improve the safety and reliability of harbor facilities.

Crews have also begun restriping the launch ramp and adjacent parking areas. This work is being completed as weather conditions, harbor operations, and traffic levels allow in order to minimize impacts to the public during the busy summer boating season.

In addition to their regular maintenance responsibilities, Harbor staff have volunteered their time and equipment to begin construction of a new micro park at Smitty's Cove. This project was initiated by the Harbor Department and demonstrates the team's commitment to improving the community beyond their day-to-day duties. Their willingness to step up, take ownership of community improvement projects, and invest in creating additional public spaces for residents and visitors is greatly appreciated. Their dedication continues to make a positive impact throughout Whittier.



Public Works Monthly Report

June – July 2026

During June and July 2026, the Public Works, Water, and Wastewater Departments continued advancing major infrastructure projects while maintaining the City's transportation, water, and wastewater systems during the busy summer season.

Capital Projects

Whittier Well Field Improvement Project

Construction is underway with site clearing complete and foundation work beginning for the new manifold building and emergency generator facility. During the month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) completed a grant compliance inspection with no findings.

Shotgun Cove Road Project

Construction remains on schedule and within budget, with completion anticipated in Fall 2026. The City also submitted a \$13 million application through the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program to fund the next phase of construction.



Emergency Generator Project

The City completed installation of a new emergency generator for the water system using a \$75,000 Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) grant, improving system reliability during power outages.

Gateway Road and Harbor Paving

Public Works coordinated paving of Gateway Road from the Head of the Bay to the Cruise Ship Terminal and completed improvements to the Harbor parking area. Crews also installed culvert extensions, roadway signage, and completed pavement striping.



Public Works Operations

Crews continued routine roadway maintenance, brushing, mowing, pavement striping, seasonal speed bump installation, and preparations for Fourth of July activities.

Water Department

Staff completed annual hydrant maintenance, valve inspections, and preventative maintenance throughout the water distribution system.

Wastewater Department

Staff continued sewer flushing, lift station maintenance, and pump servicing. Three pump maintenance events were caused by clothing and other non-flushable materials entering the sewer system. Residents are reminded that only toilet paper and human waste should be flushed.



Through the City's 301(h) Waiver Program, approximately \$300,000 in grant funding is supporting two Preliminary Engineering Reports for future wastewater improvements. Staff are also preparing an RFP for long-term sludge removal and disposal services.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH MAY 2026

A summary of the City's financial position and activities

GENERAL FUND

Cash Balance at May 31

\$1,473,447

3.4 months of operating reserves
(Below 9–12 month goal)

WHAT STAFF IS DOING

Staff will present a Fund Balance Recovery Plan during the 2027/2028 Biennial Budget process and is preparing a Resolution to establish a Permanent Fund to preserve cruise-related lease revenues.

- Revenues:** 18.1% of budget (\$840,534 of \$4,636,413)
Property taxes not collected until October; Q2 Ground Passenger Fees due end of July. Sales Tax 21.5%; Licenses & Permits 30.6% (includes \$20,053 ambulance fees); Intergovernmental 10.1% (\$27,470).
- Expenditures:** 35.0% of budget (41.7% of year elapsed)
All departments under budget except Administration and City Council/City Clerk. Administration includes \$26,576 bad debt expense and \$15,227 in legal fees. Council over budget due to early recording of community support for BTI/Whittier Manor.

GENERAL FUND MAJOR REPAIR & REPLACEMENT FUND (F72)

Cash Balance at May 31

\$817,673

Purpose: Replace capital assets and infrastructure not included in enterprise funds.

Includes: Land, streets, sidewalks, public restrooms, City-owned condos, stormwater systems, Public Safety Building, vehicles, snow removal equipment, generators, EMS and dispatch equipment, IT equipment, police equipment, boilers, and more.

GRANT UPDATE

The City continues to aggressively pursue outside funding to improve public infrastructure while minimizing the financial burden on local taxpayers.

Since the beginning of the year, the City has been awarded more than **\$6.7 MILLION** in new grant funding.

Major projects underway include:

- Well Field Replacement Project
- Delong Dock engineering and design
- Shotgun Cove Road construction
- Buckner Building environmental remediation
- Harbor Phase III improvements
- Safety Action Plan implementation
- Police technology upgrades
- Litter prevention initiatives

Staff continues pursuing additional funding opportunities for Delong Dock construction, Shotgun Cove Road, wastewater improvements, and long-term redevelopment of the Buckner Building site.

WATER & SEWER FUND

Operating Fund Cash

\$633,138

MR&R Fund Cash

\$1,352,427

Combined Reserves Provide
57 months of operating capacity

- Revenues:** 29.9% of budget (excludes interfund transfers)
Revenues are seasonal and expected to increase in summer. Great Whittier Seafood not operating in 2026; not expected to materially impact revenues. Investment income and \$23,341 loan repayment from General Fund not yet recorded.
- Expenditures:** 41.7% of budget (excludes depreciation)

Strong reserves and continued grant funding support major investments in water and wastewater infrastructure with minimal local impact.

WATER/SEWER MAJOR REPAIR & REPLACEMENT FUND (MRRF)

Cash Balance at May 31

\$1,352,427

Used for major water and wastewater capital asset replacement.

City investments of approx. \$9.5 million in water and wastewater systems over the past two years, with only \$820,000 paid by residents. Most wastewater lift stations replaced in 2025; new well field underway and will meet community demand for decades to come.

OTHER FINANCE ACTIVITIES

- The City's 2025 Annual Audit is completed with no audit findings, including none under Single Audit.
- Implementing new accounting standards.
- Preparing for annual tax cycle and supporting the PERS audit.
- Strengthening tax administration through additional staff training and consultant support.

These efforts improve customer service, ensure compliance with City tax codes, and support continued sound financial management.

HARBOR FUND

Operating Fund Cash

\$483,493

MR&R Fund Cash

\$693,882

Combined Reserves Provide
7 months of operating capacity

- Revenues:** 60.0% of budget
Charges for Services (moorage, utilities, wharfage, launch fees, parking) 65.4%. Lease revenues over budget pending final Alaska Railroad lease reconciliation. Interest income 23.1% (May allocations pending).
- Expenses:** Consistent with anticipated operating costs.

HARBOR MR&R FUND

Cash Balance at May 31

\$693,882

Supported by the Water-Borne Passenger Fee dedicated to harbor capital improvements.

Includes: Floats, electrical systems, docks, passenger facilities, breakwaters, boat ramps, fuel systems, harbor buildings, vehicles, cranes, cameras, parking equipment, and other harbor assets.

DELONG DOCK FUND

Cash Balance at May 31

\$1,457,154

Reserved for future replacement of the City's aging dock and will serve as the City's local match.

- Received \$4,074,520 PIDP grant for engineering and design.
- Revenues mainly from dock permits; wharfage expected in summer.
- Expenses: Insurance, utilities, and staffing allocations.

GRANT SNAPSHOT

Since the beginning of the year, the City has been awarded more than \$6.7 million in new grant funding.

Delong Dock – PIDP Grant (Engineering & Design)	\$4,074,520
Shotgun Cove Road – Construction Funding	\$1,038,311
Police Technology Upgrades	\$291,500
Buckner Building – Environmental Assessment	\$200,000
Safety Action Plan Implementation	\$174,880
Litter Prevention Initiatives	\$144,250
Total New Grant Funding	\$6,723,461

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Financial Highlights

GENERAL FUND

Cash Balance in the General Fund at May 31 is \$1,473,447. Based on 2026 Budgeted expenditures of \$5,136,920 that level of cash is sufficient to cover 3.4 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 \$2,379,237. 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. Staff is also preparing a Resolution to establish a Permanent Fund to align with the approved 2025/2026 Operating Budget which established the goal of developing a permanent fund to capture lease revenues associated with the cruise ship industry, to ensure local residents receive the benefit of the use of City lands for visitors for decades to come. Revenues through May are at 18.1%, or actual of \$840,534 versus budget of \$4,636,413. Tax revenues are at 7.3%. Property taxes are not collected until October, and Ground Passenger Fees related to quarter 2 of 2026 will be due the end of July. Sales Tax revenues are at 21.5% of the annual budget.

License and Permits are at 30.6% largely reflecting collection of \$20,053 in ambulance fees. Intergovernmental Revenues (from state and federal sources) are at 10.1% of budget, or \$27,470 largely due to the receipt of National Forest Receipts.

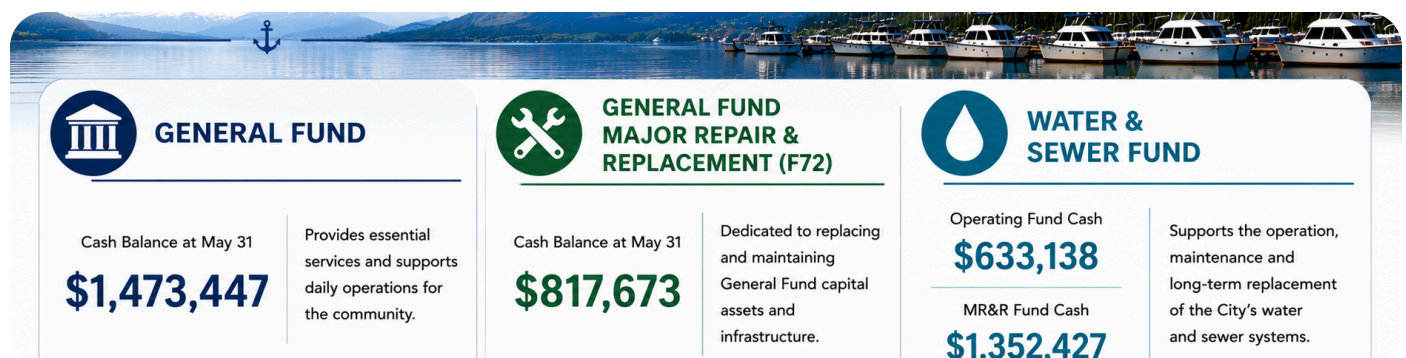
General Fund expenditures are at 35.0% of budget through May, with 41.7% of the year having elapsed. Transfers between Funds have not been recorded. All General Fund departments are under budget through except for Administration and City Council/City Clerk. The Administration department includes a large bad debt expense of \$26,576 which was not anticipated, related to a potential adjustment to lease revenues which will come before Council to approve, and legal fees exceeding budget by \$15,227. The Council department exceeds budget due primarily to community support, where contributions toward BTI/Whittier Manor capital repairs have been recorded as future liabilities, increasing actual expenses early in the year.

GENERAL FUND MAJOR REPAIR & REPLACEMENT FUND - F72

Cash Balance in the General Fund's Major Repair and Replacement Fund at May 31 is \$817,673. 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 \$633,138 in addition to cash available in the Water and Sewer Major Maintenance and Repair Fund (the "capital fund", Fund 75) of \$1,352,427. Based on 2026 Budgeted Expenses (excluding depreciation) of \$418,309, cash reserves available in the operating fund are sufficient to cover 18.2 months of expenses. Cash reserves available in both the operating and capital funds, are sufficient to cover 57 months of operations. Water and Sewer Fund revenues through May are at 29.9% of the budget, excluding inter-fund transfers. The Water and Sewer Fund revenues are largely seasonal and typically increase during the busier summer months. Great Whittier (the local seafood processor) is not expected to operate 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 May are at 41.7%.



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Financial Highlights (cont.)

WATER/SEWER MRRF

The Cash balance in the Water/Sewer MRRF Fund, as mentioned above, is \$1,352,427 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. The City has been very successful in securing major grants to upgrade the water and sewer system over the past five years. Specifically, most wastewater lift station assets were entirely replaced and upgraded in 2025 and the water well field is being taken out of service at the end of 2026/2027, when a new well field will replace the existing system that has reached the end of its useful life. The new well field is expected to meet the community's expanded seasonal demand for the next four decades, with expanded capacity, upsized water pumps and lines, automated controls and other improvements. The investment in the City's wastewater system over the past two years is approximately \$2.8 million and in the City's upcoming water system improvements, in excess of \$6.7 million. Of these nearly \$9.5 million investments, only \$820,000 was paid for by residents, demonstrating the Administration's laser focus on significant capital projects that improve the quality of life for residents for decades to come, without adding to their financial burden.

HARBOR FUND

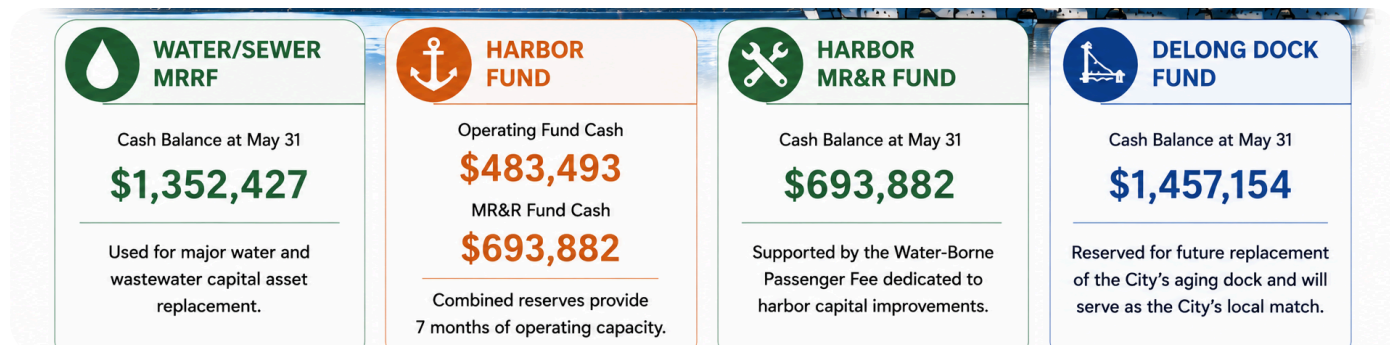
The Cash balance in the Harbor Fund (the "operating fund", Fund 51) is \$483,493, in addition to cash available in the Harbor Major Repair and Replacement Fund (the "capital fund", Fund 73) of \$693,882, at May 31. Based on 2026 Budgeted Expenses (excluding depreciation) of \$2,026,967, cash reserves available in the operating fund are sufficient to cover 2.9 months of expenses. Cash reserves available in both the operating and capital funds (total \$1,177,375), are sufficient to cover 7.0 months of operations. Harbor Fund Revenues are at 60.0%, 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 65.4%; Lease revenues exceed the annual budget largely because the portion of the lease that is payable to the Railroad, is pending. Investment income is at 23.1% of budget with allocations of May's interest yet to be recorded.

HARBOR MRRF

The Cash balance in the Harbor MRRF Fund is \$693,882 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 May are entirely related to the Water-Borne Passenger Fee collections of \$22,687; 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, sheetpiles, grid, fuel float, Ocean Dock, Passenger Dock, City Dock, harbor restrooms, boardwalk, computer systems, cameras, parking meters, pay stations, vehicles, pumpout carts, skiff, crane, backup generator, snowblowers, and other harbor capital assets and infrastructure.

DELONG DOCK

The Cash balance in the Delong Dock Fund is \$1,457,154. 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. Revenues for wharfage related to seafood crossing the dock, are expected to be recorded starting in June. Interest revenues are \$9,092 or 45.5% of budget through May. Expenses through May total \$62,684 and are largely related to insurance (\$31,300), utilities (\$4,042) and staffing cost allocations (approx. \$22,000).



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Financial Highlights (cont.)

GRANTS

Since the first of the year, the City has been awarded 6,745,953 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; 8) \$310,000 in funding for asbestos abatement at the BTI Building; and 9) \$1.5 million for ambulance and harbor restrooms. Thanks to Representative Holland for his work on seeking State funding for the City's ambulance request which was awarded since the last months' Finance Report to Council. We continue to seek additional funding for construction of Delong Dock and Shotgun Cove Road, as well as to mitigate and eventually remove, repurpose and reuse the Buckner Building site. Current grant projects that are underway include the Water Well Replacement Project which began in May, and 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 has arrived, completing that project. The Safety Action Plan draft has been completed. The EPA contamination mitigation program for the Buckner Building is underway, and Shotgun Cove Road construction will continue through the end of the year. The ALPAR litter prevention program is in full swing for the summer, and the police department has completed the purchase of upgraded laptop technology in the patrol vehicles. The City continues to address the Harbor Phase III float replacement project issues and the wastewater sludge removal and 301H waiver projects, and have submitted CDS funding requests for upgrades for improved handling and disposal of the City's wastewater, in accordance with anticipated recommendations in the City's sludge removal and maintenance plan.

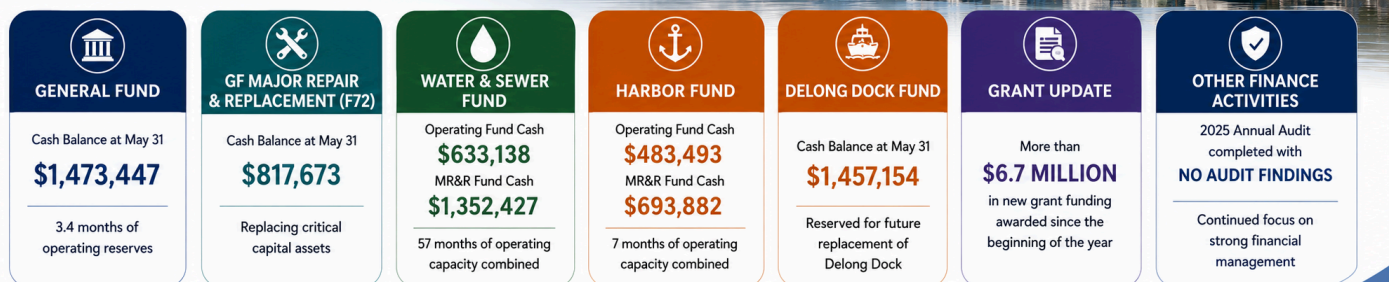
OTHER FINANCE ACTIVITIES

The annual audit is complete and the auditors will be presenting the results of the 2025 financial audit at July's Council meeting. The City did not experience any adverse findings during the audit, including on the major grant programs subject to Single Audit. Auditors assisted the City in recording the harbor revenue bond issue and the computation of long-term lease receivables/liabilities associated with the recording of GASB87 leases. Staff continue to work on the 2025 PERS Audit with focus on the status of the Police Chief position. Actuaries have determined there is no termination cost to the City if we decide to remove the position from PERS coverage, and we consider a Resolution requesting Council approval to do so, prior to the start of the new year. With a renewed focus on tax issues related to implementation of the new Ground Passenger Fee, personal property tax compliance and foreclosure issues, plus the routine annual billing cycle for Real and Personal Property Tax assessments, the City has retained the former Tax Administrator to provide these services and to train staff so that they are better able to answer customer inquiries and address basic tax-related questions. The retirement of a 15-year veteran staff member left the City with inadequate expertise to address complex tax issues timely. The position was not filled with a full-time person but is instead being assigned to Ramos Consulting to provide Human Resources support, and the former tax administrator to provide part-time tax administration services to manage Sales Tax, Real and Personal Property Tax, Water-Borne Passenger Fees and Ground Passenger Fees. Staff will continue to receive training to better assist customers and to ensure compliance with the City's tax codes.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

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TUESDAY JULY 21, 2026 CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION 5:30 – 7:00 PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM	TUESDAY JULY 28, 2026 PLANNING & ZONING WORKSESSION TITLE 17 6:00 – 8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY JULY 29, 2026 CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION ELECTION CODE 6:00 – 8:00 PM	TUESDAY AUGUST 4, 2026 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING LEASE ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION 6:00 PM	TUESDAY AUGUST 18, 2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
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