

To: Whittier City Council
From: City Manager Jackie C. Wilde
Re: City Manager Report for October 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

Since our September 22 meeting, staff have balanced daily operations and project work with hosting the USS Ted Stevens commissioning festivities. This period also brought recognition of Whittier's military history and progress toward community improvements.

USS Ted Stevens Commissioning

Whittier hosted the commissioning of the USS Ted Stevens on October 3 at the Princess Cruise Terminal. Preparations and the week's activities required coordination among City departments, the Commissioning Committee, military representatives, terminal partners, businesses, and volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, resources, and work to welcome the crew, their families, and our visitors. Our staff handled responsibilities beyond their daily assignments while continuing to serve the community.

Whittier was built by and for the military, making this commissioning especially meaningful. To the crew of the USS Ted Stevens: you will always have a home in Whittier.

American World War II Heritage City Designation

Whittier's American World War II Heritage City designation was celebrated during the commissioning festivities. This recognition honors our community's military origins and its role in the nation's World War II history.

Securing this designation has been a project I have worked toward with support from partners who helped bring it to completion. I want to recognize our federal delegation—Senator Dan Sullivan, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Congressman Nick Begich—for their support in achieving this designation. I also especially appreciate Kara Moriarty's work in helping make it a reality.

Whittier's history deserves recognition, and this designation provides an opportunity to preserve and share that history with residents and visitors.

Whittier Falls Park

The previously purchased playground equipment has been placed at Whittier Falls Park. The next planned improvements include adding topsoil and hydroseeding an area for a soccer field.

Additional park features are anticipated for 2027, subject to funding and final decisions. These improvements will continue building a place for children, families, and residents to gather and enjoy the community.

Community Memorials and Historic Preservation

The Chamber has renewed discussions about commemorative plaques on City benches honoring longtime Whittier businesses, including Bread n Butter Charters and Fee's Custom Seafood. Staff are also looking into plaques for the memorial wall. Further discussion will help establish a consistent approach to recognizing people and businesses with lasting connections to Whittier.

Whittier Community School also proposed a USS Ted Stevens commissioning time capsule. I expressed support for the idea and suggested that the planned World War II park may be a fitting location. The contents, placement, and arrangements remain to be developed.

Lease Administration

Administration continues working on lease matters, including application review, appraisal coordination, and proposed updates to lease procedures. Further information will be brought forward as this work progresses.

Upcoming Community Activities

Whittier Fire & EMS is planning its Fire Prevention Month open house and barbecue for **October 23, from 4–9 p.m. at the fire station**, along with participation in Halloween “Truck or Treat.” On October 31st

Finance Department Report

This report reflects an abbreviated look at finance-related activities through the end of September, 2026, with financial statements through August, 2026, where 66.7% of the fiscal year has elapsed.

FINANCE ACTIVITIES:

2027/2028 Biennial Budget

Staff completed preparation of the 2027/2028 Biennial Operating Budget and the Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the period 2027-2036. The budget was presented in work sessions on October 7 and 8, with public hearings set for Council meetings on October 20 and November 17. The budget sets the City on a positive financial footing into the future, with the goal of 2034 being a pivotal turning point where General Fund reserves are expected to fall within policy bands for the first time, and the newly-created Permanent Fund will have a balance of \$2.8 million. Long-term financial stability has been the theme of this budget process, with contributions to the Revenue Stabilization Fund (at 22% of target), increased Motor Pool Fund to forward-fund replacement of police, EMS, public works, harbor and water/sewer vehicles, additions to the Permanent Fund, and significant contributions to City-wide capital improvements.

Capital Improvement Funding

Funding has been identified for 2027/2028 capital improvements, including a new year-round harbor restroom in the Harbor Loop, BTI asbestos mitigation, housing infrastructure improvements, completion of the Whittier City Park, engineering and design of Lu Young Park improvements, replacement of ambulance(s), road paving, engineering and design on Whittier Core street/sidewalk/stormwater improvements, completion of the Water Well Replacement Project and the current phase of Shotgun Cove Road extension, Fire/EMS ALMR radios for inter-agency interoperability, Public Safety Building window and door repairs, new trash receptacles/dumpsters, Delong Dock engineering/design, and numerous other capital projects. Funding has also been identified for the purchase of Alaska Railroad lands in the Whittier harbor, the parking/campground area, and other parcels approved for purchase by the City Council.

Permanent Fund

A new Permanent Fund will fund “something for us”; essentially a Fund to help offset impacts to the residents of Whittier, of offering cherished waterfront land, for economic development. The Fund is seeded with 100% of lease revenues associated with the cruise ship facilities in Whittier; Princess Cruises and the Glacier Creek tidelands and upland cruise facilities. The first year of funding was in 2026 and contributions through 2033 will remain in the General Fund, segregated as Assigned Fund Balance. In approximately 2034 when the General Fund reserves - excluding the Permanent Fund holdings - falls within the City’s General Fund reserves policy bands, the funding will be transferred into the newly-created standalone Permanent Fund, at an expected balance of \$2.8 million. Thereafter, interest earnings and/or a draw of the corpus can be used to ensure the focus remains on improvements to Whittier’s quality of life for local residents. It is expected that in the off-budget year, Council and Administration will seek to memorialize the intent of the Permanent Fund, define authorized uses of funds and the process by which expenditures are identified and approved, and whether and how to invest funds to maximize longer-term stable returns.

GRANTS:

The City is wrapping up grant-related capital projects for the season including ALPAR, Shotgun Cove Road extension, police vehicle electronic upgrades, the Water Well replacement project and Harbor Phase III. Work continues on the Safety Action Plan, Buckner Building, BTI asbestos mitigation, Waste Disposal Plan (301H waiver), Harbor restrooms, West Whittier Street water and sewer lines, additional utilities along Glacier Street, expansions of the Whittier City Park, and Delong Dock engineering and design. The City is currently preparing grant applications for a water tanker truck and fire equipment.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH AUGUST

GENERAL FUND: The Cash Balance in the General Fund at August 31 is \$2,148,720. Based on 2026 Budgeted expenditures of \$5,136,920 that level of cash is sufficient to cover 5.0 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 \$1,703,970. This figure assumes that the contributions to the future

Permanent Fund which were budgeted for 2026, are reported in the General Fund as Assigned Fund Balance, rather transferred out to the Permanent Fund. Once the General Fund reserves reach the lower level of the policy band goal, the Permanent Fund contributions within Assigned Fund Balance will be transferred out of the General Fund into the new Permanent Fund. With the passage of the 2027/2028 Budget, the estimated date on which the General Fund Reserves can be expected to meet the target goal is 2034. This will allow the City to pay for the Alaska Railroad land with its own revenues and without borrowing, explaining the reason the reserve balances are expected to take until 2034 to reach target, after which time the City's finances will be strong, to include an initial Permanent Fund Balance at that time, of \$2.8 million.

Revenues through August are at 69%, or actual of \$3,859,000 versus budget of \$5,589,998, including transfers-in from other Funds. This level of revenue is higher than the previous year through August, by \$317,170 due almost entirely to the new Ground Passenger Fee which was not in place in 2025 and which through August, has brought in \$301,819 Tax revenues are at 63.2%. Real Property Tax is under budget by \$53,043 and Personal Property Tax is over budget by \$41,878. Compared with the prior year, Real Property Tax is down by <\$8,086> and Personal Property Tax is up by \$41,095. The new Ground Passenger Fees took effect January 1, 2026 and are at only 31% of the \$975,000 budget at \$301,819. Sales Tax revenues are at 66.5% of the annual budget and are higher by \$78,370 through August 2026 compared with prior year.

License and Permits are at 69.5% largely reflecting collection of \$47,602 in ambulance fees, or \$3,594 higher than the prior year through August. Intergovernmental Revenues (from state and federal sources) are at 75.4% of budget, or \$213,009 largely due to the receipt of National Forest Receipts and State Revenue Sharing. Federal Grant Funds of \$81,600 will be recorded based on the level of expenditures related to the Safety Action Plan grant. This years' receipts are higher by \$104,798 than the prior year through August due to the timing of the earlier collection this year for State Revenue Sharing.

Lease revenues are at 103.2% of budget, with land use rent being higher than the annual budget by \$3,105, largely reflecting a short-term land use permit related to oil spill drill activities, plus a standard CPI increase on the Alaska Marine Highway System's parking area to the north of the AMHS building and parking area. Overall lease revenues are expected to decline in October when payments are made to the Alaska Railroad for their 40% share of second and third quarter master lease revenues.

The City has received \$20,885 in insurance settlements during the year related to the closure of the former APEI insurance pool and the return of equity to the City, as well as awards related to loss control incentive program and safety grants received by the City due to staff participation in training and other loss control measures. The Lease Interest Revenue account is budgeted at \$370,188 with zero recorded through August; interest will be recorded at year-end when GASB87 lease allocation entries are confirmed. The delay in recording is based, in part, on the uncertainty related to the timing of the City's purchase of master lease lands from the Alaska Railroad. All budgeted Transfers-In to the General Fund have been recorded.

General Fund expenditures and transfers-out are at 54.8% of budget through August, with 66.7% of the year having elapsed. Transfers between Funds have all been recorded through August. All General Fund

departments are under budget through August except for Administration (76.8%). The Administration department includes a large bad debt expense of \$26,576 and legal fees exceed the annual budget by \$118,985 largely related to recent legal activities surrounding Council focus on the city manager's contract, expired leases, activities related to the new Ground Fee, disputed driveway permit issues, and other legal matters.

GENERAL FUND MAJOR REPAIR & REPLACEMENT FUND – F72: Cash Balance in the General Fund's Major Repair and Replacement Fund at August 31 is \$1,161,018. 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 \$638,326 in addition to cash available in the Water and Sewer Major Maintenance and Repair Fund (the "capital fund", Fund 75) of \$1,361,427. Based on 2026 Budgeted Expenses (excluding depreciation) of \$418,309, cash reserves available in the operating fund are sufficient to cover 18.3 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 August are at 99.6% of budget, including inter-fund transfers. Compared with the same period in the prior year, revenues are up a total of \$124,557 with \$60,253 being related to standard operating revenues, and the remainder due primarily to additional grant revenue in 2026 compared with prior year. Water and Sewer Fund revenues are largely seasonal and increased during the busier summer months. Although Great Whittier (the new local seafood processor) did not open in 2026, the impact on revenues was anticipated and budgeted accordingly. Investment income has not been recorded for August. Excluding depreciation, expenses through August are at 79%. This largely reflects \$71,522.82 in grant expenses for the Backup Generator; this project was budgeted in 2025 but the project was delayed to 2026 due to constraints in availability of generator equipment. Excluding this item, expenses through August are at 63.8%, or slightly under budget. Compared with the prior year, expenses through August are up by \$85,583 which is related to \$71,522 in 2026 grant expenses, plus \$33,475 in new principal payments for the Lift Station loan for which payments are just beginning in 2026.

WATER/SEWER MRRF: The Cash balance in the Water/Sewer MRRF Fund, as mentioned above, is \$1,361,427 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 is currently undertaking to replace the legacy Water Well System which will increase capacity and water flow to better meet increased demand, plus

improve water pressure needed for firefighting. The project has largely wrapped up for the season, with the well building nearly complete, and all underground piping in place. Electric and natural gas utilities are expected to be installed mid-October, with focus in the Spring 2027 on installation of automated electronic control components and the remainder of plumbing for the project. The 301H waiver and wastewater disposal plan preliminary report is complete and alternatives for safe disposal of sludge will be discussed with Council and included in the 2027/2028 Capital Improvement Plan.

HARBOR FUND: The Cash balance in the Harbor Fund (the “operating fund”, Fund 51) is \$1,135,860, in addition to cash available in the Harbor Major Repair and Replacement Fund (the “capital fund”, Fund 73) of \$386,952. Proceeds from the City’s Water-Borne Passenger Fee are initially recorded in the MRRF Fund to accumulate resources to pay for repair and replacement of major harbor capital infrastructure and assets. Then, the lion’s share of the Fee is transferred to the Harbor Operating Fund to pay the bonded debt on harbor float projects. Based on 2026 Budgeted Expenses (excluding depreciation) of \$2,026,967, cash

reserves available in the operating fund are sufficient to cover 6.7 months of expenses. Cash reserves available in both the operating and capital funds (total \$1,522,812), are sufficient to cover 9.0 months of operations.

Harbor Fund Revenues through August are at 79% of budget. Transfers-In and Transfers-Out have been fully recorded, increasing cash in the operating Fund. Overall, Charges for Services (includes moorage, utilities, wharfage, launch, parking, etc) are at 77.2%; Lease revenues exceed the annual budget largely because the portion of the lease that is payable to the Railroad, is pending. Garbage revenues were budgeted in 2024 for 2026, prior to Council’s increase in the monthly trash fee assessed to leaseholders, so garbage revenues are at 142% of budget, or \$12,460 versus a budget of \$8,750. Investment income is at 41% of budget with interest allocations not yet posted for August. GASB87 Lease Interest will not be recorded until year-end, and the amount of the lease interest will largely depend on the timing of the sale, if any, of the Alaska Railroad master lease land to the City.

Harbor Fund Expenses through August are at 67.4% despite two large budget-to-actual variances. Finance had expected to transition the Harbor to a convenience fee model, passing along the cost of credit card fees directly to the customer. That project was delayed, causing the harbor to come in over budget on that line item by \$62,679, with actual credit card charges of \$82,679 versus a budget of \$20,000. During the year, the statewide municipal insurance pool transitioned to a new model whereby property is covered for replacement cost versus scheduled value. As a result of risk cost estimators visiting Whittier and valuing the cost to replace Harbor facilities, insurance premiums rise approximately \$39,000. This is largely due to the increased value of Whittier’s harbor facilities after completion of \$8 million in upgrades, but on the positive side, the City will be better covered for property losses in the event of a major adverse event.

HARBOR MRRF (Fund 73): The Cash balance in the Harbor MRRF Fund is \$386,952 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, 2026, 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 August are entirely related to the Water-Borne Passenger Fee collections of \$179,838; 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 (Fund 53): The Cash balance in the Delong Dock Fund is \$1,382,778. 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 has applied for a MARAD construction grant to replace the dock. We expect to determine the success of our application in the coming months. 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, plus utility fees. Revenues for wharfage related to seafood crossing the dock, are not expected to materialize as a result of very little, if any, product coming across the dock in 2026. This was not anticipated at the start of the season. Interest revenues are \$17,342 or 87% of budget, with interest recorded through July. Expenses through August excluding depreciation are at 56% and total \$155,108, largely related to insurance, utilities, staffing cost allocations, and outside contractors performing grant-writing. Insurance costs reflect a transition to the new insurance pool which bases property insurance on the replacement cost of assets rather than on stated value. In our case, we have not valued the dock at replacement cost due to the extensive deterioration, but higher premiums result from an increase in the covered stated value compared with the prior year.

City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Report

Brownfields Program

Staff continued coordinating with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and NORTECH as planning moves forward for a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment of the Buckner Building. Check out the updates at <https://www.whittieralaska.gov/projects/page/whittier-brownfields-project>.

Appraisals

Work continued on the citywide lease appraisal project approved by Council in August. The appraisal effort will provide updated information to support future lease administration decisions and ongoing discussions regarding the City's lease portfolio.

Elections and Council Support

The October 6, 2026 Municipal Election went smoothly, with two council members elected to new three-year terms. A huge thank-you to the Election Board—Alexandra Matsumiya and her crew—for their continued dedication. Without their hard work, there would not be an election at all, and we are grateful for their reliability year after year.

Registration is now open for the [Alaska Municipal League Annual Local Government Conference](#), scheduled for **December 7-11, 2026**. Council members interested in attending are

encouraged to notify Administration as soon as possible so travel and registration arrangements can be made.

Police Department Report

Whittier Police Department Monthly Activity Report – September 2026

Calls by Service Area

Service Area	Calls
Whittier	146
Girdwood Service Area	243
Other	9
Total	398

Narrative Summary

In September 2026, WPD handled 398 calls for service. Excluding Security Checks, Whittier accounted for 100 and Girdwood 105 calls. Serious incidents stood out, including Alarm (5), MVA/Accident (5), Welfare Check (3), Assault (2). Additionally, there were 1 death-related call this month (Cruise Ship). Jurisdictional mix: Whittier 36.7%, Girdwood 61.1%, Other 2.3%.

Bullet-Point Summary

- Whittier: 146 calls. Top types: Traffic (55), EMS/Fire (7), Parking Problem (5).
- Girdwood: 243 calls. Top types: Traffic (61), Disturbance (9), Agency Assist (4).
- Other: 9 calls. Top types: Unspecified in CAD (3), Traffic (2), EMS/Fire (1).

Call Types by Jurisdiction

Call Type	Whittier	Girdwood	Other	Total
Security Check	46	138	1	185
Traffic	55	61	2	118
Disturbance	2	9	0	11
EMS/Fire	7	0	1	8
Agency Assist	3	4	0	7
Parking Problem	5	2	0	7
Phone Call Request	2	4	0	6
Alarm	2	3	0	5
Citizen Assist	3	2	0	5
Information	4	1	0	5
MVA/Accident	1	3	1	5
Unspecified in CAD	0	0	3	3
Welfare Check	0	3	0	3
Animal	2	0	0	2
Assault	1	1	0	2
Dwlr	0	2	0	2
Pd Community Relations	2	0	0	2
Smoke Investigation	2	0	0	2

Suspicious	1	1	0	2
Trespassing	2	0	0	2
911 Abandoned Call	0	1	0	1
Deceased Person	1	0	0	1
Dui	0	1	0	1
Follow Up	0	1	0	1
Foot Patrol	0	0	1	1
Found Property	0	1	0	1
Lost Property	1	0	0	1
Parking Enforcement	1	0	0	1
Pd Training	1	0	0	1
Protective Order	0	1	0	1
Public Assist	0	1	0	1
Public Contact	1	0	0	1
Reddi	0	1	0	1
Stolen Vehicle	0	1	0	1
Theft/Burglary	1	0	0	1
Vehicle Check	0	1	0	1

Citation Information

Service Area	Citations Issued
Whittier	35
Girdwood Service Area	58
Total	93

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Fire Department Report

Supported the Ted Stevens Commission Ceremony; several hours spent helping to decorate various venues throughout the city, as well as providing Fire and EMS support to the event. With 2 Temp hires and assistance to WFD from Girdwood FD we were able to fully staff both Medic units and the Engine for the event, ensuring the safety of all the city residents, dignitaries, visitors and Ted Stevens crew during a period of maximum influx to the city.

Whittier Fire and EMS Physician Sponsor have been updated.

Standard Operating Procedures for the department were completed.

Updated and submitted the Whittier Fire and EMS Training Accreditation Manual to the AK State Fire Marshals Office.

All Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) are now in full compliance.

Fire department is in the process of starting an auxiliary. If anyone is interested in helping please contact the FD.

All the Career staff are now CPR Instructors.

Currently working on RHTP Grant with AML/JIA for EMS vehicle/equipment

FD has received 5 new Volunteer FF applications (several are certified and 2 are Paramedics)

During Sepetember, the Fire Department responded to 35 calls for service, including 22 medical calls, 4 fire calls, 3 citizen assists, and 6 other calls.

October is Fire Prevention Month, and the department has several opportunities planned to connect with the community. The Fire Department will host an Open House and BBQ on October 23 from 4:00–9:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Stop by, grab a burger or hot dog, meet the crew, and spend some time with our firefighters.

The department will also join in Whittier's Halloween festivities with “Truck or Treat,” giving our firefighters another opportunity to have some fun with the community while promoting fire safety.



WFD crew team event during week of Ted Stevens



Advance Life Support Training



WFD Crew onboard USS Ted Stevens

Public Works Monthly Report

Public Works continued advancing capital improvement projects while preparing City infrastructure, vehicles, and equipment for winter operations. The Whittier Well Field Improvement Project is progressing with interior mechanical, electrical, and manifold piping work underway. Shotgun Cove Road construction is complete, with project closeout and right-of-way platting preparations in progress. Public Works also completed site preparation at the Head of the Bay Tank Farm property to accommodate storage containers and improve organization of City materials and equipment.

Capital Projects

Whittier Well Field Improvement Project

Interior construction is progressing, including mechanical, electrical, and manifold piping installation. The contractor plans to continue working through the winter season.

Chugach Electric is scheduled to install electrical power in late October or early November. Enstar Natural Gas is also expected to complete its installation in early November. Coordination with both utility providers continues as construction advances.

Shotgun Cove Road

Construction of the Shotgun Cove Road project is complete. Project closeout documentation and final quantities are being developed. Work is also underway to develop and prepare the road right-of-way documentation for platting.

Public Works

Public Works crews are transitioning seasonal operations to winter readiness. Summer equipment and materials are being removed from service and placed into storage. Crews are also installing winter road markers and signage throughout the community in preparation for snow and reduced visibility.

Head of the Bay – Tank Farm Property

Public Works prepared an area at the Head of the Bay Tank Farm property to accommodate approximately ten 20-foot shipping containers and ten 40-foot shipping containers.

The work included vegetation removal, relocation of gravel and sand piles, and organizing and relocating Public Works and Water Department materials and summer equipment. The Parks and Recreation Department's 40-foot container has been relocated to the new area. The Harbor Department plans to relocate its 40-foot container later this month.

Fleet and Maintenance

Fleet staff continued preventive maintenance on City vehicles and equipment. Work also included changing vehicles over to winter tires and preparing the fleet for winter operating conditions.

Water

Water Department staff continued seasonal system maintenance, including removal of seasonal water meters, hydrant inspections, and installation or verification of hydrant identification markings. These activities support winter readiness and help ensure hydrants remain identifiable and accessible during snow conditions.

Wastewater

Wastewater staff continued routine maintenance of the collection system, all five wastewater lift stations, and the wastewater treatment plant.

Section 301(h) and Sludge Management

The City continues working with CRW to develop bidding documents for sludge removal and construction administration. This work supports the ongoing planning and implementation of the City's wastewater treatment and sludge management improvements.

Surplus Auction

The surplus equipment auction has been rescheduled to November 2027. All equipment identified for surplus disposal has been relocated to the wastewater treatment plant area in preparation for the auction.

Closing

Public Works and Water/Wastewater staff continue maintaining essential City services while advancing capital projects and preparing for winter operations. With Shotgun Cove Road construction complete and the Well Field Improvement Project progressing into interior work, staff remain focused on project closeout, utility coordination, seasonal maintenance, and the continued organization of City equipment and materials.

Harbor Department

Admin:

Waitlist renewals for the 2027 season have been mailed out and are slowing starting to come back in. Preferential and Annual Moorage agreements are being finalized for mailing for the 2027 season. The Capitol Improvement plan and budgets have been completed for years 2027 and 2028. 2027 will see a 4.0% CPI increase and 2028 will see a 2.7% CPI increase to those affected fees. Admin staff was a huge help with USS Ted Stevens preparations and activities. Rusty departed on the 25th of September and as always our harbor ambassador will be missed. Rusty plans on returning for the 2027 season. MEE sent their rep to help train and fine tune our digital electrical meters that have been installed in the pedestals. After software, firmware and antenna adjustments we are seeing excellent results. We are confident that we have accurate information being recorded and will be billing for the use that is recorded vice the percentage of power being used as we have the past few months. We thank you for your patience as we work through the process, we too feel the frustration it has caused. Starting in October electrical billing will be based on the numbers recorded. We are in preparations to impound two vessels for lack of payment

Operations:

Operations staff are busy with winter preparations. All restrooms have been secured and winterized for the winter. Water to the harbor/City/Ocean/DeLong/Passanger docks and the grid have all been secured and blown down as required. Snowblowers are being serviced and ready for service. Seasonal staff have all completed their work effective 11 October. The heat-traced waterline has been installed and placed in service. It is located in the same area as last season.