



# CITY OF GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5:00 PM  
Gustavus City Hall

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Sally McLaughlin  
Vice Mayor Shelley Owens  
Council Members: Susan Warner,  
Lucas Beck, Mike Taylor, James Kearns

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## MINUTES - DRAFT

### VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

<https://tinyurl.com/3wvw6w2u>

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**PASSCODE:** 1425

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### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Mayor Sally McLaughlin  
Vice Mayor Shelley Owens  
Council Member Lucas Beck  
Council Member Mike Taylor  
Council Member James Kearns

#### ABSENT

Council Member Susan Warner



### Reading of the City of Gustavus Mission Statement

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Update providing a brief outline of available options if the Council decides to be prepared to continue to pursue legal options through the Superior Court following the new written decision by the Local Boundary Commission.

Mayor McLaughlin provided a brief summary.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Under AS 44.62.310(c) to discuss litigation strategies and give direction to attorney on whether to appeal the Local Boundary Commission's granting of Hoonah's petition to Dissolve the City of Hoonah and Incorporate the Xunaa Borough to the Alaska Superior Court

Motion made by Council Member Beck to convene in executive session under AS 44.62.310(c) to discuss litigation strategies and give direction to attorney on whether to appeal the Local Boundary Commission's granting of Hoonah's petition to Dissolve the City of Hoonah and Incorporate the Xunaa Borough to the Alaska Superior Court."

Seconded by Council Member Taylor

Hearing no objections, the motion is passed by unanimous consent

Mayor McLaughlin closed the general meeting and opened executive session at 5:11 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Taylor to leave executive session and reconvene the general meeting.

Seconded by Council Member Kearns

Hearing no objection the motion passed by unanimous consent

Mayor McLaughlin closed executive session and opened general meeting at 5:33 PM.

Motion made by Mayor McLaughlin to direct attorney to join other communities filing an appeal of the LBC decision to approve the Xunna Borough petition to the Alaska Superior Court.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Public Comment: None

\*clerk note, there were no members of the public present

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Beck, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns

6 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

\*clerk note, there were no members of the public present

**ADJOURNMENT**

Since there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned. The time is 5:34 PM

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The City of Gustavus is a distinctive Alaskan City that provides high quality public services in a thoughtful, cost effective and professional manner to sustain a safe, beautiful tolerant environment to live, work, and play with respect for individual freedom and each other.*

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Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor

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Date

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Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk

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Date