



# CITY OF GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Gustavus City Hall

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Sally McLaughlin  
Vice Mayor Shelley Owens  
Council Members: Susan Warner, Rachel Patrick  
Brian Taylor, Lucas Beck, Mike Taylor

## CITY HALL

City Administrator – Kathy Leary  
City Clerk – Liesl Barker  
City Treasurer – Ben Sadler  
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## MINUTES - PENDING

### VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

<https://tinyurl.com/bdd8ye5a>

**ID:** 515 501 9406

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### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Mayor Sally McLaughlin  
Vice Mayor Shelley Owens  
Council Member Susan Warner  
Council Member Lucas Beck  
Council Member Mike Taylor

#### ABSENT

Council Member Rachel Patrick (excused)  
Council Member Brian Taylor (not excused)



### Reading of the City of Gustavus Vision Statement

Vision Statement read by Council Member M. Taylor.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 01-13-2025 General Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to approve by unanimous consent the 01-13-2025 Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Council Member Beck

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Hearing no objections, the 01-13 -2025 General Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

### MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

Hearing no objections, Mayor McLaughlin announced the agenda set as presented by unanimous consent.

### **COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS**

2. Disposal and Recycling Center Quarterly Report  
Disposal and Recycling Center Manager/Operator, Ian Barrier submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.  
Clarifying Questions:  
Vice Mayor Owens  
Council Member M. Taylor
3. City Treasurer Monthly Report  
City of Gustavus City Treasurer, Ben Sadler provided monthly financial documents and gave an oral summary.  
Clarifying Questions:  
Council Member M. Taylor  
Council Member Warner  
Mayor McLaughlin  
City Administrator Leary
4. City Administrator Monthly Report  
City of Gustavus City Administrator, Kathy Leary provided a written report and provided an oral report.  
Clarifying Questions: None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Approve Policy Committee Appointments
6. FY25-13 NCO Introduction Capital Improvement Long Term Transfer (Public Hearing 03-20-2025)

Council Member Warner requested to remove item number 5, the appointments to special policy committee from the consent agenda.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent minus item number 5.

Seconded by Council Member M. Taylor

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

**ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

7. FY25-07 Providing amendment of 1.03.020 Procedures for resolution (Introduced 01-13-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:24 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:24 PM.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to approve FY25-07 1.03.020 Procedures for resolution introduced on 01-13-2025.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

5 yea / 0 nay

Motion Passed

8. FY25-08 Providing amendment of 2.40.030 Order of business (Introduced 01-13-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:27 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:27 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Warner to approve FY25-08 Providing amendment of 2.40.030 Order of business introduced 01-13-2025.

Seconded by Council Member M. Taylor

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

5 yea / 0 nay

Motion Passed

9. FY25-10 Providing amendment of 2.50.010 City Clerk and Treasurer, 2.50.050 Internal Control, 2.50.070 City Administrator (Introduced 01-13-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:29 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:29 PM.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to approve FY25-10 Providing amendment of 2.50.010 City Clerk and Treasurer, 2.50.050 Internal Control, 2.50.070 City Administrator introduced 01-13-2025.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

5 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

10. FY25-11 Providing amendment of 4.08.010 Annual Financial Statement (Introduced 01-13-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:30 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:31 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Back to approve FY25-11 Providing amendment of 4.08.010 Annual Financial Statement introduced on 01-13-2025.

Seconded by Council Member M. Taylor

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

5 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

11. FY25-12 Providing amendment of 2.40.140 Telephonic participation (Introduced 01-13-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:32 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:32 PM.

Motion made by Council Member M. Taylor to approve FY25-12 Providing amendment of 2.40.140 Telephonic participation introduced 01-13-2025.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

5 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. FY25-09 Introduction providing amendment of 2.40.150 Committees (Public Hearing 03-10-2025)

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to postpone introduction of FY25-09 providing amendment of 2.40.150 Committees to a time certain, March 10th, 2025, Gustavus City Council General Meeting.

Council Member Beck

Council Debate:

Vice Mayor Owens

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

5 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

5. Approve Policy Committee Appointments

Point of information: Vice Mayor Owens- Can each of the names be segregated out and voted on individually? - answer- One can make a motion to amend the presented appointments, first there need to be a main motion to bring it to the floor

Motion made by Council Member Beck to approve the appointments of the special policy committee.

Seconded by Council Member M. Taylor

Council Debate:

*\*Clerk note- Vice Mayor Owens made a motion, it did not receive a second and therefore died.*

Council Member Warner

Motion made by Council Member Warner to postpone to time certain March 10, 2025 General Meeting.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Council Debate:

Council Member Warner

Vice Mayor Owens

Council Member M. Taylor

Mayor McLaughlin

Council Member Beck

Council Member Warner

Mayor McLaughlin

Council Member M. Taylor

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner

Voting Nay: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

2 yea/ 3 nay

Motion Failed.

Back to Main Motion:

Council Debate Continued:

Vice Mayor Owens

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to amend the motion to have individual vote on each of the 4 nominations.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Council Debate:

Point of Order: City Administrator does it (the motion to amend) align with the resolution, in making individual votes. answer - the ordinance says the council is to ratify the appointments made by the mayor.

Point of Information: Mayor McLaughlin- What does it mean to ratify? answer - to approve the item by vote

Council Member M. Taylor

Point of Information: Council Member Beck- do I have to vote on my own appointment it feels weird when other folks don't have the option vote on theirs - Answer - no, probably best to abstain, we would still have a quorum.

Mayor McLaughlin

Motion made by Mayor McLaughlin to recess for 5 minutes.

Second by Council Member Warner

Hearing no objections the motion to recess was approved by unanimous consent

Mayor McLaughlin called the Council back to session at 8:04pm.

Mayor McLaughlin rules the motion out of order.

*\*Clerk note - ruling made on the basis it would set the city of for possible defamation of character because each name would be debated and wants to review further.*

Back to main motion:

Council Debate Continues:

Council Member M. Taylor

Motion made by Council Member M. Taylor to postpone this item to time certain of the March 10, 2025 general meeting.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Council Debate:

Council Member Beck

Motion made by Council Member Beck to amend the motion to postpone the item until time certain of a special meeting prior to the March 10th, 2025 general meeting.

Seconded by Mayor McLaughlin

Council Debate:

Council Member M. Taylor

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner

3 yea/ 2 nay

Motion ~~Passed~~ Failed. (see point of order below)

Point of Order by Council Member M. Taylor - a motion must have 4 yea votes to pass.

Motion made by Mayor McLaughlin to recess for 5 minutes.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Hearing no objection the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting back in session from recess at 8:16 pm.

Answer to point of order - well taken

*\*Clerk note: Correction - The motion to postpone to time certain to a special meeting failed.*

Back to motion (to postpone till time certain March 10, 2025)

Council Debate continued:

Mayor McLaughlin

Council Member Warner

Mayor McLaughlin

Council Member M. Taylor

Council Member Beck

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member M. Taylor

Voting Nay: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Beck

3 yea/ 2 nay

Motion Failed.

Back to main motion (to approve appointments to the Special Policy Committee)

Council Debate Continued:

Council Member Beck

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Warner

4 yea/ 1 nay

Motion Passed.

13. Renew Special Land Use Permit with the Gustavus Community Garden

Motion made Mayor McLaughlin to approve renewing the Special Land Use Permit with the Gustavus Community Garden

Seconded by Council Member M. Taylor

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

5 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

14. Girl Scouts of Alaska Troop 23032 Endowment Fund Grant - Requesting 90% of funding in advance

Motion made by Council Member M. Taylor to approve Girl Scouts of Alaska Troop 23032 Endowment Fund Grant request to receive 90% of funding in advance.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Public comment: None

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

5 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

15. CY25-03 Submission of Capital Projects Submission and Information System (CAPSIS) to the Alaska Legislature

Motion made by Council Member Beck to adopt resolution CY25-03 Submission of Capital Projects submission and information system (CAPSIS) to the Alaska Legislature.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Public comment: None

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

5 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.



16. Accept resignation of City Council Member B. Taylor effective 03-09-2025

Motion made by Council Member M. Taylor to accept the resignation of Council Member Brian Taylor effective 03-09-2025.

Seconded by Council Member Beck

Public comment: None

Council Debate:

Council Member M. Taylor

Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member M. Taylor

5 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

### **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

17. National League of Cities/Washington DC trip update  
Council Member B. Taylor submitted a written report.

18. Mayor's Monthly Report  
Mayor McLaughlin submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.

### **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Owens - We will be accepting application for a City Council Member

Council Member Warner - Tea with Mayor, OMA?

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Renee Patrick - Thanking the City Council

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

**POSTED ON:** February 5, 2025 at P.O, Library, City Hall & <https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/>

### **ADA NOTICE**

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## VISION STATEMENT

*We envision a distinctive community:*

- *That prospers while and by protecting its natural resources;*
- *With a sustainable economy and infrastructure that assures public health and safety while promoting personal development and initiative; and*
- *Where all members take social responsibility and actively participate in decision making affecting growth, development, regulation and enforcement; and*
- *In which people retain a closeness with and caring for each other individually and collectively while working together to accomplish community goals and preserve community traditions.*

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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