



CITY OF GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, June 09, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Gustavus City Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

CITY HALL

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

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

<https://tinyurl.com/2f9fj78h>

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
Council Member James Kearns

ABSENT

Council Member Geoff Fosse (unexcused)



Reading of the City of Gustavus Mission Statement

Mission Statement read by Council Member Beck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 05-12-2025 General Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Council Member Taylor to approve by unanimous consent the 05-12-2025 Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Hearing no objections, the 05-12-2025 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. Gustavus Visitors Association Quarterly Report
Gustavus Visitor Association President, Leah Okin provided a written report and an oral summary.
Council Clarifying Questions:
Council Member Taylor
3. Conservation Lands Advisory Committee Quarterly Report
Committee Chair, Mike Taylor submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.
Council Clarifying Questions: None
4. Policy Advisory Committee (Endowment Fund) Monthly Report
Policy Advisory Committee member, Lucas Beck provided an oral report. The Policy Advisory Committee, secretary, Sandi Marchbanks submitted a written report.
Council Clarifying Questions: None
5. Library Quarterly Report
Library Administrative Director, Melisa Gomb submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.
Council Clarifying Questions: None
6. City Treasurer Monthly Report
City of Gustavus City Treasurer, Ben Sadler provided monthly financial documents and gave an oral summary.
Council Clarifying Questions:
Council Member Warner
7. City Administrator Monthly Report
City of Gustavus City Administrator, Kathy Leary provided a written report and provided an oral report.
Council Clarifying Questions:
Council Member Warner

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Whitney Rapp - Transparency with Conservation Lands Advisory Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

8. FY25-27 Ordinance providing for the amendment of Title 4 Chapter 13 Section 110 Grant Awards (Public Hearing 07-14-2025)
9. FY25-28NCO Ordinance providing for the amendment of Department Budgets for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Hearing 07-14-2025)
10. FY25-29NCO Ordinance providing for the amendment of the City held accounts in fiscal year 2026 providing funding for the Gravel Pit Project (Public Hearing 07-14-2025)
11. FY25-30NCO Ordinance providing for the amendment of the City held accounts in fiscal year 2026 AMLIP Accounts clean up (Public Hearing 07-14-2025)

Motion made by Council Member Kearns to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

12. FY25-25 Providing for the amendment of Title 1 Chapter 2 Section 030 ordinance procedure (Introduction 05-12-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:50 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:50 PM.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to approve FY25-25 Providing for the amendment of Title 1 Chapter 2 Section 030 ordinance procedure.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Council Debate: None

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

6 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed

13. FY25-26NCO Ordinance providing for the establishment and adoption of the budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (Introduction 05-12-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:52 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:52 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Beck to approve FY25-26NCO Ordinance providing for the establishment and adoption of the budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Council Debate: None

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

6 yea/ 0 nay
Motion Passed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

14. Approve the City of Gustavus to Write-Off Ambulance Bad Debts from fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$710.00 and fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$1,255.00 as uncollectable for a total of \$1,965.00.

Motion made by Council Member Warner to approve the City of Gustavus to Write-Off Ambulance Bad Debts from fiscal year 2023 in the amount of \$710.00 and fiscal year 2024 in the amount of \$1,255.00 as uncollectable for a total of \$1,965.00.

Seconded by Council Member Kearns

Public comment: None

Council debate: None

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

6 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed

15. Approve Gravel Pit Scoping Document

Motion made by Council Member Kearns to approve the Gravel Pit Scoping Document.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor

Public comment: None

Council debate:

Council Member Warner

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

6 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed

16. Approve Gravel Pit Contract

Motion made by Council Member Taylor to approve the Gravel Pit Contract with Fairweather Construction.

Seconded by Council Member Owens

Public comment: None

Council debate: None

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

6 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed

17. CY25-11 A resolution establishing Policy and Procedure clarification, changes and implementation of the Gustavus Endowment Fund

Motion made by Council Member Kearns to approve CY25-11 A resolution establishing Policy and Procedure clarification, changes and implementation of the Gustavus Endowment Fund.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor

Public Debate: None

Council Debate:

Vice Mayor Owens

Motion by Vice Mayor Owens to amend Whereas number 5 to strike Mayor and replace it with City Council.

Seconded by Council Member Beck

Council Debate:

Vice Mayor Owens

Council Member Warner

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

6 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

Council debate continued:

Council Member Warner

Council Member Beck

Vice Mayor Owens

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to amend page 4 of 4 of section two of the P&P to strike "(A Gustavus resident who maintains their primary home or residence in Gustavus)".

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Council Debate:

Vice Mayor Owens

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

6 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

Back to main motion

Council Debate Continued:

Council Member Beck

Council Member Warner

Motion by Council Member to amend the motion to remove the Endowment Fund Grant application form from CY25-11.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Council Debate:

Council Member Taylor

Council Member Beck

Council Member Kearns

Mayor McLaughlin

Council Member Warner

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner

Voting Nay: Mayor McLaughlin, Council Member Beck, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Kearns

2 yea/ 4 nay

Motion Fails

Back to main motion: No further Council Comment

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Warner

5 yea / 1 nay

Motion Passed

18. CY25-12 Resolution establishing policy and procedure for City Committees and repealing resolution CY19-20 City Advisory Committees

Motion made by Council Member Kearns to approve CY25-12 Resolution establishing policy and procedure for City Committees and repealing resolution CY19-20 City Advisory Committees.

Seconded by Council Member Beck

Public comment: None

Council debate: None

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

6 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

19. CY25-13 Resolution pertaining to the authorized investments of and establishing appropriate benchmarks to measure performance of the City's Endowment Funds

Motion made by Council Member Taylor to approve CY25-13 Resolution pertaining to the authorized investments of and establishing appropriate benchmarks to measure performance of the City's Endowment Funds.

Seconded by Council Member Kearns

Public comment: None

Council debate: None

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

6 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Kearns - Finding a lot support for PIPD grant project

20. Mayor Monthly Report

Mayor McLaughlin submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Taylor - response to public comment about C-LAC

Council Member Kearns - re-arrange skiff floats due to windy weather

Council Member Warner - requesting EFG scoring rubric for WS

Vice Mayor Owens - City docks/boats and harbor

Council Member Taylor - harbor

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor

Date

Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk

Date