



CITY OF GUSTAVUS

CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM
via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Mike Taylor
Vice Mayor Kyle Bishop
Council Members: Tania Lewis, Joe Vanderzanden
Lewis Sharman, Bella Furr, Jim Mackovjak

CITY HALL

City Administrator - Tom Williams Ph.D.
City Clerk, CMC - Karen Platt
City Treasurer - Eduarda Loggins
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AGENDA

DRAFT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA / PACKET FOR REVIEW REGULAR WORK SESSION

ROLL CALL

Reading of the City of Gustavus Vision Statement

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [1.](#) 11-08-2021 General Meeting
- [2.](#) 11-23-2021 Special Meeting Minutes

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS

3. Gustavus Public Library Quarterly Report
4. Gustavus Marine Facilities Coordinator Report
5. City Treasurer Monthly Financials
- [6.](#) City Administrator WORK SESSION REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Certificate of Records Destruction
- [8.](#) FY22-XXNCO Departmental Budgets

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

- [9.](#) FY22-09NCO Endowment Fund Transfer (Introduced 11-08-2021)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- [10.](#) CY21-XX To Award Endowment Fund Earnings for 2022
- [11.](#) CY21-XX Adopting an Alternative Allocation Method for the FY22 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and Certifying that this Allocation Method Fairly Represents the Distribution of Significant Effects of Fisheries Business Activity in FMA 17: Northern Southeast Area
- [12.](#) CY21-XX A Resolution of the City of Gustavus Comments on USFS Roadless Rule Final

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

13. Mayor Quarterly Report

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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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.*

CITY OF GUSTAVUS
CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 08, 2021

Item #1.

MINUTES - PENDING

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mike Taylor
Vice Mayor Kyle Bishop
Council Member Joe Vanderzanden
Council Member Tania Lewis
Council Member Bella Furr
Council Member Jim Mackovjak
Council Member Lewis Sharman

Reading of the City of Gustavus Vision Statement

The City of Gustavus Vision Statement was read by Mayor Taylor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 10-08-2021 Special Meeting Minutes
2. 10-11-2021 General Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bishop to approve the 10-08-2021 Special Meeting Minutes and the 10-11-2021 General Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Council Member Lewis.

Hearing no objections, the motion is passed as amended by unanimous consent.

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

There were no requests for agenda changes.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Taylor announced the agenda as set.

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS

3. Gustavus Visitors Association Quarterly Report
Gustavus Visitors Association President, Leah Okin submitted and presented the quarterly report.
4. Gustavus PFAS Action Coalition Quarterly Report
Gustavus PFAS Action Coalition Secretary, Sally McLaughlin submitted and presented the quarterly report.
5. Gustavus Disposal and Recycling Center Quarterly Report
Gustavus Disposal and Recycling Center Manager / Operator, Paul Berry submitted and presented a quarterly report.
6. City Treasurer Monthly Financials and Quarterly Report
City Treasurer, Eduarda Loggins submitted and presented the monthly financials and quarterly report.
7. City Administrator General Meeting Report
City Administrator, Tom Williams submitted and presented a written report and provided an update regarding the APC Rate Case.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Warner
Whitney Rapp

CONSENT AGENDA

8. Certificate of Records Destruction
9. City of Gustavus waives the right to file a protest of the New Alcohol License Application for the Sunnyside Market License
10. FY22-09NCO Endowment Fund Grant transfer

Motion made by Council Member Lewis to adopt the Consent Agenda by unanimous consent as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Furr.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Taylor announced the Consent Agenda by unanimous consent.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

11. Award RFQ FY22-03RM for FY22 Snowplowing

Motion made by Council Member Vanderzanden to award the contract for snowplowing of city roads as described in the RFQ FY22-03RM to Glacier Bay Construction. In accordance with their quotation dated 10-25-2021 in the amount of \$2875.00 per plowing event.

Seconded by Mayor Taylor.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment:
Mayor Taylor

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Vanderzanden, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Furr, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Sharman

12. Accept RFP FY22-01COG Civil Engineering Evaluation and Recommendations for the Good River Bridge Repair

Motion made by Council Member Sharman to accept the response to RFP FY22-01COG Civil Engineering Evaluation and Recommendations for the Good River Bridge Repair as submitted by PND Engineers, Inc. dated 10-14-2021 in the amount of \$15,500.00.

Seconded by Council Member Vanderzanden.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Vanderzanden, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Furr, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Sharman

13.Appointment of Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Chief

Motion made by Council Member Furr to appoint Sol Martinez to the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Chief position.

Seconded by Council Member Sharman.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Vanderzanden, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Furr, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Sharman

14.Swearing in of Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Chief

City Clerk, Karen Platt administered the Oath to Sol Martinez.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Taylor - Provided an update on moving the steel float from the outer dock, the FEMA flood recovery reimbursement, and the Gustavus Beach Cooperative Management Agreement.

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Sharman
Council Member Lewis

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Date

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk

Date

DRAFT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA/PACKET FOR REVIEW AT WORK SESSION

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

Item #2.

MINUTES - PENDING

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mike Taylor
Vice Mayor Kyle Bishop
Council Member Joe Vanderzanden
Council Member Tania Lewis
Council Member Bella Furr
Council Member Jim Mackovjak

ABSENT

Council Member Lewis Sharman

Reading of the City of Gustavus Vision Statement

The City of Gustavus Vision Statement was read by Vice Mayor Bishop

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

There were no requests for agenda changes.

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

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Award RFQ FY22-04RM Wilson Road Drainage Rehabilitation

Motion made by Mayor Taylor to award the contract for Wilson Road Drainage Rehabilitation as described in RFQ FY22-04RM to Glacier Bay Construction Inc. in accordance with their quotation dated 11/16/21 in the amount of \$22,813.00

Seconded by Council Member Mackovjak.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Vanderzanden, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Furr, Council Member Mackovjak

2. Award RFQ FY22-05RM Wilson / Creek Rd Culvert Riprap

Motion made by Council Member Furr to award the contract for Wilson / Creek Rd Culvert Riprap as described in RFQ FY22-05RM to Glacier Bay Construction Inc. in accordance with their quotation dated 11/16/21 in the amount of \$11,799.00.

Seconded by Council Member Vanderzanden.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Vanderzanden, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Furr, Council Member Mackovjak

3. CY21-12 ARPA Local Government Lost Revenue Relief Program

Motion made by Mayor Taylor to adopt Resolution CY21-12 Confirming Application for the ARPA Local Government Lost Revenue Relief Program from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development to Offset Significant Revenue Loss Due to The Covid-19 Public Health Emergency.

Seconded by Council Member Furr.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Vanderzanden, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Furr, Council Member Mackovjak

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Taylor provided an update on snowplowing of city roads.

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Furr

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Date

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk

Date

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT DECEMBER WORK SESSION

COUNCIL MEMBER INFORMATION

We have begun our information sharing with the Council on departments and general local government. Thanks to all for the presentations and participation. Below is a summary and schedule for the remainder of the events.

On November 22 the Council received information concerning parliamentary procedures and Clerk duties. In addition, the Mayor and City Administrator provided an overview of local government powers and duties.

On November 30, the Treasurer(s) provide information to the Council on budgeting (General Operating Budget and CIP), and the monthly financial reports. The Marine Facilities Coordinator also provide an overview of the plethora of duties and activities within his responsibilities.

As part of our Work Session tonight we will hear from the library and fire department. I hope you are finding the information useful and encourage reaching out to any department that you would like more information on. In addition, I am always available if you have additional questions, comments, or suggestions.

The following schedule is fluid and changes in dates or content can be made.

- On Jan 24 the Treasurer(s) will discuss budget and CIP development in preparation for the upcoming FY23 budget.
- On Feb 7, if the agenda allows, the DRC will provide an overview of the operations, maintenance, and needed improvements for sustainability.
- On Feb 28 we will hear from the DRC if Feb 7 doesn't work. If it does, we will hear from the Mayor and City Administrator on a variety of community centric issues.

ROADS UPDATE

A big THANKS to Glacier Bay Construction for the snowplowing. The City had intended to contract with snowplowing providers but was notified that municipal snowplowing insurance was too expensive to make the work profitable; therefore, a contractual agreement couldn't be reached. GBC was able to amend its contract to include service to our side roads just in time for our first significant accumulation. THANKS JUSTIN!

If you believe your road needs service, contact City Hall.

FEMA REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED FOR COVID-19 DISASTER

The received approximately \$9,300 for reimbursement for costs under the COVID-19 disaster declaration. These funds must be used for costs allowed under the CARES ACT and spent by the end of the year. **Unless there are any objections**, staff will utilize the funds for purchases of hepa filters for the back room of City Hall, the upstairs of the Fire Hall, funding for existing CARES Act projects at the Fire Department, and salary offset of the Fire Chief.

A HUGE thanks to Phoebe Vanselow for the work getting the reimbursement. The amount of documentation and the number of meetings was insane. **GREAT WORK PHOEBE!!!**

RAPIDS TESTING FUNDS

Payment for the City's RAPIDS and PCR testing now comes from one source, leaving approximately \$2,000 of funds identified for RAPIDS testing which must be used by the end of March 2022. Because of the restrictions of the grant, no substitute expenses have been identified as of yet.

ARPA FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Hello: You may remember my discussion about different funding opportunities under the ARPA. Below is general information about each category, just hit the link

<https://eda.gov/arpa/>. The EAA category has to do with infrastructure grants for projects like public works, solid waste, ports and harbors, trails, etc. The match is 20% but there is the ability to fund 100% - however, without the match the application is likely not as competitive which translates to *won't get funded...*

Anyway, to be competitive, we need to prioritize what projects we want to submit for and then do things to score higher. For example, resolutions in support of projects. Community letters of support. Identify documents that show the project is a priority, such as the CIP; city-wide survey; strategic plan and the draft update to the strategic plan; etc. The deadline is March 2022, so it isn't that much time to get public input and conduct public meetings, and all the rest of it.

If you have any ideas for a project(s) please begin to outline it so that we can collect all of them and the Council can determine if it wants to submit an application. Below are links from EDA for ARP Programs:

- Information on each of EDA's six ARPA Opportunities is available here: <https://eda.gov/arpa/>. There are links to one-pagers, NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity), recorded webinars, FAQs for each program <https://eda.gov/arpa/resources/>. Deadlines for applicants vary by program. There will be high demand for the competitive programs, and EDA has to obligate all \$3B ARP funds by September 2022.
- Questions about projects that may be eligible for EDA's Build Back Better Regional Challenge, Economic Adjustment Assistance, Indigenous, and Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation should be directed to the EDA Regional Office and the Economic Development Representative; their POC contact info is: <https://eda.gov/contact/>.
- Questions about the Good Jobs Challenge, for those interested in developing industry led, sectoral workforce systems, can be directed to EDA HQ at: GoodJobsChallenge@eda.gov.
- Questions about the Research and Networks of Practice NOFO, such as for the University Consortia on ocean economies, can be directed to: research@eda.gov
- EDA Investment Priorities guide the ARP and other EDA investments, including Recovery and Resilience. This program highlights Equity, and Environmentally Sustainable economic development.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the Gustavus City Council.

DATE INTRODUCED: *December 13, 2021*

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: *January 10, 2022*

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Michael Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Eduarda Loggins, City Treasurer

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY22-xxNCO
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
DEPARTMENT BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classification. This is a **Non-Code Ordinance**

Section 2. For the Fiscal Year of 2022 estimated expenditures have changed from the estimates in the approved budget.

Section 3. For the current fiscal year, the budget is amended to reflect the changed estimates as follows:

Budget Category	Amounts		
	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
INCOME			
Tax Income: Retail Tax Income	\$ 325,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Tax Income: Remote Sellers Retail Tax	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Tax Income: Room Tax Income	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Tax Income: Fish Box Tax	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,860.00	\$ 1,360.00

Total Change in Income			\$ 111,360.00
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EXPENSE	Amounts		
	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
Marine Facilities: Advertising	\$ 0.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00
<i>Advertising for movement of the steel mooring float to its winter location.</i>			
DRC: Contractual Services	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 37,700.00	\$ 30,000.00
<i>Adding funds for Household Hazardous Waste Event for spring 2022.</i>			
GVFD: Equipment: Fuel	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
<i>Fuel for snowblower.</i>			
Marine Facilities: Equipment	\$ 100.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 375.00
<i>Automatic external defibrillator (AED) for Marine Facilities Coordinator to carry. \$1100 of AED cost paid by Alaska Public Entity Insurance safety grant.</i>			
DRC: Payroll Expenses	\$ 88,644.66	\$ 93,944.66	\$ 5,300.00
<i>Adding funds for winter operations and Household Hazardous Waste Event for spring 2022.</i>			
Marine Facilities: Utilities: Electricity	\$ 0.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
<i>Electricity for the new Marine Facilities building in the boat harbor.</i>			

Total Change in Expense			\$ 36,395.00
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Section 4. The budget is hereby amended as indicated and any portion of the approved budget inconsistent with this amendment is repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the Gustavus City Council.

DATE INTRODUCED: *December 13, 2021*

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: *January 17, 2022*

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Michael Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Eduarda Loggins, City Treasurer

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY22-09NCO**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
THE CITY HELD ACCOUNTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2022**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classification. This is a **Non-Code Ordinance**

Section 2. In Fiscal Year 2022, the following City held account balance transfers to be made for reasons stated.

Section 3. The budget is amended to reflect the changed estimates as follows:

Amounts			
ACCOUNTS	Account Balance*	Amended balance	Change
<small>*Approximate, this is a dynamic value.</small>			
APCM – Endowment Account	\$1,626,310.62	\$ 1,581,649.33	<\$ 44,661.29>
<small>2022 Endowment Funds for disbursement through grant application process, per motion in August 9, 2021 meeting. This is \$12.53 less than the approved grant program amount to correct an error in last year's withdrawal, which withdrew the full amount for the grant program but should have been \$12.53 less due to unspent awarded funds from the prior year (2019 EFG-GHH) being a portion of the total 2021 grant program amount.</small>			
FNBA Endowment Fund			
Checking account	\$ 38,441.73	\$ 83,103.02	\$ 44,661.29
<small>2022 Endowment Fund Grant Checking account for disbursement</small>			
<hr/> Total Change in Account Balances			\$ 0.00

Section 4. The City Held accounts are hereby amended as indicated.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the Gustavus City Council.

DATE INTRODUCED: November 8, 2021

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: December 13, 2021

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this __th day of December, 2021.

Michael Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Eduarda Loggins, City Treasurer

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY21-xx**

RESOLUTION TO AWARD ENDOWMENT FUND EARNINGS FOR 2022

WHEREAS, upon closure of some commercial fisheries in Glacier Bay National Park, the City of Gustavus was awarded approximately \$963,000 as compensation for reduced economic activity resulting from this action; and,

WHEREAS, City Ordinance Section 4.13.090 states, “up to three percent of the average annual market value ... of the fund over the previous five years may be appropriated to provide funding for capital outlays, grant matching funds, and community projects, ... provided that the original inflation adjusted principal of the fund is maintained”; and,

WHEREAS, the amount available for disbursement according to the above formula is \$44,673.82; and,

WHEREAS, unused funds from previously awarded grants that are now closed shall be retained in the Endowment Fund Grant checking account and re-designated as available for future awards; and,

WHEREAS, there are no unused funds from previous years, making the total amount available for disbursement this grant cycle \$44,673.82; and,

WHEREAS, five applications for funding under this program were received for a total of \$151,736.82 requested; and,

WHEREAS, all applications appeared to have merit and qualify for consideration under the criteria set out in City policy and procedure; and,

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Historical Archives & Antiquities’ request for funds will be _____ funded at \$_____ toward expanding their museum building; and,

WHEREAS, the Tideline Institutes’ request for funds will be _____ funded at \$_____ toward construction and furnishing of their main classroom; and,

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Community Center’s request for funds will be _____ funded at \$_____ toward creation of a Gateway Gallery and equipment for the Main Hall; and,

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Children’s Enhancement Program’s request for funds will be _____ funded at \$_____ toward a new location for child care and early education services; and,

WHEREAS, the Gustavus PFAS Action Coalition’s request for funds will be _____ funded at \$_____ toward further advocacy for PlumeStop; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Gustavus grants \$_____ to the _____ and \$_____ to the _____, and \$_____ to the _____, and \$_____ to the _____, and \$_____ to the _____, for a total of \$44,673.82.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Gustavus City Council, this ____th day of December, 2021, and effective upon adoption.

Michael Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Karen Platt, CMC
City Clerk

DRAFT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA/PACKET FOR REVIEW AT WORK SESSION

2021 Endowment Fund Grant (EFG) Award Process Summary

Item #10.

Refer to **Resolution CY19-14** for the formal Policy and Procedure and application details.

The following is a summary of the steps:

1. September 1 an Announcement of Endowment Fund Grant Application Period is published. Applicants submit proposals by Oct. 31st
2. Upon receipt, City staff determines basic eligibility to continue on to the selection process. Each of the following must be true in order to be eligible:
 - Not delinquent in City taxes or fees
 - Gustavus resident
 - At least 16 years old (at least one of the project administrators)
 - Discrete local project
 - Not a recipient for more than 3 consecutive years (beginning 2020)
3. The first week in November, City staff will notify applicants of eligibility status via email or letter if no email
4. At the first City Council work session in November, the City Council will determine the EFG Working Group (WG) of three (3) council members (with no conflicts of interest) and those 3 members will establish a date and time for the eligible Applicant work session. City Staff will inform applicants of date and time.
5. Prior to work session with Applicants, each WG member will review the applications independently and score it using an EFG Scoring Worksheet. Individual scores will not be shared until Step 8.
6. In November, the WG will then hold a work session with the eligible Applicants, giving them each five minutes to present their project. Following each presentation, the WG may ask clarifying questions about their proposal
****This is not a time to make additions or deletions to the application, but to try to ensure that everyone has a common understanding of what is already in the Application. For example, if someone forgot to put something in the application, it may be cause to lower the "well planned and presented" score***
Applicants should be reminded that the City Council's December work session is when the WG recommendations to the full council will be discussed.
7. After the session with applicants, each WG member may choose to make changes to their own scores.
8. The WG will meet sometime after the session and will average the 3 individual scores of the WG
9. Any application scoring an average of less than 50 points will not be considered for award, and the WG will provide a brief written summary of why (scoring sheets have notes section) to City staff, and the Applicant will be notified as soon as possible
10. For those with average scores that are 50 points or greater, the WG will discuss award amounts and consider partial funding if warranted. Highest scoring applications should receive funding priority, but partial funding may be considered if WG, or council, so chooses. Notes should be kept by the WG as to how and why the WG prioritized funding so information is available for discussions with full council, and for city records
11. WG will then recommend awardees and amounts to the full council at the December work session
12. Awards will be voted on and announced at the City Council December General Meeting
13. The Grant Administrator will then take over the notifications, awarding funds, and receipt of reports in accordance with EFG Policy and Procedures. Final Reports will be shared with the public

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY21-xx**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR THE FY22
SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING THAT THIS
ALLOCATION METHOD FAIRLY REPRESENTS THE DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT
EFFECTS OF FISHERIES BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN FMA 17: NORTHERN SOUTHEAST AREA**

WHEREAS, AS 29.60.450 requires that for a municipality to participate in the FY22 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program, the municipality must demonstrate to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development that the municipality suffered significant effects during calendar 2020 from fisheries business activities; and,

WHEREAS, 3 AAC 134.060 provides for the allocation of available program funding to eligible municipalities located within fisheries management areas specified by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and,

WHEREAS, 3 AAC 134.070 provides for the use, at the discretion of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, of alternative allocation methods which may be used within fisheries management areas if all eligible municipalities within the area agree to use the method, and the method incorporates some measure of the relative significant effect of fisheries business activity on the respective municipalities in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the Gustavus City Council proposes to use an alternative allocation method for allocation of FY22 funding available within the FMA 17: Northern Southeast Area in agreement with all other municipalities in this area participating in the FY22 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gustavus City Council, by this resolution, certifies that the following alternative allocation method fairly represents the distribution of the significant effects during 2020 of fisheries business activity in FMA 17: Northern Southeast Area:

All municipalities share equally 50% of allocation; all municipalities share remaining 50% on a per capita basis.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Gustavus City Council, this __th day of December, 2021.

Michael Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Karen Platt, CMC
City Clerk



City of Gustavus, Alaska

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December 14, 2021

Tongass National Forest
Earl Stewart, Forest Supervisor
648 Mission Street
Federal Building
Ketchikan, AK 99901-6591

Subject: Roadless Rule Exemption Proposal for Alaska

Reference: City of Gustavus Resolution CY21-XX Commenting on the USFS Roadless Rule Proposal

Dear Mr. Stewart,

The City of Gustavus strongly supports the proposed rule to eliminate the Tongass National Forest's exemption from the 2001 Roadless Rule.

The City, and our community generally, have long advocated for thoughtful, conservative forest management on the Tongass and for protecting the lands in our proximity in the Icy Strait region. In our view, timber should be made available for regional use, but on a small, sustainable scale that fully protects other forest uses and values.

We are proud to say that our efforts, in concert with other Alaskans, have resulted in a framework of protection and use that makes our region an example of sustainability. Part of the reason is that Congress in the late-1980s, with input from Gustavus, designated Pleasant Island, Lemesurier Island, the Inian Islands, and the Point Adolphus area as wilderness. It should be noted, however, that our advocacy was in response to the Forest Service planning a timber sale that would have clearcut seven miles of Pleasant Island's shoreline.

But one does not have to go far from Gustavus to find examples of destructive forestry. Consider the Forest Service's 55-million-board-foot Couverden Timber Sale, east of Gustavus. There, in the mid-1980s, the Forest Service spent over \$5.5 million building almost 30 miles of roads and eight bridges in advance of a timber sale that drew no bidders. When the Forest Service finally found a buyer for the timber (the now-defunct Alaska Pulp Company), its price was reduced to rock-bottom "base rates"—the lowest price for which the Forest Service could legally sell timber—which put its total value at about \$113,000, barely two percent of what the Forest Service spent building roads. The sale ultimately resulted in 1,700 acres of clearcuts laced by a deteriorating road system. Nearly 40 years later, regrowth in the area is sketchy.

Reversing the Roadless Rule exemption offers the best chance for protecting the last remaining large stands of old-growth forest in our nation. Old-growth trees are more than just pretty,

ancient, and awe-inspiring. At no cost to taxpayers (unlike the subsidized clearcut logging that has characterized the Tongass National Forest's management for decades), the Tongass 24/7 provides ecosystem services—clean water, clean air, fish and animal habitat, etc.—that are a major contribution to the health of our region. On a global scale, the Tongass's impact on climate change is significant. It is the world's largest relatively intact rainforest and represents one of the greatest carbon stores in the world. The urgency of slowing and eventually stopping the drivers of climate change was made very clear at the recent COP26 World Leaders Summit in Glasgow, Scotland. Protecting the Tongass and allowing it to do its work of storing and absorbing carbon is critical to maintaining America's resilience and to help slow climate change.

But there is more, far more. The Tongass provides important, irreplaceable habitat for many species of wildlife, including key subsistence species such as Sitka black-tailed deer. The watersheds in our old-growth forest are nutrient-rich and contribute to the natural wealth that surrounds us. By reinstating the protection of the Roadless Rule, the Forest Service can provide the best opportunity for these precious stands of old-growth timber to stay on the stump, doing what they do best: enriching and strengthening the natural environment of Southeast Alaska and helping slow climate change.

Reinstating the Roadless Rule will also help ease the transition away from large-scale old-growth logging in the region. Outside of roadless areas, there are still stands of old-growth under threat; we would like to express our support for a forest-management transition that moves swiftly away from any large-scale logging of old-growth timber.

We would also like to express our support for the new forest management direction outlined in the USDA's Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy (SASS). Primarily, we support the transition in management from a timber-producing forest to a forest that is being restored and managed primarily for recreation and ecological resilience. A conservative, relatively small local timber industry that is based primarily on the harvest of young-growth timber and produces value-added products should be a part of this transition.

The visitor/recreation industry is Southeast Alaska's largest private employer, accounting in 2019 for almost twenty percent of the region's employment. In the years immediately preceding the COVID19 pandemic, more than a million tourists visited Southeast Alaska annually. They didn't come here to see clearcuts; they came to experience a beautiful, wild landscape. Another approximately twenty percent of Alaska's revenue comes from the fishing/seafood industry. Some 5,000 streams in Southeast Alaska host salmon populations, and their health is critical to the health of the salmon fishery and the families and communities that depend on it. The timber industry currently accounts for less than one percent of Southeast Alaska's economy. It's time to focus on activities that are compatible with keeping our forest intact and healthy.

As we move through the transition, restoration work in the region's most heavily impacted locations—consider the damage logging did to salmon streams—will be critical, and local workforces can and should be developed to facilitate both restoration goals and recreation maintenance in forest management. Through this important work, many of the ecological services and the amenities that the forest provides can be restored and improved despite decades of damaging timber harvests.

Southeast Alaska's Indigenous peoples—the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian—have inhabited this land for millennia. Their culture evolved around and depends upon a vibrant, healthy environment. Opportunities for customary and traditional uses by the Native community help

preserve the region's Native culture. We are encouraged that the new Tongass management direction (SASS) mandates a more meaningful engagement and consultation with the region's Native community.

Again, the City of Gustavus strongly supports the Forest Service's 2021 proposal to reverse the Roadless Rule exemption for the Tongass National Forest.

Sincerely,

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Encl: City of Gustavus Resolution CY21-XX Commenting on the USFS Roadless Rule Proposal

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS
RESOLUTION CY21-XX**

A RESOLUTION CITY OF GUSTAVUS COMMENTING ON THE USFS ROADLESS RULE

WHEREAS, The City of Gustavus is a distinctive community that prospers by and through protection of its natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the sustainability and resilience of our Gustavus economy and our lifestyles depend upon nurturing and sustaining the natural resources of our forests, rivers, and ocean, locally and regionally in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, many Gustavus residents obtain their livelihood from environmentally dependent tourism and fishing activities; and

WHEREAS, the Roadless Rule was first adopted in 2001 to protect over 50 million acres of our nation's most essential and intact roadless areas in national forests throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest represent some of the most spectacular and unique lands anywhere in the national forest system and support hunting, fishing, customary and traditional uses, unparalleled outdoor recreation opportunities, and opportunities for businesses; and

WHEREAS, the amount of stored carbon in our intact old-growth forest and soils of the Tongass represents one of the highest carbon stores in the world, and the conservation of intact inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass is essential for maintaining America's resilience and slowing climate change throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Tongass provides a wide range of ecosystem services beyond carbon sequestration to residents and visitors alike on a 24/7 basis naturally and at no cost to the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, increased logging of mature forest in the existing roadless areas of the Tongass will seriously impact the ability of the forest to provide these vital ecosystem services; and

WHEREAS, the community of Gustavus in the 1980s successfully advocated for wilderness status for Icy Strait islands and for the designation of the Chicken Creek watershed and much of northwest Chichagof Island as roadless wildlands; and

WHEREAS, the community of Gustavus has opposed the large-scale roading and logging at Homeshore (Point Couverden); and

WHEREAS, timber from the Tongass has primarily been sold at a significant loss to US taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the 372 timber-related jobs in Southeast Alaska in 2019 (the year before the COVID19 pandemic) represented only 0.81 percent of total Southeast Alaska employment; and

WHEREAS, timber cut on the Tongass National Forest is primarily exported to China as round logs, inhibiting the development of a regional value-added wood-products industry; and

WHEREAS, if the USFS and the State of Alaska are interested in increasing employment on the Tongass, there are numerous opportunities to employ forest workers to restore forest ecosystems damaged by past logging activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, given the serious and long-lasting negative impacts of the exemption from Alaska of Roadless Rule protections on the Tongass, the City of Gustavus strongly supports lasting protection for all inventoried roadless areas on the Tongass National Forest as provided for in the 2001 Roadless Rule, and it requests that the exemption of Alaska from the Roadless Rule be eliminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Gustavus urges that sustainable timber-production opportunities be identified on federal, state, and private forest lands, particularly focusing on second-growth timber, outside the existing roadless areas, in support of a regional wood-products industry suitable in scale to the demand for products from this region; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City of Gustavus urges the USFS to invest in programs and employment opportunities for Southeast residents to restore the health and productivity of Tongass forests and streams as a means of supporting vital ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, small-scale timber production, fish and wildlife populations, natural vistas, visitor amenities, subsistence, hydrological resources, and more.

The City of Gustavus submits the attached letter with expanded and specific comments for our local area.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this XXth day of _____, 20XX.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk