



CITY OF GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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/4esfph35>

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 (appointed/sworn in)

ABSENT

Council Member Rachel Patrick (not excused)

Reading of the City of Gustavus Mission Statement

Mission Statement read by Vice Mayor Owens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 02-10-2025 General Meeting Minutes
- 03-03-2025 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Council Member Beck to approve by unanimous consent the 02-10-2025 General Meeting Minutes and the 03-03-2025 Special Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Hearing no objections, the 02-10-2025 General Meeting Minutes and the 03-03-2025 Special 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

3. Gustavus Visitors Association Quarterly Report
Gustavus Visitor Association President, Leah Okin submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.
Council Clarifying Questions:
Council Member Taylor
Council Member Warner
4. Conservation Lands Advisory Committee Quarterly Report
Conservation Lands Advisory Committee chair, Mike Taylor provided a written report and provided an oral summary.
Council Clarifying Questions: None
5. Policy Advisory Committee (Endowment Fund) Monthly Report
Policy Advisory Committee secretary, Sani Marchbanks provided a written report and oral summary report.
Council Clarifying Questions: None
6. Library Quarterly Report
Library Administrative Director, Melisa Gomb submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.
Council Clarifying Questions:
Council Member Warner
7. City Treasurer Monthly Report
City of Gustavus City Treasurer, Ben Sadler provided monthly financial documents and gave an oral summary.
Clarifying Questions:
Council Member Warner
8. City Administrator Monthly Report
City of Gustavus City Administrator, Kathy Leary provided a written report and provided an oral report. (report provided in packet)
Clarifying Questions: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

James Kearns - pave Wilson road and wave barrier at the dock

CONSENT AGENDA

9. Approve updated scoping document for the Gravel Pit
Motion made by Council Member Taylor to adopt the consent agenda by unanimous consent as presented.
Seconded by Council Member Beck
Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

10. FY25-13 NCO Introduction Capital Improvement Long Term Transfer (Public Hearing 03-20-2025)
Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:45 PM.
Public Testimony: None
Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:45 PM.
Motion made by Council Member Warner to approve FY25-13 NCO Introduction Capital Improvement Long Term Transfer.
Seconded by Council Member Taylor
Council Debate: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. FY25-09 Introduction providing amendment of 2.40.150 Committees (Public Hearing 03-10-2025)
Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to postpone FY25-09 Introduction providing amendment of 2.40.150 Committees to time certain, April 14th, 2025 general meeting.
Seconded by Council Member Taylor
Council Debate:
Council Member Beck
Voting Yea: Mayor McLaughlin, Vice Mayor Owens, Council Member Warner, Council Member Beck, Council Member Taylor
5 yea/ 0 nay
Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

12. Appointment and swearing in of new City Council Member to fill seat D, term expiring 10-13-2025

Motion made by Council Member Warner to nominate both city council applicants; Geoffery Fosse and James Kearns to fill council member seat d with a term expiring on 10-13-2025.

Seconded by Council Member Beck

No - Debate on this item

*Both nominees were asked to speak briefly. Clerk distributed ballots to all Council Members, collected them and announced results.

Round 1: Fosse 1 votes to Kearns 4 votes

Motion made by Council Member Warner to swear in James Kearns to fill city council seat D with a term expiring on 10-13-2025.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Hearing no objections the motion passed.

Clerk Barker swore in James Kearns.

13. Accept resignation of City Council Member Patrick effective 03-03-2025

Motion made by Council Member Kearns to accept the resignation of City Council Member Patrick effective 03-03-2025.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Public Comment: None

Council Debate:

Mayor McLaughlin read a certificate of appreciation

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

6 yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

14. CY25-05 Cost of Living Adjustment

Motion made by Council Member Beck to approve CY25-05 Cost of Living Adjustment.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Public Comment: None

Council Debate:

Council Member Kearns

Mayor McLaughlin

Vice Mayor Owens

City Treasurer Sadler

Vice Mayor Owens

Council Member Warner

Council Member Taylor

Council Member Kearns

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

6yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

15. CY25-04 Clarifying the Role of the City of Gustavus and the Southeast Alaska land trust in the Gustavus Natural Lands Lease Project

Motion made by Council Member Taylor approve CY25-04 Clarifying the Role of the City of Gustavus and the Southeast Alaska land trust in the Gustavus Natural Lands Lease Project.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Public Comment: None

Council Debate:

Council Member Taylor

Vice Mayor Owens

Mayor McLaughlin

Council Member Warner

Council Member Kearns

Council Member Taylor

Council Member Kearns

Council Member Taylor

Mayor McLaughlin

Motion made by Mayor McLaughlin to amend CY25-04 by striking the words "at the next General Meeting" on item number 7 in the now therefore be it resolved section.

Seconded by Taylor

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

6yea/ 0 nay

Motion Passed.

Back to main motion as amended

Council Beck

Council Member Warner

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

Voting Nay: Mayor McLaughlin

5 yea/ 1 nay

Motion Passed.

16. Approve updated scoping document for the Conservation Lands Advisory Committee Beach Meadows Project

Motion made by Council Member Taylor to approve the updated scoping document for the Conservation Lands Advisory Committee Beach Meadow Project.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

Public Comment:

Sandi Marchbanks - Was it part of the original EFG application?

Michelle Olney - Are the landowners involved?

Council Debate:

Council Member Taylor

Council Member Warner

Council Member Kearns

Council Member Warner

City Administrator Leary

Mayor McLaughlin

Council Member Beck

Council Member Warner

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

Voting Nay: Mayor McLaughlin

5 yea/ 1 nay

Motion Passed.

17. Approve scoping document for community outdoor furniture enhancements

Motion made by Council Member Kearns to approve the scoping document for the community outdoor furniture enhancements.

Seconded by Beck

Public Comment: None

Council Debate:

Vice Mayor Owens

Mayor McLaughlin

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.

18. Approve Policy Committee Appointments

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to approve the Policy Advisory Committee appointments as presented.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Public Comment: None

Council Debate:

Council Member Taylor

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

19. Mayor Monthly Report

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

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Warner - C-LAC Art contest

Clerk Barker - Coffee with Council

City Administrator - SB63 - LBC commissioner from unorganized borough

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

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ADA NOTICE

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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