



CITY OF GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 12, 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 - PENDING

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

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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 Kearns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 04-14-2025 General Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to approve by unanimous consent the 04-14-2025 Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Council Member Warner

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Hearing no objections, the 04-14-2025 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. 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

3. 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:

Council Member Warner

Mayor McLaughlin

4. Marine Facilities Quarterly Report

Marine Facilities Coordinator, Kenn Magowan submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.

Clarifying Questions: None

5. 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

6. City Administrator Monthly Report

City of Gustavus City Administrator, Kathy Leary provided a written report and provided an oral report.

Clarifying Questions:

Vice Mayor Owens

Council Member Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Justin Marchbanks - request for City Council to take action on businesses not remitting taxes

CONSENT AGENDA

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

7. FY25-14 Ordinance to repeal and replace 2.40.150 Committees (Introduced 4/14/2024)

Point of order by Clerk Barker - A summary is provided, then public hearing, then the motion. - Well taken.

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

Public Testimony: None

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

Motion made by Council Member Warner to approve FY25-14 Ordinance to repeal and replace 2.40.150 Committees.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

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.

8. FY25-15 Amendment of Title 1 Chapter 1 Section 020 Definitions (Introduced 04-14-2025)

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 Kearns to approve FY25-15 Amendment of Title 1 Chapter 1 Section 020 Definitions.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor

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.

9. FY25-16 Amendment of Title 2 Chapter 10 Section 020 Qualifications (Introduced 04-14-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:33 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:34 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Beck to approve FY25-16 Amendment of Title 2 Chapter 10 Section 020 Qualifications.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

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.

10. FY25-17 Amendment of Title 2 Chapter 20 Section 020 Qualifications of Council Members (Introduced 04-14-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:35 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:35 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Kearns to approve FY25-17 Amendment of Title 2 Chapter 20 Section 020 Qualifications of Council Members.

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.

11. FY25-18 Amendment of Title 6 Chapter 01 Section 030 Library Advisory Committee (Introduced 04-14-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:37 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:37 PM.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to approve FY25-18 Amendment of Title 6 Chapter 01 Section 030 Library Advisory Committee.

Seconded by Council Member Beck

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.

12. FY25-19 Amendment of Title 6 Chapter 03 Section 050 Staff (Introduced 04-14-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:38 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:38 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Kearns to approve FY25-19 Amendment of Title 6 Chapter 03 Section 050 Staff.

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. FY25-20 Repeal of Title 6 Chapter 04 Section 030 Roads Advisory Committee (Introduced 04-14-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:40 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:40 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Taylor to approve FY25-20 Repeal of Title 6 Chapter 04 Section 030 Roads Advisory Committee.

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.

14. FY25-21 Repeal of Title 6 Chapter 08 Section 040 Environmental Advisory Committee (Introduced 04-14-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:41 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:41 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Kearns to approve FY25-21 Repeal of Title 6 Chapter 08 Section 040 Environmental Advisory Committee.

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.

15. FY25-22 Repeal of Title 8 Chapter 02 Section 040 Marine Facilities Advisory Committee (Introduced 04-14-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:42 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:43 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Beck to approve FY25-22 Repeal of Title 8 Chapter 02 Section 040 Marine Facilities Advisory Committee.

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.

16. FY25-23 Amendment of Title 10 Chapter 01 Section 010 Definitions (Introduced 04-14-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:43 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:44 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Warner to approve FY25-23 Amendment of Title 10 Chapter 01 Section 010 Definitions.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens

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. FY25-24NCO Amendment of the City held accounts in fiscal year 2025 (Introduced 04-14-2025)

Mayor McLaughlin opened the public hearing at 7:45 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor McLaughlin closed the public hearing at 7:46 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Kearns to approve FY25-24NCO Amendment of the City held accounts in fiscal year 2025.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor

Council Debate:

City Administrator Leary

Council Member Kearns

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

18. CY25-10 A resolution amending policy and procedure for a regular position employee performance evaluation
Motion made by Council Member Kearns to approve CY25-10 A resolution amending policy and procedure for a regular position employee performance evaluation.
Seconded by Council Member Warner
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. FY25-25 Providing for the amendment of 1.02.030 ordinance procedure (Public Hearing 06-09-2025)
Motion made by Vice Mayor Owens to introduce FY25-25 Providing for the amendment of 1.02.030 ordinance procedure.
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.
20. FY25-26NCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Hearing 06-09-2025)
Motion made by Council Member Taylor to introduce FY25-24NCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.
Seconded by Vice Mayor Owens
Motion by Mayor McLaughlin to amend motion to read "to introduce FY25-26NCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2026" by unanimous consent.
Seconded by Kearns
Hearing no objections the motion passed by unanimous consent.
Back to main motion as amended
Public Comment: None
Council Debate:

Council Member Warner

City Treasurer Sadler

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.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice Mayor Owens- Provided a brief summary of the CERT training she attended.

21. Mayor Monthly Report

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

Clarifying Questions:

Council Member Warner

Mayor McLaughlin

Council Member Kearns

Council Member Taylor

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Taylor - appreciation of local business' letter about taxes

Council Member Warner - Beach Meadows Photo Contest

City Administrator Leary - business taxes

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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