



# CITY OF GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
Gustavus City Hall

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Shelley Owens  
Vice Mayor Brian Taylor  
Council Members: Janene Driscoll, Rachel Patrick  
Jim Mackovjak, Kyle Bishop, 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/5155019406?pwd=UjNNbjB0T0czdnNreUdWSE1DUHJUQT09&omn=82301710299>  
**ID:** 515 501 9406    **PASSCODE:** 2451    **TEL:** 253-215-8782

### **ROLL CALL** (18 seconds)

#### PRESENT

Mayor Shelley Owens  
Vice Mayor Brian Taylor  
Council Member Janene Driscoll  
Council Member Rachel Patrick (via Zoom)  
Council Member Jim Mackovjak (via Zoom)  
Council Member Kyle Bishop  
Council Member Mike Taylor

### **Reading of the City of Gustavus Vision Statement** (1 minute)

Vision Statement read by Council Member Bishop.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (1 minute 50 seconds)

- 04-08-2024 General Meeting Minutes
- 04-15-2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- 04-24-2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Council Member Patrick to approve by unanimous consent the 04-08-2024 General Meeting Minutes, 04-15-2024 Special Meeting minutes, and the 04-24-2024 Special Meeting minutes.

Seconded by Vice Mayor B. Taylor

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Hearing no objections the 04-08-2024 General Meeting Minutes, 04-15-2024 Special Meeting minutes, and the 04-24-2024 Special Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES** *(3 minutes 33 seconds)*

There were no agenda changes.

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

**COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS** *(3 minutes 58 seconds)*

4. Disposal and Recycling Center Quarterly Report *(4 minutes 16 seconds)*  
Disposal and Recycling Center Manager/Operator, Ian Barrier submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.  
Clarifying Questions:  
Vice Mayor B. Taylor  
Council Member Driscoll  
City Administrator Leary  
Council Member Mackovjak
5. Marine Facilities Quarterly Report *(10 minutes 14 seconds)*  
Marine Facilities Coordinator, Larry Platt submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.  
Clarifying Questions: None
6. City Treasurer Monthly Report *(11 minutes 9 seconds)*  
City of Gustavus City Treasurer, Ben Sadler provided monthly financial documents and gave an oral summary.  
Clarifying Questions: None
7. City Administrator Monthly Report *(12 minutes 35 seconds)*  
City of Gustavus City Administrator, Kathy Leary submitted a written report and provided an oral report.  
Clarifying Questions: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** *(19 minutes 20 seconds)*

Sally McLaughlin - PFAS, would like another presentation at a town hall meeting

Clarifying Questions: City Administrator Leary

LeAnn Weikle, library services director - collections development policy

Point of Order by Mayor Owens,- topic is a staff issue and not appropriate during this time. - well taken

City Clerk Barker - Clarifying information can be sent to the council via emailing the clerk.

Jessica Mulligan, community member- Library budget cuts

Point of Order by Mayor Owens- the budget is an agenda item and not allowed at this time. - well taken

Jessica Mulligan - concern about staff and general library concerns,

Mayor Owens – Not appropriate to speak at this time about library concerns

Point of Order by Clerk Barker - Cannot speak about the library budget at this time since it's on the agenda with the introduction of an NCO. All other matters regarding the library are acceptable to speak to at this time because they are not on the agenda. - well taken

Jessica Mulligan - The Library is crucial to the community and supports the staff

**CONSENT AGENDA** *(30 minutes 50 seconds)*

None

**ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING** *(31 minutes 22 seconds)*

City Treasurer, Ben Sadler gave a brief explanation of FY24-12NCO, FY24-13NCO, and FY24-14NCO.

8. FY24-12NCO Capital Project Funding 2024 Salmon River Park Playground Equipment Expansion Project Phase 2 (Introduced 04/08/2024)

*(32 minutes 23 seconds)*

Mayor Owens opened the public hearing at 7:34 PM.

Public Testimony: None

Mayor Owens closed the public hearing at 7:36 PM.

Motion made by Council Member Patrick to approve FY24-12NCO Capital Project Funding 2024 Salmon River Park Playground Equipment Expansion Project Phase 2

Seconded by Council Member M. Taylor

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Owens, Vice Mayor B. Taylor, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Bishop, Council Member M. Taylor

Motion Passed

9. FY24-13NCO Capital Project Funding 2024 for Landfill Expansion (Introduced 04/08/2024) *(35 minutes 59 seconds)*

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

Public Testimony: None

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

Motion made by Vice Mayor B. Taylor to approve FY24-13NCO Capital Project Funding 2024 for Landfill Expansion

Seconded by Council Member Bishop

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Owens, Vice Mayor B. Taylor, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Bishop, Council Member M. Taylor

Motion Passed

10. FY24-14NCO Long-Term Capital Project Surplus to FNBA (Introduced 04-15-2024)

*(38 minutes 15 seconds)*

Mayor Owens opened the public hearing at 7:39 PM.

Public Testimony: None

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

Motion made by Council Member Mackovjak to approve FY24-14NCO Long-Term Capital Project Surplus to FNBA.

Seconded by Vice Mayor B. Taylor

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Owens, Vice Mayor B. Taylor, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Bishop, Council Member M. Taylor

Motion Passed

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. CY24-10 Resolution asserting unfettered public access to the Falls Creek lands via the Hydro Road is a Public Right *(40 minutes 37 seconds)*

Motion made by Vice Mayor B. Taylor to postpone Item #10: A Resolution by the City of Gustavus Asserting that Unfettered Public Access to the Falls Creek Lands Via the Hydro Road is a Public Right to a time certain, the June 10, 2024 Gustavus City Council General Meeting.

Seconded by Council Member Patrick

Point of Order: Need an amendment to the motion because it is item #11 not #10.  
- Well Taken

Motion made by Vice Mayor B. Taylor to postpone Item #11: A Resolution by the City of Gustavus Asserting that Unfettered Public Access to the Falls Creek Lands Via the Hydro Road is a Public Right to a time certain, the June 10, 2024 Gustavus City Council General Meeting.

Seconded by Council Member Patrick

Council Debate:

Vice Mayor B. Taylor

Council Member M. Taylor

Voting Yea: Mayor Owens, Vice Mayor B. Taylor, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Bishop, Council Member M. Taylor

Motion Passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

12. CY24-12 Resolution establishing a conservation lands advisory committee  
*(45 minutes 26 seconds)*

Motion made by Council Member M. Taylor to approve CY24-12 Resolution establishing a conservation lands advisory committee.

Seconded by Vice Mayor B. Taylor

Point of Order by Vice Mayor B. Taylor - Need to read the resolution - Well taken

Resolution read by Vice Mayor B. Taylor

Public comment: None

Council debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Owens, Vice Mayor B. Taylor, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Bishop, Council Member M. Taylor

Motion Passed

13. FY24-15NCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (public hearing 06-10-2024)  
*(51 minutes 17 seconds)*

Motion made by Council Member Bishop to introduce FY24-15NCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

Seconded by Vice Mayor B. Taylor

Summary by City Treasurer, Ben Sadler

Public Comment: None

Council Debate:

Council Member Driscoll

City Administrator Leary

Council Member Driscoll

Parliamentary clarification: Clerk Barker- Public comment has closed for this agenda item

Vice Mayor B. Taylor

Council Member Bishop

Council Member Driscoll

Council Member Bishop

Point of Order by Vice Mayor B. Taylor - Keep it to council debate - well taken

Vice Mayor B. Taylor

City Administrator Leary

Mayor Owens

Point of Order by Clerk Barker - Each council member gets two chances to speak during debate - well taken

Voting Yea: Mayor Owens, Vice Mayor B. Taylor, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Bishop, Council Member M. Taylor

Voting Nay: Council Member Driscoll

Motion Passed

14. FY24- 16NCO Amendment of Departmental Budgets in Fiscal Year 2024 (public hearing 06-10-2024) *(1 hour 10 minutes 49 seconds)*

Motion made by Council Member Patrick to introduce FY24- 16NCO Amendment of Departmental Budgets in Fiscal Year 2024.

Seconded by Council Member Mackovjak.

Summary by City Treasurer, Ben Sadler

Public Comment: None

Council Debate: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Owens, Vice Mayor B. Taylor, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Bishop, Council Member M. Taylor

Motion Passed

15. FY24-17NCO Same Old Road Drainage Improvement Project (public hearing 06-10-2024) *(1 hour 15 minutes 16 seconds)*

Motion made by Council Member Driscoll to introduce FY24-17NCO Same Old Road Drainage Improvement Project.

Seconded by Council Member M. Taylor

Summary by Council Member M. Taylor

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Owens, Vice Mayor B. Taylor, Council Member Driscoll, Council Member Patrick, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Bishop, Council Member M. Taylor

Motion Passed

## **CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

16. Coffee with Council *(1 hour 18 minutes 03 seconds)*

Council Member Driscoll provided a brief update about the upcoming Coffee with Council event.

17. City Beautification *(1 hour 18 minutes 45 seconds)*

Council Member Driscoll provided a brief update.

18. Payment Processing Fees/Bank Service Charge *(1 hour 19 minutes 44 seconds)*

Vice Mayor B. Taylor provided a brief update.

19. SS4A Grant *(1 hour 22 minutes 25 seconds)*

Council Member Mackovjak provided a brief update.

20. Mayor's Report *(1 hour 23 minutes 26 seconds)*

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

### **CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS** *(1 hour 25 minutes 00 seconds)*

Council Member Driscoll - PFAS presentation

Mayor Owens

Clerk Barker

City Administrator Leary

Council Member Mackovjak - Senator Kiehl will be in Gustavus 5/23/24

Council Member Bishop - thanks for all those advocating for library

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** *(1 hour 36 minutes 06 seconds)*

Sally McLaughlin - Thanks for the efficient meeting

Jim Kearns - Pave Willson Rd, appreciation for starting the wave barrier process, and suggested adding the credit card fee to the user

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT** *(1 hour 34 minutes 35 seconds)*

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

**POSTED ON:** May 8, 2024 at P.O, Library, City Hall & <https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/>

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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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Shelley K. Owens, Mayor

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Date

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Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk

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Date