

# Municipality of Anchorage



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**GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*Briana Sullivan & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs*

*Mike Edgington, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade*

## **August 2, 2023 GBOS 2024 Budget Work Session 1 Minutes Final 4PM Hybrid meeting via Teams**

This meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams and in-person in the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

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Call to Order 4:02 Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

Roll Call: attending are Guy Wade, Jennifer Wingard, Briana Sullivan, Mike Edgington

Amanda Sassi is excused

Disclosures: none

### **Agenda Revisions and Approval**

August 2 2023 GBOS 2024 Budget Work Session 1 agenda approval    JW/GW            Assent

### **Agenda:**

1.        Budget Overview

2022 Property Tax Structure for Municipal Services in Tax District 4 presented in packet

City wide everyone pays the same amount for:

    Areawide Tax (.04 mills)

    Anchorage School District (7.17 mills)

City is broken into Service Areas for other services, Girdwood Service Area Tax was 5.35 mills for police, fire, parks and rec, roads. Girdwood has the 5<sup>th</sup> lowest property tax in the city; lowest of all with all services provided, this has been the case historically for over 10 years. Jump in tax in 2016/17 was the result of adding police services at that time.

There is no cemetery budget as this has shifted to an Areawide Service.

Additional authority of the GBOS for Housing and Economic Development may require budget.

2.        Fire Department Budget

Fire Department budget displayed to show staffing that is in compliance with NFPA Standards.

Fire Board has not yet reviewed this budget and is likely to make recommendations to it, meeting is planned to occur before the 2<sup>nd</sup> GBOS Budget Work Session on Aug 21. Current budget shows 3% and 5% Cost of Living Allowance options. Insurance and retirement are other increases currently reflected in the budget.

Fire Dept recently received grant that will pay for additional Firefighter training.

Budget shows payment on loan for new apparatus.

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### 3. Roads Budget

3% staff increase as required by union contract.

\$100,000 increase to capital account to help build the funds for additional road work, specifically completing the updated culverts, which are fish passage compliant. Completing these culverts while under contract with Western is desirable as Western has shown that they have the skills and experience to accomplish the work and has saved significant funds in the project they just completed.

Another project that needs to be completed is repaving Girdwood Place.

### 4. Parks and Recreation Budget

Parks and rec budget shows a decrease in the paid trail crew portion, which is offset by increase in Girdwood Parks Caretaker crew. This will allow GVSA to keep parks crew longer in the year and hopefully offer jobs with a bump in salary to the current caretakers to encourage them to come back in 2024.

\$100,000 increase to capital account to pay for park planning, work in the playground, tennis court resurfacing. Once Trails Plan is approved, early project will be to complete a trail from the end of Barren Ave to the bike path under the Alyeska Highway bridge.

Largest element of the Parks and Rec Budget is the non-profit grants. Grant presentation meeting is scheduled for October 23 at 5PM.

Group discusses increasing permit fees for campground and community room. Neither has been raised since implementation. Campground fee is \$10 per night, this goes to Parks and Rec budget. \$10 is probably still fair for the primitive sites. Community room is \$10 per hour, this goes to the Roads Budget revenues. This could be raised now that the AV has been upgraded, recommend \$20 per hour. There is work to be done in the community room, including replacing the carpet and painting.

Prior to 2017 grant amounts were based on the number of applicants who applied and how much was requested. Starting in 2017, GBOS budgeted for grants and created a system of review and scaling. From 2017-2019 grant funds were \$50,000 total with \$30,000 disbursed among applicants and FVCS hard-funded at \$20,000. This was increased to \$60,000 in 2020 with \$35,000 disbursed among applicants and FVCS hard-funded at \$25,000.

Implementing increases involves GBOS approval of budget with the increase and approval of that budget via public meeting.

5. Cemetery Budget: No budget has this has become an Areawide service.

### 6. Police Budget

Flat budget, currently pending response from ACS regarding achieving substation improvements in their building.

### 7. Capital Budget

Comprehensive discussion of the capital budgets will be at the next meeting.

#### **Public Comment:**

Mike Edgington: Housing and Economic Development budget should be discussed at the next meeting. Housing Demand Analysis will recommend an implementation plan, which would be funded by GVSA. B&B bed tax in Girdwood has increased the room tax revenue coming from Girdwood significantly, currently \$1.8M total is received from the service area. By code, this is divided up:

1/3 to the Convention Center

1/3 to Visit Anchorage

1/3 to Anchorage General Fund, of which about 1% returns to Girdwood in property tax savings.

GBOS may want to investigate receiving a larger portion of that to use to mitigate the impact of Short Term Rental in the community via HEC.

Adjourn 5:30PM