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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Briana Sullivan & Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chairs

Mike Edgington, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade

August 21, 2023 GBOS 2024 Budget Work Session 2 Minutes Final 5PM 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 5:02PM Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

Roll Call: Attending are Briana Sullivan (BS), Jennifer Wingard (JW), Guy Wade (GW), Mike Edgington (ME), and Amanda Sassi (AS)

No Disclosures

Agenda Revisions and Approval

August 21 2023 GBOS 2024 Budget Work Session 2 agenda approved JW/GW Assent vote

Agenda:

1. Budget Overview & Capital Budgets

Review of Girdwood Area Fund Balance. Reserve fund replenished after using it for work after flooding events. \$1.25M in the Fund; \$390,000 available, of which \$80,000 is set aside for Engine 41 deposit.

Review of priority projects within the GVSA. Drainage and roads study will be added back to the list. Ruane Road replacement work was granted via federal funds thru Sen Murkowski's office however the status of this grant and funding to replace the culverts on Ruane is unclear. GBOS may need to provide a letter requesting information and assistance. Group discusses the status of SOA and MOA Capital Improvement Project lists and determines to add this to the September GBOS regular meeting.

Girdwood remains the lowest tax district with full services.

Proposed budgets are mainly flat in Operations with some increases in capital requests to move projects forward. Mayor has requested flat or reduced budgets, there may be pushback from administration on budgets.

2. Fire Department Budget

Budget reflects 3% Cost of Living adjustment in salaries for fire.

GFR expects insufficient funding from AFD budget for EMS service.

Fire Board has not yet approved this budget request.

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3. Housing and Economic Stability Budget

No budget presented as staff doesn't have budget request at this time.

Edgington suggests a placeholder budget to cover cost of a Housing Implementation Plan, estimating \$80,000, which may be more of a request for funding from the Undesignated Fund. In any case, it's more of a capital expense and not operating. Group discusses that no request for funding has come from the GHEC.

4. Roads Budget

Budget represented contracted 3% Cost of Living increase for staff salary.

Increase of \$100,000 over last year for capital account to address culvert work.

5. Parks and Recreation Budget

Increase in parks caretaker salary and perhaps season is offset by less put toward contracted trail crew.

Increase in capital contribution.

Group discusses increasing the rental rate for the Girdwood Community Room from \$10 per hour to \$20 per hour.

Anchorage Library rooms rent for \$30 per hour. Review of the groups that use the room is that most are community/non-profit and local exercise groups. Few are private rentals at this time.

6. Police Budget

No increase, budget is fixed via contract through 2025, increase is possible in 2026 and 2027 under the same contract.

7. Discuss GBOS goals for 2024

List of projects provided by staff, mainly projects in process via committees.

Group discusses adding Outreach to other communities outside of Anchorage that share similar issues, such as housing, with Girdwood.

8. Set additional Budget Work Session meeting date if needed

Group understands that another work session can be added if needed. One element that could change is Fire Budget with input from Fire Board of Directors. At this time no additional work session is scheduled.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn 6:05PM