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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mike Edgington & Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs

Jennifer Wingard, Amanda Sassi, Guy Wade

July 26, 2022
GBOS Special Meeting RE: 2023 Budget 1
Minutes Draft
6:00 p.m. Girdwood Community Room

This meeting is being held in person at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd, and on-line via Teams:

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors, its committees, and subcommittees are subject to the Alaska Open Meetings Act as found in Alaska Statute 44.62.310 and Anchorage Municipal Code 1.25 - Public Meetings.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct. Call to Order 6:00 p.m. Briana Sullivan, Co-Chair

Roll Call

GBOS attending are: Briana Sullivan, Guy Wade, Amanda Sassi, Jennifer Wingard
Mike Edgington is excused, attending Assemble meeting to contribute re Girdwood ADU discussion

No disclosures

Other attending are Chief Weston, Girdwood Fire Dept and Girdwood Fire Board members Larry Daniels and Paula Bogdan

Agenda Revisions and Approval

GBOS July 26 2022 Special Meeting RE 2023 Budget 1 Agenda Amanda Sassi/Guy Wade Assent

Agenda

1. Budget Overview

GVSA Manager reviews last 2022 tax levy, at 12.41 total levy, Girdwood is 2rd lowest in the MOA with some services. Lowest is Turnagain Arm SA (including Crow Creek), which has limited police and no other services. Girdwood is the lowest tax district with full services. Downtown Anchorage has the highest tax rate in the MOA at 16.84 mills in 2022.

Reviewing historical mill rate data, trend has been for assessments to go up and mill rate to go down. Anchorage School District Areawide tax is even for all tax payers, it is highest single area of taxation at 7.63 mills. 2021 was notable due to the 1.09 School District bond repayment by city taxes. Traditionally this has been paid by the State, but this was declined by the governor that year.

2. Fire Department Budget

Chief Weston provides a powerpoint presentation, included in the meeting packet. Paid on call labor data will be added, this needs to be pulled from other reports and will be available at the next budget meeting.

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In order to meet NFPA standards, GFD needs to provide 6 paid staff and requests and increase in the GFD Fire Budget of \$292,000. Chief has increase in non-labor of approximately \$19,000, however items currently listed as non-labor costs may be able to be considered capital expenses, such as the Knox box upgrades and 911 upgrades.

GFD EMS budget is paid by the MOA and should be funded at the \$507,500 as agreed in 2021.

Fire Department does seek additional funding through fundraising and grants.

Larry Daniels speaks on behalf of the Fire Board in support of the increase to bring Girdwood up to NFPA standards. Inflation alone accounts for 12% increase in budget. Under-funding increases risk to department members, liability of department and public and translates into higher fire insurance rates paid by property owners.

3. Roads Budget

Current request is an increase of \$10,000 to cover salary increases. Admin is union-represented with annual increase; manager increase of 1% has been approved by the mayor. GBOS is also working on a separate salary increase for the GVSA manager, which will be reflected in Line 1 in future budgets.

Roads budget may experience significant change as the roads contractor has requested a fuel variance which the MOA purchasing dept is not supporting. Roads contract may go out to bid if the two cannot come to agreement. Cost of diesel was about \$2.95/gal when the contract was bid in 2021, it is currently around \$6.25/gal. Contractor has requested variance to cover increase per hour/per burn rate of the vehicles back to Jan 1. This is estimated to increase 2022 budget by \$50-60,000. Kyle may increase the roads budget from the current level of \$700,000 for the year to \$800,000.

4. Parks and Recreation Budget

Current request is an increase of \$13,000, primarily in labor for part time employees in summer. Goal is to increase responsibility level to require more skills and leadership from summer parks crew.

Budget may be increased for repairs such as tennis court paint/crack repair.

Non-profits are flat funded as in previous years with \$35,000 to be divided among grantees and \$25,000 for Four Valleys Community School.

5. Cemetery Budget

No operations budget for cemetery in 2023. It is likely that Cemetery committee will seek bonding for construction in the April election.

6. Police Budget

Contract renewal in Dec 2022. It is expected that Whittier will request a one-time 12% increase instead of the CPI increase that is currently in the contract. In addition, a slight increase in misc budget to cover towing, signage, etc.

Request increase to budget of \$87,000.

PSAC should be discussing contract changes at Aug 1 meeting and forwarding contracting on to MOA and Whittier Town Council legal depts to work on contract revision for 3 year agreement.

7. Capital Budget

Budgets include the following requests for capital funding in 2023; goal is to bring up savings accounts for each area to \$1M to complete projects instead of parsing them out:

Fire Dept:

\$74,000 for Fire Dept, with other funding will bring account to approx. \$600,000

GBOS just encumbered \$225,000 in turnouts and 2 vehicles.

\$80,000 for approved truck is returning to capital fund but will be re-encumbered when that vehicle can be purchased.

Roads:

\$125,000 for Roads brings roads account to \$377,000. This account was tapped for Arlberg repaving last year.

Parks:

\$125,000 for Parks and Rec brings account to \$1M, although \$525 is encumbered for the design documents for the suspension bridge, which is now under way. Other encumbrances include \$70,000 for Community Room and \$63,000 for the pedestrian flasher, which needs to be unencumbered.

Cemetery:

\$2,300 remains in the account from pre-development project. This should be moved to another account as cemetery projects related to capital improvements will fall under the MOA Areawide.

Near-term Capital projects under consideration:

Little Bears new building. Funding likely from ARPA distribution.

Suspension Bridge design, construction. Design under way, \$1.2M construction funding from State and seeking funding through Rasmuson Foundation in November grant cycle.

Alyeska Playing Field and Girdwood Park master planning.

Alyeska Playing Field/parking redevelopment

Lions Club Park Pavilion – balance with grants

Batting Cage – also likely balance with grants, possibly Anchorage Park Foundation

Fish Passage Culverts

Pave Timberline to Loveland, speed bumps for traffic calming. This is new concept based on degradation of road bed.

Covered sand storage at Industrial park

Public Comment:

Persons offering public comment must state their full name and address. Public Comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person and must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.

Adjourn 7:55PM