

# Municipality of Anchorage



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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Briana Sullivan & Mike Edgington, Co-Chairs  
Jennifer Wingard, Brian Burnett, Guy Wade*

## **July 9, 2024 GVSA 2025 Budget Special Meeting Minutes Draft 12:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams & Girdwood Community Room**

This meeting is being held via teams with in-person attendance at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Elgoff Rd.

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 12:00 p.m. Briana Sullivan or Mike Edgington, GBOS Co-Chair

Land Acknowledgement: The Girdwood Board of Supervisors acknowledges the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on. The community of Girdwood, situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland, respects the people who were stewards of this land for generations. We commit to the continued stewardship of this land and are grateful to be part of a wider community that seeks to maintain a sustainable use of Girdwood Valley for present and future peoples.

Roll Call & Disclosures

### **Agenda Revisions and Approval**

July 9, 2024 GVSA Budget Work Session #1 Meeting Agenda approved                      Assent vote  
Addition of item 1: consider meeting schedule change from July 15 to July 22

1. Review and vote regarding GBOS Letter regarding Levee on California Creek

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve the letter as written.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Burnett

Motion carries by assent vote

GBOS members acknowledge that the P&Z meeting on July 15 will include hearing of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan. Several members plan to attend, as do community members. The GBOS regular meeting presents a conflict for this. Group agrees to reschedule the GBOS regular meeting to July 22 to allow participation at Planning and Zoning.

2. 2025 GVSA Budget Overview

Increase in proposed budgets in 2025 due to inflation, cost of materials and personnel costs.

It is noted that the calculated mill rate is based on the assessments in 2024. It is likely that assessments will rise in 2025 as they have in previous years, so the actual mill rate represented is likely to go down somewhat.

Girdwood Valley Service Area taxpayers pay the least of all the tax districts with full services. Highest area of tax is the school district. Areawide taxation has been subsidized by other taxes (alcohol, car rental, etc).

GBOS Meeting Agendas and minutes are available on line: <http://www.muni.org/gbos>

### 3. Fire Department Budget

Attending on behalf of the Fire Board of Directors are Paula Bogdan and Kara Edwards.

GBOS requests that Fire Dept Board of Directors have provided their support to the budget presented at the next meeting, MON Aug 19 at 5PM.

Chief Weston will make adjustments to the budget to bring it under 2.1mills.

Budget increases are based on staffing costs, operating expenses, vehicle maintenance.

GBOS requests budget detail of personnel costs (full-time vs call shifts).

Fire Board member requests a column showing year to date for 2024.

EMS budget is expected to be flat compared to 2024. EMS budget is produced by the MOA.

### 4. Roads Budget

2025 proposed budget is an increase of \$37,861, primarily from staffing and increases in materials and trucking costs.

### 5. Parks and Recreation Budget

2025 proposed budget is an increase of \$15,000, mainly reflecting proposed increase in SCA or other trails crew for 10 days and increased cost for utilities.

Set date for GVSA Non-Profit Recreation Grants presentations: Staff will poll for dates in October to hold this mandatory meeting for grant applicants. Grant information will be posted July 15, applications available Aug 1-mid-September.

### 6. Housing and Economic Budget

Flat budget proposed for 2025. GHEC will discuss at their next meeting.

### 7. Cemetery Budget.

No budget request for 2025. Cemetery is Areawide now.

### 8. Police Budget

Increase of \$6,000 over 2024. This is tenant improvements.

GBOS is reminded that this is year 3 of flat contracted budget amount for WPD. If renewed, cost of contract will increase in 2026.

### 9. Capital Budget

Group reviews recent budget allotments to Capital accounts:

Fire has \$223,000 in capital reserve, \$74,000 is allocated for new apparatus but equipment hasn't arrived yet so funds will not be expended in 2024 on this item. Recommendation to move these funds so they can be used elsewhere.

Parks has \$1.1M in capital reserve. Much of this will go toward bridge construction. \$409,000 is in capital undesignated fund.

Cemetery: remaining balance of \$2365 for cemetery study. As these funds were earmarked for a specific project, moving them requires Assembly approval.

### Upcoming Projects:

Glacier Creek Bridge \$2M-\$2.2M

Lions Club Park Pavilion: grant awarded but pending finalization of project.

Grooming Snow machine purchase likely in 2025

Parks Master Plan – becoming a higher priority over time.

Fish Passages – to be discussed later, particularly the one at Davos

Rehab the Arlberg bike path: patching completed in 2024. Re-pave is needed.

Power to the Girdwood Industrial Lot – design is complete and submitted to Chugach Electric. Pending response

Pave Timberline to Vail and uphill – Reviewing options. Paving allows for traffic calming that is not possible with gravel roads.

California Creek Box Culvert at Ruane – Majority of funds accessed via EPA grant. AWWU is now handling this grant along with related projects of AWWU.

Project that might be considered for bonding or CIP list:

Mt. Hood Fish Passage and/or Timberline paving. Other neighborhoods seek funding through Municipal CIP list.

Creating a Girdwood Capital Improvements project list is added to the July 22 agenda.

Davos Road/Alyeska Creek Fish Culvert:

Project was required to go out to bid by Purchasing due to scale of project.

Engineers estimate was \$522,000; lowest bid was \$668,000. GBOS previously budgeted \$668,000 for the project, so there is a shortfall of \$222,846 to complete the project. Additional funds are available in the Roads Undesignated Fund, \$146,000. To attain the remaining amount, staff recommends moving funds remaining from the Moose Meadows Creek work, approx. \$30,000 and from the Parks Undesignated Fund, approx. \$68,000.

Motion:

GBOS moves to reappropriate \$30,362.49 from the Moose Meadows Project and \$68,177.93 from the Parks Undesignated capital fund to fund the remainder of the Alyeska Creek at Davos Road Fish Passage Culvert project.

Motion by Briana Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Wingard

Vote via roll call 4 in favor, 0 opposed

Motion carries

Kyle will be setting up meetings with Supervisors to discuss budgets for their areas of oversight.

**Public Comment:** None

Adjourn 1:30PM