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

Sept 3, 2025 **GBOS Special Meeting: GVSA 2026 Budget & MOA STR Tax Proposal** **Minutes Final** **7 p.m. via Microsoft Teams & Girdwood Community Room**

This hybrid meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams & at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff 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 Mike Edgington, 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: attending are Jennifer Wingard (JW) Brian Burnett (BB) Kellie Okonek (KO), Briana Sullivan (BS), Mike Edgington ME

Disclosures - none

Agenda approval with amendments to add items 3 and 4 JW/KO Assent

Agenda:

1. GVSA 2026 Budget and MOA budget process: See meeting packet for details. Noted that GVSA has traditionally been the 5th lowest tax district within the MOA and the lowest tax district that has full services. In recent years GVSA has contributed more to capital projects and is working through those projects. As GVSA has been unsuccessful in bonding, this has been a mechanism to achieve community goals within the tax cap. MOA has not provided the list of tax districts and amounts of tax for this year yet.

Fire Department Budget: Request for increased funding for staff to meet NFPA standards. Effort also to receive some of these funds via grants. IGCs in Fire Budget should be discussed at MOA GBOS Quarterly meeting in October.

Housing and Economic Stability Budget: Budget reduced as committee has spent about \$7500 of budgeted funds in previous years. Decision at some other time about what to do with the surplus funds held for GHEC. Discussion about upcoming projects and seed money for them, including Ruane development and feasibility study for RV park.

Roads Budget: Increase in anticipated cost for new contract for road service. Contract will go out to bid in 2026. Revenues in Roads budget come from Community Room rental, primarily. Group will add discussion about increasing fees to fall meeting cycle. Questions regarding IGCs should be addressed at MOA GBOS Quarterly meeting in October.

Parks and Recreation Budget: Turf contract will also go out to bid in 2026, no increase to this currently budgeted, this can be handled in 1Q Revision. Proposed cuts to contracted trail work and decrease in capital contribution. Revenues reported under parks and rec are mainly from outdoor permit fees for trails, parks, campground and pavilion. GBOS will add discussion of increasing these fees to fall meeting cycle.

Police Budget: Contract extension 2026 for the next two years. After that, the contract will need to go through renewal process. Extension proposal from Whittier includes previously agreed contract rate increase, \$10,000 for support during special events, \$32,750 for dispatch services. GBOS balks at the increase for special events as two are held by private company (new years eve and spring carnival) and one is non-profit (forest fair) and were well known at the time of contract negotiation originally.

GBOS is in agreement with increase for dispatch.

Capital Budgets and accounts: See meeting packet

Undesignated fund: Not discussed

Fire Budget:

GBOS moves to approve \$2,128,905 for Girdwood Fire Department budget.

Motion by BS/KO

Amendment:

GBOS moves to change contract amount of to \$1,388,833 in the Girdwood Fire Department Budget.

Amendment by ME/JW

Motion carries 4-1 (BB) in roll call vote

Motion carries.

Amended motion:

GBOS moves to approve \$2,042,000 for Girdwood Fire Department 2026 budget.

Motion by BS/KO

Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote

Housing and Economic Budget

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve \$40,000 for Housing and Economic budget.

Motion by KO/JW

Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote

Roads Budget:

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve \$1,766,007 for Girdwood Roads budget

Motion by KO/JW

Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote

Parks and Rec Budget:

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve \$644,019 for Girdwood Parks and Recreation budget

Motion by KO/JW

Motion carries 5-0 in roll call vote.

Permit fees to be added to Sept GBOS regular meeting.

Public Safety Budget:

Motion:

GBOS moves to approve \$923,612 for public safety budget.

Motion by KO/JW

Amendment:

GBOS moves to remove \$10,000 increase for OT for Special Events, adjusting the budget to \$913,612.

Amendment Motion by ME/BS

Amendment passes 5-0 in roll call vote

Revised motion:
GBOS moves to approve \$913,612 for Public Safety budget.
Motion by KO/JW
Motion carries 5-0 in a roll call vote.

**Final budget amounts are based on IGC's amounts from the current 2025 budget year. IGC's amounts are set and subject to change by the MOA Office of Management and Budget in the 2026 fiscal year. Operating Labor and Non-labor are set by GBOS in the 2026 budgets for all GVSA departments.

2. New Business: MOA-wide STR Tax Proposal.

STR tax proposal currently under consideration is additional 5% to existing room tax of 12% for STR only. This amount is to address negative impacts of STR and is to be dedicated to infrastructure, housing, etc although the distribution of this is within those categories and the allocation of them within the MOA is not clear in current proposal. The proposal does not address regulation concerns.

GBOS members state that their support of this proposal is contingent upon the full amount of tax gained from revenue received from Girdwood is returned to the service area.

Item will return to GBOS as old business at the September regular meeting. Drafting of a resolution of support is tasked to Jennifer Wingard.

3. Discuss GBOS Non-Profit Grant Meeting schedule.

Item arose as notice was received of a Holtan Hills community meeting on Sept 23 at 5PM at The Meadows Community Center. This date conflicts with the scheduled grant meeting and also with Anchorage Assembly meeting. Code requires that the meeting prioritizes presentation at a community council meeting, which either LUC or GBOS would qualify as. Between the conflict with GBOS meeting and Assembly, no elected officials would be able to attend this meeting on 9/23. GBOS co-chairs are in touch with HLB/Real Estate regarding this issue. Regardless of the outcome, it appears that the Non-profit meeting should be held at another time. The meeting must occur before GBOS can vote on allocations to grantees.

4. New Business: GHEC Vacancy

Notice of resignation of Brett Wilbanks received today. Staff will post the vacancy on Sept 4. GBOS will discuss appointment at their next regular meeting.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn 9:20PM