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

August 19, 2024 GVSA 2025 Budget Work Session #2 Minutes Final 5:00 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.

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Call to Order 5 p.m. 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: Attending are Mike Edgington (ME), Briana Sullivan (BS), Brian Burnett (BB), Jennifer Wingard (JW)
No Disclosures

Agenda Revisions and Approval

August 19, 2024 GVSA Budget Work Session #2 Meeting Agenda approved BS/BB

1. 2025 GVSA Budget Overview:

There are 50+ tax districts in the Municipality of Anchorage, Girdwood is Tax District #4. Girdwood is the 5th lowest tax district and the lowest of all tax districts with full services.

Girdwood Taxes 2024 are:

Areawide .3 – offset from other tax sources, such as fuel, alcohol, tobacco, etc
Service Area 5.36
School District 6.67

Total levy on Girdwood property is 12.3 mills in 2024

Girdwood's 5.36 mill of taxes is divided as follows:

Roads 33%
Fire 39.6%
Police 17.8%
Housing/Econ 1.1%
Parks and Rec 11.3%

2.8% of girdwood levy is offset by revenues collected, including interest, room fees and park rentals.

2. Fire Department Budget

Chief presents a budget updated from the first budget meeting with a decrease of \$100,000 from the non-labor budget.

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3. Roads Budget

Total increase of just under \$38,000 over 2024 budget. Increase is due to higher cost of trucking for echips and calcium chloride, increase in cost of living for employees, increase in rental of fleet vehicles..

4. Parks and Recreation Budget

Increase of \$15,000 over last year over 2024 budget. Possible consideration of increase of labor budget for seasonal parks caretaker positions. If so, this will be brought forward in First Quarter Revisions. Increases in the budget are for work in the Skate Park, Trails crew, higher cost of utilities and services.

Bridget to replace the hand tram is a capital project. Community will be working on capital campaign to complete fundraising for this in the fall/winter.

ME mentions that he will propose increase in Girdwood Non-Profit Recreation grant funds by \$5,000 and recommend hard-funding Little Bears at \$10,000.

5. Housing and Economic Budget

Housing and Economic committee was funded at \$50,000 in 2024. Proposal is for \$80,000 in 2025. Proposal is that the funds are achieved through revenues from Short Term Rental regulation.

6. Police Budget

This is the final year of the set budget at \$793,044. Next year there will be a contractual increase. Increase in this year’s budget is for tenant improvement projects @ \$6,000.

7. Capital Budget

Staff recommends continuing the allocations as in 2024:

\$300,000 for roads

\$200,000 for parks

\$74,000 for Fire

Use of inter-government loans to achieve projects has been successful.

Grants for projects other than trails have had limited success.

Bonding has not been successful for GVSA items.

GBOS plans to finalize budget and pass it at their regular meeting in September.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn 6:10PM