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Jennifer Wingard, Brian Burnett, Kellie Okonek

January 13, 2025
GBOS LUC Joint Special Meeting
Re: HLB Plans and Proposed 3% Municipal Sales Tax
Minutes Final

5:30 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:

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The Girdwood Board of Supervisors operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.
Call to Order 5:30PM Briana Sullivan, 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: GBOS attending are Briana Sullivan (BS), Mike Edgington (ME), Jennifer Wingard (JW), Kellie Okonek (KO)
Brian Burnett is excused

Disclosures: ME is recused from item #3 as he is chair of Imagine!Girdwood.

Agenda Revisions and Approval

January 13 2025 GBOS LUC Joint Special Meeting Agenda Approved ME/JW Assent
Amendment during meeting: addition of item #4 to improve previously passed resolution 2024-15 Assent

1. HLB 1 and 5 year draft plans

GBOS Motion:

GBOS moves to accept Letter to HLB re 1 and 5 year plans as presented. ME/JW

Amendments:

GBOS moves to revise GBOS.25 comment to clarify statements involving Watershed Master Plan ME/JW 4-0 Roll Call vote

GBOS moves to revise GBOS.03 comment to remove language after parcel #. JW/KO 4-0 Roll Call vote

GBOS moves to revise GBOS.12 to add language citing community support for the RV park. KO/JW 4-0 Roll Call vote

GBOS moves to revise comments to add: Requested Action: to action items ME/JW 4-0 Assent vote

GBOS moves to accept letter to HLB as amended ME/JW 4-0 Roll Call vote

LUC Motion:

Girdwood Land Use Committee moves to accept document as amended by GBOS.

Motion by Lisa Miles/2nd Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi

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Amendments:

LUC moves to amend GBOS.07 to fix typo and remove text after "disposal".

Motion by Kellie Okonek/2nd Jennifer Wingard

Vote in room, on line and by voice

8 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining (ME)

Motion carries

LUC Motion:

LUC moves to accept GBOS letter to HLB re: 1 and 5 year plans as amended.

Motion by Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi, 2nd Lisa Miles

Motion carries by Assent

GBOS Motion:

GBOS moves to reconsider prior vote approving letter.

Motion by ME/KO

Motion carries 4-0 in roll call vote

GBOS Motion:

GBOS moves to accept LUC amendment to item #7.

Motion by ME/KO

Motion carries 4-0 in assent

GBOS Motion:

GBOS moves to accept the full amended document.

Motion by ME/KO

Motion carries by assent vote

2. 3% Municipal Sales Tax

This item has been removed from consideration in the spring municipal election and will instead appear as a special election item in early summer. Currently there are 5 different tax proposals in process and it is likely that there will be more proposals considered by the Assembly.

Timing is critical as GBOS can comment on it before it goes to the Assembly to appear on the ballot but not after. Specific timing is not known as the item is in process with the Assembly. GBOS recommends having the item on the agenda in February to stay on top of the timing and proposals under consideration.

GBOS Motion:

GBOS moves to postpone this topic to Feb GBOS regular meeting.

Motion by ME/2nd JW

Motion carries by Assent vote

3. Consider Resolution of Support for (S) Version of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan

Group reviews draft language for a Resolution that supports the (S) version provided at the meeting. The (S) version accepts changes that were mutually accepted by LUC, GBOS, Imagine!Girdwood and Planning Dept. It does not include items that were not accepted by the community, including Planning Dept recommendations about Virgin Creek area, land north of the Airport and changes to vegetative buffers.

It is likely that an (S1) version will be proposed later this week, however the specific language that may be proposed is not yet known. The process is confusing and the various amendments to the AO are difficult to track. Group discusses the need to be specific about what the community wants in this resolution so that this cannot be lost in the evolution of this discussion.

Motion: GBOS and LUC move to take 5 minute break to review (S) version of the Girdwood Comprehensive Plan. KO/JW Assent

Motion:

GBOS moves to amend draft Resolution 2025-01 to add a Whereas statement emphasizing the community commitment to the Virgin Creek area and land north of the Airport to remain designated as open space and affirming vegetative buffers.

Motion by KO/2nd JW

Motion carries 3-0 in roll call vote (ME abstains)

Return to Motion:

GBOS Moves to approve the resolution 2025-XX as amended.

Motion by JW/KO

Motion carries 3-0 in roll call vote (ME abstains)

It is noted that once the language is produced, GBOS will review and will have 24 hours to reconsider their vote.

4. Revision to Resolution 2024-15 Proposed No Substantive change to Girdwood Community Council boundary
Resolution passed in December didn't discuss the amendments to community council boundaries related to changes reflecting tide in Turnagain Arm.

GBOS Motion:

GBOS moves to adopt revised resolution 2024-15 as presented.

Motion by JW, 2nd ME

Motion carries 4-0 in a roll call vote

LUC Motion:

LUC moves to accept revised resolution 2024-15 as presented

Motion by Ryan Hutchins-Cabibi/2nd Lisa Miles

Motion carries by assent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Adjourn 6:50PM