

Happy Saturday Gustavus. I don't know about you but I'm having a hard time believing it is already November. I have a few important meeting updates for the next week as well as just some ongoing events and opportunities.

The Work Session is scheduled for this Monday at 6pm. We will also be holding a special meeting at 5pm. This is because we can't go into an executive session during a work session as the current agenda is set. Thus, the Mayor has called a special meeting so that the council can properly go into executive session. I will attach links and zoom information for all of them below. The City Council Members will also be having 2 evenings of training this week with our local government specialist (LGS) as well as an open day to stop by city hall to speak with the LGS if they have additional questions. The two training sessions will have zoom options if you are interested in joining virtually. Since the other day is just an open time period there will not be zoom but as always you are welcome to come visit in-person at city hall.

Special Meeting: Monday 11/4/2024 5pm

Meeting Agenda and packet: [MEET-Packet-fdf53ec672bf4c19984dcf8ac91cfb3c.pdf](#)

Zoom Link: <https://shorturl.at/sJuVU>

ID: 515 501 9406

PASSCODE: 1802

TEL: 253-215-8782

Regular Work Session: Monday 11/4/2024 6pm

Meeting Agenda and packet: [MEET-Packet-7916b1decefb4fb18ec297b7f366e571.pdf](#)

Zoom Link: <https://shorturl.at/G3Wdx>

ID: 515 501 9406

PASSCODE: 907697

TEL: 253-215-8782

Work Session (Council Training): Wednesday 11/6/2024 4pm

Meeting Agenda: [MEET-Packet-0f2606d6b595436484457a407833c356.pdf](#)

Zoom Link: <https://shorturl.at/WAcps>

ID: 882 3670 3916

PASSCODE: 7697

PHONE NUMBER: 253-215-8782

Work Session (Council Training): Thursday 11/7/2024 4pm

Meeting Agenda: [MEET-Packet-f8d564771a3b45d2bbf889607943576a.pdf](#)

Zoom Link: <https://shorturl.at/WAcps>

ID: 882 3670 3916

PASSCODE: 7697

PHONE NUMBER: 253-215-8782

Work Session (Council Q/A day): Friday 11/8/2024 9am

Notice: [MEET-Packet-1e96021c12694e7994d0d62a564664ab.pdf](#)

Elections Info:

1. **Early Voting:** Monday is the last day for Early In-person absentee voting at City Hall 9am-3pm, please try to arrive no later than 2:45pm. We will also have early absentee special needs voting available as well.
 - Special needs voting is for voters whose disability, illness, or age prevents them from going to a polling place. It allows them to have a personal representative pick up and deliver a ballot to them.
 - Please bring your ID with you.
2. View General Election Sample Ballot here: [Dominion Voting Systems Ballot \(alaska.gov\)](#)
3. Want more information on rank choice voting click here: [elections.alaska.gov/RCV-Ext.Explainer.mp4](#)
4. For more general information: Division of Elections Homepage –[Division of Elections Homepage – State of Alaska](#)
5. No campaigning with in 200ft... what does this mean....
 - City Hall will be a polling place from the hours of 9am-3pm Monday through Thursday this is important because of Alaska law prohibits “campaigning with in 200ft” while the polling place is open for voting.
 - How could it affect you...? Well if you are visiting city hall, using the city hall parking area or using the Salmon River Park (approximately from the road side of the shelter towards city hall) you will want to make sure that you refrain from having any discussions about the candidates or issues on the ballot, do not wear any clothing, buttons, hats, etc that relate to a candidate, a political party or an issue on the ballot. The final item to keep in mind is if you have any bumper stickers, signs, or magnets on your car that relate to a candidate, a political party or an issue on the ballot please cover the item with a piece of paper.
 - I know the campaigning rules seem like a lot but it’s important that everyone voting can vote how they wish to vote without any outside influences with in the 200ft of the polling place (city hall).
 - I have marked the approximate 200-foot line by placing a Vote Here sign (that reminds one of campaigning and other info) on the tree you will pass on the way down to our parking area. I thank you in advance for your help in respecting this state law (AS 15.15.170, 6 AAC 25.730, AS 15.56.016(A)(21))

Election Day: Tuesday 11/5/2025 7am-8pm at the GCC

Please bring ID and respect the no campaigning rules as described above. 😊 You all have been awesome with this so far and I truly appreciate it.

Additional events and opportunities

- Mayor, Sally McLaughlin is starting “Afternoon tea with the Mayor” on Fridays at the Fireweed from 3pm-4pm.
 - No agenda, just time for you to come and share your thoughts and concerns with our mayor.
- Coffee with Council will be hosted by Council members Susan Warner and Rachel Patrick on 11/16/24 at the Fireweed from 11am-2pm
- Heat pump incentive – you can receive up to \$500 from the city in reimbursement for electric heat pumps from a grant the city received. Please fill out the application to the best of your ability including make and model.
 - For more information: [heat_pump_incentive_program_promotion10-10-2024.pdf](https://www.gustavus-ak.gov/heat_pump_incentive_program_promotion10-10-2024.pdf) ([gustavus-ak.gov](https://www.gustavus-ak.gov))
 - Heat pump application: [nlc_heatpump_application.pdf](https://www.gustavus-ak.gov/nlc_heatpump_application.pdf) ([gustavus-ak.gov](https://www.gustavus-ak.gov))
 - Heat pump incentive policy and procedure: [nlc_heatpump_application.pdf](https://www.gustavus-ak.gov/nlc_heatpump_application.pdf) ([gustavus-ak.gov](https://www.gustavus-ak.gov))
- Roads, it’s that time of year when the weather is not working to our advantage when it comes to road maintenance. The roads crew will do the best they can when the weather allows. If you would like to share a concern about a road condition please submit it here, [Road Maintenance Concerns / Reports | City of Gustavus Alaska](https://www.gustavus-ak.gov/Road_Maintenance_Concerns_Reports) ([gustavus-ak.gov](https://www.gustavus-ak.gov))
- DOT & PF Seeks Public review of 2025 summer Ferry Schedule:
 - For more information: <https://dot.alaska.gov/comm/pressbox/arch2024/PR24-0030.shtml>
- 2024 Mico Grant for Food Security Program through Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture application is open through mid-November. For more information check out [Division of Agriculture](https://www.alaska.gov/division-of-agriculture) ([alaska.gov](https://www.alaska.gov))

Take Care,

Liesl Barker

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Monday – Thursday 9am-3pm

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