

**City of Gustavus, Alaska
Resolution 2010-09**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANSITIONING FROM A VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEF TO A PAID, FULL-TIME FIRE CHIEF FOR THE GUSTAVUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS the City Council recently adopted resolution 2009-28 "A Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department and the Mutual Aid MOU With the National Park Service". Included in this resolution was a paragraph which stated as an important goal "Create a job description and establish a recruitment process for making the Fire Chief a paid position within the City.", and;

WHEREAS the City Council would like to reaffirm our commitment to this change in our City's personnel from the Fire Chief as a volunteer position to a full-time paid position. The Council realizes that the time needed to keep our City's Fire Department and ambulance service/ EMS services viable has proven problematic for a Fire Chief that is not be able to commit his or her full time because of livelihood commitments of a full time job outside of the department, and;

WHEREAS the City Council acknowledges that funding for the new position is problematic. That the initial funding for the current and next fiscal year will involve the use of City reserve money and that subsequent funding will involve a sales tax increase. This sales tax increase will be in the form of a ballot proposition on the October 5th, 2010 election and is subject to voter ratification, the outcome of which will not be known until after the election, and;

WHEREAS the City Council acknowledges that should the voters not ratify a sales tax increase to support the Fire Chief as a paid position, difficult City wide expenditure reductions will have to be made in future budgets to maintain the Fire Chief as a full-time paid position, and;

WHEREAS the City Council asks the voters of Gustavus to carefully consider the long-term needs of our community's Fire Department when a sales tax increase comes before them as a ballot proposition this October.

AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Gustavus City Council supports the transition of the Gustavus volunteer fire chief from a volunteer position to a paid, full-time permanent position.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council, this 11th day of March 2010.



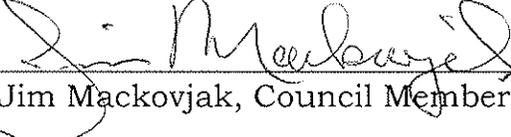
Paul Berry, Mayor



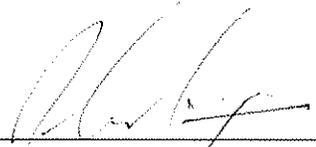
Joe Lassiter, Council Member

Via Teleconference

Melanie Lesh, Council Member



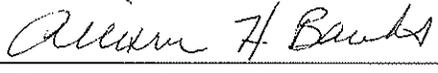
Jim Mackovjak, Council Member



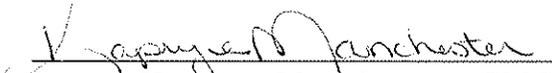
John Nixon, Vice Mayor

Via Teleconference

Tim Sunday, Council Member



Allison Banks, Council Member



Attest: Kapryce Manchester, CMC
City Clerk