



# **GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue  
October 23, 2023  
6:00 PM

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## **MINUTES**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order, Invocation by Commissioner Styczynski and roll called by Ms. Renee Barron:

### **PRESENT**

Mayor Joe Thompson  
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela  
Commissioner Robert Pontius  
Commissioner Greg Styczynski

### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Judy Akkala - Excused

No public comment.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve cost change request of \$11,370.00 for repairs to Water Department High Service Pump #1.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Commissioner Styczynski, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve a budget amendment to the wastewater plant operation and maintenance department in the amount of \$6,400.00 to Bosk Paint and Sandblast for painting of the secondary clarifier weirs.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to approve Coleman's Engineering Proposal for Professional Services for Braves Avenue not to exceed \$24,000.00.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution No. 2023-13 Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Michigan CLASS)

Motion by Commissioner Brad Mantela; supported by Commissioner Greg Styczynski to approve Resolution No. 2023-13 as presented, consult with auditors and provide staff recommendations to the Commission on the amount to invest:

**City of Gladstone**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13**  
**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF MICHIGAN COOPERATIVE**  
**LIQUID ASSETS SECURITIES SYSTEM**  
**AS AN APPROVED INVESTMENT OPTION**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Michigan CLASS) is compliant with Public Act 20, and;

WHEREAS, the Michigan CLASS Board of Trustees oversees the pool and directs the pool administrator, Public Trust Advisors, to emphasize safety, liquidity, and convenience while providing diversification of investments and the advantage of a competitive return, and;

WHEREAS, Michigan CLASS investments are fully compliant with all appropriate Michigan investment laws, and;

WHEREAS, Michigan CLASS has over 750 funded participants ranging from the very large to the very small, with nearly \$4.5 billion in shares outstanding, and;

WHEREAS, this investment has no restrictions regarding withdrawals or contributions, affording the city the ability to use Michigan CLASS as it best suits our individual needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Gladstone approves the Michigan Class Investment Pool as an authorized Investment institution, authorizes the City Treasurer and City Manager to complete the necessary paperwork to enroll in the pool, and approves the addition of Michigan Class to the Investment Policy.

Yeas: Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Commissioners Pontius and Styczynski

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Akkala – Excused

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a resolution duly made and passed by the Gladstone City Commission at their regular meeting held on October 23, 2023 in the City Hall Commission Chambers, with a quorum present.

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Kimberly Berry, City Clerk

## **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

City Manager Eric Buckman commented on the following:

- Attended the monthly EDC Meeting, working on lot sale
- Attended the monthly DATA meeting
- Treasurer and I met with Waterworth Software and reviewed our numbers
- Met with Recreation Department on Pram Shack plans
- Met with Coleman Engineering and Mr. Rich Beauvais regarding engineering of the pickleball courts
- Treasurer and I met with Mr. Jeff Anderson from MI CLASS
- Water Superintendent and I attended the American Water Ways Association (AWWA) Zoom meeting regarding earmarks and politics to get grants
- Mr. Scott Nowak, Coleman Engineering, Water Superintendent, and I met with new Rural Development Director Ms. Elizabeth Melon regarding USDA money for projects
- Paving of 18th Street, Minneapolis Avenue, Lowrie Avenue complete and looks great
- Recreation Department working on winterizing all the parks

### 10. Year to Date Financial Reports

Informational only

Commissioners commented on the following:

Commissioner Pontius - remind everyone to get out and vote November 7th

Commissioner Styczynski - condolences to the family of Mr. Ron Miaso who was the former DDA & EDC Coordinator for the City of Gladstone, he will be missed as a mentor and friend

Commissioner Mantela - echoed comments for condolences to Ron's family and get out and vote

Ms. Renee Barron wished City Clerk Kim Berry's son, Logan Fudala a Happy 18th Birthday today!

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to enter closed session at 6:45 pm regarding the Jones Property on Lake Shore Drive to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute as allowable under the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976 (15.268) Section 8 Item h.

Voting Yea: Mayor Thompson, Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Commissioner Pontius, Commissioner Styczynski

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mayor Thompson called the meeting back into open session at 8:11 PM with no action taken in closed session.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

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Joe Thompson, Mayor

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Renee Barron, Community Development Director