

GLADSTONE



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
August 26, 2024
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Joe Thompson called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation.

The roll was called by City Clerk, Kimberly Berry:

PRESENT

Mayor Joe Thompson
Commissioner Judy Akkala
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela
Commissioner Robert Pontius
Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

No public present for public comment.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to table the ATC Offer Easement to September 9, 2024 Regular City Commission Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the introduction of the Planned Unit Development of 80 Delta Avenue as recommended by the Gladstone Planning Commission and set a public hearing for September 23, 2024 regular City Commission meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve the Department Natural Resources Land Acquisition application for Parcel Numbers as follows:

Legal Description:

DNR Parcel Numbers

1077815: T40N, R22W, S16, SE1/4 of SW1/4
313329: S. First Addition to Gladstone
313326: S. First Addition to Gladstone
313336: S. First Addition to Gladstone
313605: T40N, R22W, S16, NE1/4 of SW1/4
313606: T40N, R22W, S16, NE1/4 of SW1/4
313607: T40N, R22W, S16, NE1/4 of SW1/4
313609: T40N, R22W, S16, SE1/4 of SW1/4
313611: T40N, R22W, S16, SE1/4 of SW1/4

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Eric Buckman commented on the following:

- Community Development Director, Renee Barron and I met with a developer regarding property near the Sports Park.
- Community Development Director, Renee Barron and I met with company looking to buy a lot in the North Bluff Industrial Park.
- Attended the monthly DDA meeting.
- Working on financial numbers regarding the Special Assessment Initiative Petition.
- A nice article in the Daily Press regarding the Gladstone Sailboat Program.
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The Gladstone Master Plan Amendment process is completed by the Gladstone Planning Commission and is now available on the city website www.gladstonemi.gov

City Clerk Comments:

- November ballots are not available yet will be in September
- Thank you to Renee Barron and Patricia West on the completion of the Master Plan Amendment, it is an extensive process, and we have a great plan due to their hard work.
- Two recent small claims cases dismissed today, last week Mike O'Connor vs City of Gladstone regarding a long grass appeal fee and today, Mr. & Mrs. Kang vs City of Gladstone regarding a sign violation fee. Neither of the parties had paid the fee/fine, so no damages to consider by jurisdiction of small claims. Petitioners both sought a judgement on City Codes. Judge Parks ruled it is not the jurisdiction of small claims to make a declaratory judgement, so he dismissed both without prejudice.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela; Seconded by Mayor Thompson to enter closed session at 6:40 PM to consider a personnel evaluation of Assessor Janice Ketcham as allowable under the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976 (15.268) Section 8 item a.

Commissioner Judy Akkala Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela Yes
Commissioner Robert Pontius Yes
Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll Yes
Mayor Joe Thompson Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela; Seconded by Commission O'Driscoll reported a good evaluation of the Assessor and to approve the Assessor Contract for Janice Frizzell beginning August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2027 with Section 4c changed from thirty (30) days written notice to sixty (60) days.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to enter closed session at 7:18 PM to consult with Miller Canfield attorneys as allowable under the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976 (15.268) Section 8 item (h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state of federal statute.

Commissioner Judy Akkala Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela Yes
Commissioner Robert Pontius Yes
Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll Yes
Mayor Joe Thompson Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Thompson called the meeting back into open session at 7:46 PM with no action taken in closed session.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela; seconded by Commissioner Pontius to direct City Manager Eric Buckman to send the letter as prepared and amended by our attorneys at Miller Canfield to the property owners of the Jones property regarding the lease agreement with the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela Yes
Commissioner Robert Pontius Yes
Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll Yes
Commissioner Judy Akkala Yes
Mayor Joe Thompson Yes

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Joe Thompson, Mayor

Kimberly Berry, City Clerk