



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014**

Mayor Jean Moore opened the City Council Meeting to adjourn to a Closed Executive Session on March 24, 2014, at 6:15 PM. Councilman Gary Markenson made a motion to adjourn to Closed Executive Session pursuant to Missouri Open Meeting Act Exemptions 610.021(1) for Litigation and Confidential or Privileged Communications with Legal Counsel, 610.021(2) for Real Estate Acquisition Discussion, and 610.021(3) for Personnel Discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill seconded. Roll Call Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Gary Markenson, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (3-0).

Councilmember Carol Suter and Councilman Bill Garnos were also present at the Closed Executive Session.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jean Moore  
Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill  
Councilmember Carol Suter  
Councilman Bill Garnos  
Councilman Gary Markenson

City Manager Kirk Davis  
Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson  
City Counselor Randall Thompson  
City Clerk Cathy Swenson

**Item 2. on the Agenda.      ROLL CALL.**

Mayor Jean Moore opened the Regular March 24, 2014, City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers, and noted that all City Council members were present.

Mayor Moore said it was great to see everyone in the audience; there was a big crowd present this evening, which was great, so she and the City Council wished to welcome

everyone present and all those listening on-line. Mayor Moore said she and the City Council appreciated everyone's interest in Gladstone City government.

**Item 3. on the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Moore stated it was an honor this evening to have our friends with VFW Post 10906 in attendance to present the Colors and to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. VFW Post 10906 members posted the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance, in which all joined.

Mayor Moore thanked the VFW Post 10906 members.

Mayor Moore said there were a number of former City Council members in the audience and she asked them to stand as she called their name as follows: Wayne Beer; Les Smith; Larry Whitton; Mary Cross, the widow of Bill Cross; Stewart Revenaugh, Mark Revenaugh's father; and Barry McCullough. Applause from the audience followed. Mayor Moore welcomed all the former City Council members.

**Item 4. on the Agenda. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2014, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**

Councilman Gary Markenson moved to approve the March 10, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, as presented. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded.

The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

**Item 5. on the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-14-18, appointing Ruth E. Bocchino to the position of City Clerk for the City of Gladstone, Missouri, effective April 2, 2014.**

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-14-18**, appointing **RUTH E. BOCCHINO TO THE POSITION OF CITY CLERK** for the City of Gladstone, Missouri, effective April 2, 2014. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

**Item 6. on the Agenda. CITY CLERK OATH OF OFFICE: RUTH E. BOCCHINO.**

City Clerk Cathy Swenson administered the oath of office to **Ruth E. Bocchino** for her new position as City Clerk, effective April 2, 2014. The audience applauded Ms. Bocchino.

Mayor Moore invited Ms. Bocchino to join them in front of the Council dais, where she and the City Council presented Ms. Bocchino with a bouquet of flowers.

Ms. Bocchino thanked Mayor Moore and the City Council, and said the flowers were very beautiful.

Mayor Moore said she and the City Council were very excited to have Ms. Bocchino in this new role. The City was very fortunate to have a lot of great candidates, and Ms. Bocchino was chosen for her great professionalism and great skills. Mayor Moore said she and the City Council looked forward to working with Ms. Bocchino.

Ms. Bocchino thanked the Mayor and City Council, and said she was excited and was very appreciative. Ms. Bocchino introduced her family who was present – her uncle, Charlie Grooms, her sister, Debbie, her sons, Nick and Jake, and her husband, Jim.

Mayor Moore thanked Ms. Bocchino's family for being present.

Mayor Moore stated with former City Clerk Marilyn Ahnefeld also present at the meeting, there were three of the City's City Clerks present, which would be a good time to take pictures.

City Manager Kirk Davis stated he believed there were 40 to 45 years of City Clerk experience, and about 80 years of City employee experience standing with the City Council this evening. This was followed by applause from the audience.

**Item 7. on the Agenda.      SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Mayor Moore read and presented a Proclamation to City Clerk Cathy Swenson.

City Clerk Swenson thanked Mayor Moore and the City Council, and said the Proclamation was beautiful and meant so much to her, and she had loved working with the Mayor and City Council. This was followed by applause from the audience.

Councilmember Carol Suter began by saying she was currently the longest serving City Council member on this City Council, so Cathy had been the City Clerk since her very first day, and she believed she had served with Cathy longer than any other City Council member. Councilmember Suter said for the last decade, in her mind, Cathy has been not only the face of Gladstone, but the heart. Everyone knows the shining, happy face who greets everyone who comes in the door with grace, efficiency, and so much knowledge. Councilmember Suter said Cathy held her hand when she first filed, and she has held the hands of lots of other folks, when they came into City Hall to do business. Councilmember Suter said because Cathy was one of the most treasured employees, and colleagues – Councilmember Suter said she did not like to think of Ms. Swenson only as an employee, but as a colleague – it was her great pleasure to present to Ms. Swenson the highest honor the City bestows, which was the Key to the City.

City Clerk Swenson thanked Councilmember Suter for her kind words. City Clerk Swenson thanked the Mayor, and City Council, and said this award was so wonderful, and so special. Ms. Swenson said the Key to the City from her hometown meant more than she could say, and she was so grateful. This was followed by a standing applause from the audience.

Ms. Swenson introduced her husband, Kurt, and son, Erik, by saying she was blessed to have a husband who had always supported her in all things, and her youngest son, Erik, who along with their other three children, have always supported their mother and father, and have participated in so many City activities, as Gladstone is also their hometown. Erik was named “Gator Boy” during his years of volunteering with the Gladfest Scarecrow 5K Walk/Run breakfast.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill invited Kurt Swenson to join him at the City Council dais. Mayor Pro Tem Hill said when the City got Cathy, they not only got Cathy, a tremendous employee and volunteer, he also met Kurt, when he started cooking saucy buns, probably about 15 to 20 years ago, and Kurt was the key saucy bun specialist, he could cook them like no one else. Mayor Pro Tem Hill presented an Eagle plaque to Mr. Swenson, and read the inscription, “This eagle is presented to you with the heartfelt gratitude for your extraordinary devotion and outstanding service to the City of Gladstone.” Mayor Pro Tem Hill said this award was also for sharing Cathy with them for all these years. Applause from the audience followed the presentation.

Mr. Swenson thanked the Mayor and City Council.

Councilman Bill Garnos presented to City Clerk Swenson a bouquet of flowers, and said thank you to her for always being there for him, not the youngest member of the City Council, but close. Councilman Garnos said the work City Clerk Swenson does outside of the office for all of the City Council, and keeping them in line was just amazing – from the Gladfest, to the filings, and everything else. Councilman Garnos said thank you so much, he could not have done it without her.

City Clerk Swenson thanked Councilman Garnos for the beautiful flowers and his kind words. Ms. Swenson thanked the Mayor and City Council for all they had done for her over the years and for their friendship, and said it had been such an honor to work with them. Ms. Swenson offered thanks to the present and past City Council members for mentoring her and for their friendship, and offered her appreciation to them for hiring her in this position, and for giving her a chance. Ms. Swenson thanked the present and past employees, and said she was always proud to be part of the team. Ms. Swenson offered her appreciation for the privilege of serving the citizens of Gladstone. Ms. Swenson thanked City Manager Kirk Davis, who was not only a great City Manager, but a great friend, and said he was always there for her. This was followed by applause from the audience.

City Manager Davis offered his thanks to Ms. Swenson.

Pictures were taken of Ms. Swenson and her family.

City Manager Davis jokingly said to Mr. Swenson that they had done all they could, so now Cathy was entirely his responsibility, and he would say that when she had a project, she was a pit bull with that project, so his sympathies go out to the kids and him. City Manager Davis said, seriously, from a staff’s perspective, they had lots of stories and dirt on her, and they would share some of that in front of the employees on April 25. City Manager Davis said to

City Clerk Swenson, on behalf of staff, thank you very much for everything you have done. City Manager Davis said Cathy has been a treasure, and has achieved all kinds of objectives over the course of time, and he believed she started when she was in Oak Park High School.

City Clerk Swenson said she was 18 years old when she first began working at City Hall.

City Manager Davis said Cathy had a whole lifetime of achievements, actually, as she worked for the City of Gladstone. City Manager Davis said he could not say how much he appreciated it, and when it came to details, he did not sweat too many details, because she was around, and had done a tremendous job as the City Clerk, and from the staff's perspective, he said thank you very much.

Ms. Swenson said she had always appreciated City Manager Davis's confidence in her.

City Manager Davis offered to Ms. Swenson - well done.

This was followed with applause from the audience.

**Item 8. on the Agenda.**      **PROCLAMATION:** designating April 4, 2014, as **ARBOR DAY** in Gladstone, Missouri, and urging residents to support efforts that focus on environmental betterment and the planting of trees.

Mayor Moore read and presented the Proclamation to Community Center Director Justin Merkey.

This was followed with applause from the audience.

Mr. Merkey thanked the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Moore invited everyone to attend an event celebrating Arbor Day on April 4, in Central Park, where a tree would be planted. Oakhill Day School kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students would be on hand, and the event begins at 10:00 AM.

**Item 9. on the Agenda.**      **PROCLAMATION:** recognizing April 13-19, 2014, as **GLADSTONE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK** and encouraging the community to express their appreciation to these dedicated professionals for their many hours of outstanding and valuable service to our City.

Mayor Moore read and presented the Proclamation to Beth Gillespie, Animal Control Officer. Ms. Gillespie thanked the Mayor and City Council.

This was followed with applause from the audience.

**Item 10. on the Agenda.      COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

Laura Smith, began by saying she did not often have the opportunity to stand on the audience side of the microphone in this role very often. (Note: Ms. Smith is the City of Mission, Kansas Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director). Ms. Smith said she wished to publicly congratulate Cathy Swenson on her upcoming retirement, and for having had the privilege of being able to work alongside her. Ms. Smith said she realized that it was nearly 20 years ago that she had the privilege of being selected to become a part of the City of Gladstone organization, and 20 years later she was present to help celebrate the history, the tradition and the exciting future, but also the incredible past that is the Gladstone community. Ms. Smith said she thought it was important that everyone remembered that as we celebrate Cathy's retirement, and as she looked at former City Council members and (former City Clerk) Marilyn Ahnefeld, with whom she also had the privilege of serving. It is a great community and it has been great to be a part of that. Ms. Smith offered best wishes to City Clerk Swenson.

**Item 11. on the Agenda.      COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**Councilman Gary Markenson** announced that on Wednesday, the Clay County Economic Development Corporation would hold its State of the City luncheon, where each City makes a presentation on the developments in their City. Councilman Markenson said he was particularly looking forward to attending, because we have so much more to brag about than any City in this County.

**Councilman Bill Garnos** said despite the snow today, it was officially spring time, and on the nice days we have had recently, he had the privilege of getting to ride his bike on the City trails. Last fall, he brought up a couple of issues regarding control gates on the trails, and thanks to Parks and Recreation Director Sheila Lillis, who followed up with the City of Kansas City, the control gates have been widened slightly so bicyclists may get through them without hitting them. Councilman Garnos said he saw that for himself for the first time, and he wanted to thank Director Lillis. There was also conversation about signage on the trails, that Director Lillis is working on, in coordination with the City of Kansas City, both for pedestrians, to make them aware that there are cyclists on the trail, and to educate cyclists about being careful and announcing themselves when they are coming up behind walkers with iPads, and so forth, who might not be paying any attention. Councilman Garnos said it was nice to be back out on the trails, and he wanted to thank Director Lillis for her work in coordinating that for the City.

**Councilmember Carol Suter** said she was sorry it was still winter, and she was ready for spring, and watching the Heights come up was really exciting.

**Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill** stated he wished to report on a couple of things from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting last week. With respect to signage, there will, hopefully, soon, be a sign every two tenths of a mile along the trails. The City has just received the design of the signs from Kansas City, and it has been the Parks and Recreation

Advisory Board's desire that the signs be consistent in style throughout. Basically, the only difference between Gladstone signs and Kansas City signs was the Kansas City signs would have their City logo, and the Gladstone signs would have the Gladstone logo. For 911 purposes, the signs would be two tenths of a mile apart, and would have the mile marker information on each sign.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill said the section of trail from roughly the fire station on North Prospect down through the neighborhoods and to Brooktree Lane is progressing. The staff engineer was at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, and he provided what was very likely the path that it would take. It would pretty much hug the creek through there; it would mostly be on the west side of the creek. Mayor Pro Tem Hill said as there were so many former City Council members present, he wanted to mention that years ago when the Antioch bridge was constructed, Norm LeClerq, who was the City Engineer at the time, had the foresight to divide the passageway under the bridge into three sections, with one of those being slightly elevated above the others. It was designed with enough clearance to where there would be a section that a future trail would go through. That was on the west side of the channel. The prior staff's foresight had paid off, and now that would be incorporated into the design of the trail. It was hoped to have enough funds to meet the end of the trail at about 67<sup>th</sup> Street – just north of the fire station. The funding was only to the fire station, with a sidewalk there, but due to proximity of that section of the sidewalk to the street, and how narrow it was, that was not a conducive section for bicycling or walking a pet or anything. It was hoped to stretch the funding and connect to the wider trail to the north.

**Mayor Jean Moore** had no comments at this time.

**Item 12. on the Agenda.      COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER.**

City Manager Kirk Davis reported that regarding the trail that Mayor Pro Tem Hill mentioned, the first designs for a trail connecting Happy Rock Park and Brooktree Drive occurred in 1991, so connecting all of those trails has been a long term plan, and this is the last section that will connect the southeast corner of the City with the north central part of the City through the Happy Rock Trail. This was quite an accomplishment over a long period of time by a lot of folks.

City Manager Davis welcomed Ruth Bocchino, and said he and staff were looking forward to working with her, and the expectations are very high, but he was confident that she would be great on the job, and will do a good job. As a staff, everyone has wished her the best. City Manager Davis said he and staff would miss Cathy - big shoes to fill. City Manager Davis said he thought Ruth would do a good job, and he and staff welcomed her aboard.

Mayor Moore stated before moving to Item 13. on the agenda, Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson had some comments to share.

Mr. Wingerson said the applicant and staff have worked together for the last two weeks since the Public Hearing to resolve some of the issues raised by the City Council and by the Public. A little bit more time was needed. Based on that information, the developer has requested a

continuance of Bills 14-06, 14-07, and 14-08, until the April 28, 2014, City Council meeting. Mr. Wingerson said staff was asking the City Council to take the action this evening to continue the matters to that meeting.

Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Wingerson, and said, “So, done”, and said **Agenda Item Numbers 13, 14, and 15, would be continued to the April 28, 2014, meeting.**

**Item 13. on the Agenda.**      **SECOND READING BILL 14-06**, amending Ordinance No. 3.973 and being an Ordinance relating to Zoning Ordinance Regulations and the establishment of Use Districts within the City of Gladstone, Missouri.  
Owner: John Youngwirth. Applicant: Scenic Development, LLC

**Consideration of Bill No. 14-06 was continued to the April 28, 2014, Regular City Council meeting.**

**Item 14. on the Agenda.**      **FIRST READING CONTINUED BILL 14-07**, approving a Site Plan Revision for property legally described as Maple Woods Village, Lot 1.  
Owner: John Youngwirth. Applicant: Scenic Development, LLC

**Consideration of Bill No. 14-07 was continued to the April 28, 2014, Regular City Council meeting.**

**Item 15. on the Agenda.**      **FIRST READING CONTINUED BILL 14-08**, approving the Final Plat of Maple Woods Village, Lot 1, Gladstone, Clay County, Missouri, and directing the appropriate officials to affix their signatures to said Plat for recording.  
Owner: John Youngwirth. Applicant: Scenic Development, LLC

**Consideration of Bill No. 14-08 was continued to the April 28, 2014, Regular City Council meeting.**

**Item 16. on the Agenda.**      **FIRST READING BILL 14-10**, authorizing the City Manager to execute Permanent Easements to Kansas City, Missouri for wastewater improvements and appurtenances within Hobby Hill Park and Happy Rock Park.

Mayor Moore asked City Counselor Thompson to provide a brief explanation regarding what the City Council would be considering with Bill 14-10.

City Counselor Thompson replied as the City Council knows, but the audience may not, the City of Kansas City has offered to de-annex portions of Hobby Hill Park and Happy Rock Park that are owned by the City of Gladstone, but are located within the City of Kansas City. One of the things they asked for in return was that the City of Gladstone provide to them permanent easements for wastewater improvements and appurtenances to infrastructure that the City of Kansas City has in Hobby Hill Park and Happy Rock Park. This was the first step towards that de-annexation process. The City of Kansas City asked that our City approve the easements, and then we can move forward with the City of Kansas City de-annexing the

acreage owned by the City of Gladstone, but located in the City of Kansas City. That should be coming forward in the next couple of meetings.

Mayor Moore thanked City Counselor Thompson.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to place **BILL NO. 14-10** on its First Reading. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 14-10**, Waive the Rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 14-10**, and to enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.263**. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded.

Roll call vote: All “aye” – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

**Item 17. on the Agenda.** **RESOLUTION R-14-19**, authorizing execution of a contract with Executive Marketing Promotions, Incorporated, in the amount of \$35,082.45, to supply custom athletic and staff uniforms and other promotional items for the twelve month period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Councilman Gary Markenson moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-14-19**, authorizing execution of a contract with Executive Marketing Promotions, Incorporated, in the amount of \$35,082.45, to supply custom athletic and staff uniforms and other promotional items for the twelve month period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded.

The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

**Item 18. on the Agenda.** **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to approve the **FEBRUARY 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT**. Councilman Gary Markenson seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

**Item 19. on the Agenda.      OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no other business to come before the City Council.

**Item 20. on the Agenda.      QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA.**

There were no questions from the News Media.

**Item 21. on the Agenda.      ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to come before the March 24, 2014, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Jean Moore adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cathy Swenson, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: \_\_\_\_  
Approved as corrected/amended: \_\_\_\_

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Mayor Jean B. Moore