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CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 27, 2011

7:45 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
OF REGULAR MEETING

Held at the Gladstone Community Center,
6901 North Holmes Street, in Gladstone, Missouri.

A P P E A R A N C E S:

Mayor Barry McCullough

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter

Councilman Les Smith

Councilmember Jean Moore

Councilman Brian Hill

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City Manager, Kirk Davis

Assistant City Manager, Scott Wingerson

City Counselor Randall Thompson

City Clerk Cathy Swenson

1 THE MAYOR: Call to order the Monday,
2 June 27th, 2011, Gladstone Council Meeting. Madam
3 Clerk, please note that all council members are
4 present. I would like to invite everybody to
5 please stand and join us in the Pledge of
6 Allegiance.

7 (The Pledge of Allegiance was said.)

8 THE MAYOR: Item 4 tonight is approval
9 of the regular June 13, 2011 City Council Meeting
10 Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Suter.

11 MAYOR PRO TEM SUTER: I move that the
12 minutes from the June 13, 2011 City Council
13 meeting be approved as published.

14 COUNCILMAN HILL: Second.

15 THE MAYOR: All approved, please say
16 "Aye".

17 (Ayes stated.)

18 THE MAYOR: Any opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 THE MAYOR: Item 5 is our Consent Agenda
21 for tonight. Madam Clerk, would you please read
22 and explain the Consent Agenda.

23 MS. SWENSON: The Consent Agenda allows
24 the City Council to consider and approve routine
25 items of business without discussion. Any member

1 of the City Council, the City Staff or the public
2 may request removal of any item from the Consent
3 Agenda and request that it be considered under the
4 regular agenda if discussion of the item is
5 desired. Items not removed from the Consent
6 Agenda will stand approved upon motion by any
7 council member and second, and a unanimous vote to
8 approve the Consent Agenda as published or
9 modified.

10 The Consent Agenda is as follows:

11 Resolution R-11-49, authorizing acceptance of
12 proposal from Vellar Consulting in the amount of
13 \$30,000 for Neighborhood Development Consulting
14 Services and \$5,000 for Neighborhood Strategic
15 Planning Consulting Services for Northaven-2 and
16 Northaven-3 neighborhoods.

17 Resolution R-11-50, authorizing Change
18 Order Number 1 in the amount of \$123,284.73 to the
19 contract with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC
20 for the 2011 Mill and Overlay Program.

21 Resolution R-11-51, authorizing
22 acceptance of work under contract with Miller
23 Paving and Construction, LLC, for the 2011
24 Accelerated Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Program; and
25 authorizing final payment in the amount of

1 \$21,219.95.

2 Resolution R-11-52, authorizing
3 acceptance of a proposal from Quest Enterprises
4 for the purchase of 21 sets of Firefighting
5 Personal Protective Equipment for the purchase
6 amount of \$31,458.

7 Approval of Annual Liquor License
8 Renewals: TNT Two, Inc., dba Tanner's Bar &
9 Grill, 6024 North Antioch Road; Class AR&B Liquor
10 by the Drink License.

11 Smokehouse BBQ, 6304 North Oak
12 Trafficway; Class AR&B Liquor by the Drink
13 License.

14 Wasahi, 328 NE 72nd Street; Class AR&B
15 Liquor by the Drink License.

16 Margarita's North, dba Margarita's, 7013
17 North Oak Trafficway; Class AR&B Liquor by the
18 Drink License.

19 HyVee Food & Drugstore, 7114 North
20 Prospect Avenue; Class AR&B Liquor by the Drink
21 License;.

22 Quiktrip #181, 2590 NE 72nd Street,
23 Seven-Day Package Liquor License.

24 Quiktrip #237, 6309 NE Antioch Road;
25 Seven-Day package Liquor License.

1 Price Chopper, 6475 North Prospect,
2 Seven-Day Package Liquor and Wine Tasting License.

3 Walgreens #1244, 6320 North Oak
4 Trafficway; Seven-Day Package Liquor License.

5 Gasmart USA, 7303 North Oak Trafficway;
6 Seven-Day Package Liquor License.

7 Kwik Shoppe, 7603 North Oak Trafficway;
8 Six-Day Package Liquor License.

9 Bubbles Wines & Spirits, 7404 North Oak
10 Trafficway, Seven-Day Package Liquor License.

11 End Zone II, 6420 North Prospect, Class
12 AE Liquor by the Drink License.

13 Approval of the financial report for May
14 2011.

15 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We
16 have the opportunity to remove any items from the
17 Consent Agenda for discussion. Is there anybody
18 in the audience that would like any of these items
19 to be removed for additional discussion? Council?
20 Staff?

21 STAFF: No, sir.

22 COUNCILMAN HILL: Move the Consent
23 Agenda be approved as submitted.

24 COUNCILMEMBER MOORE: Second.

25 THE MAYOR: The motion has been moved

1 and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. All
2 in favor.

3 (Ayes stated.)

4 THE MAYOR: Any opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 THE MAYOR: The Consent Agenda is
7 approved as presented. Moving on to our regular
8 agenda. We have Item 6. Are there any
9 communications from the audience not related to
10 the Single Source Trash Collection item tonight,
11 and if so, please come to the podium, state your
12 name and address for the record.

13 MS. ALEXANDER: Anne Alexander, 3121
14 Northeast 59th Terrace, Apartment 3. I want to
15 thank you for having the City sue the owner of the
16 barking dog. Having spent two and a half years,
17 having been to court five times, Michael Feeback
18 asked me what I wanted. I said I just want the
19 dog to shut up from 10:00 o'clock at night until
20 6:00 a.m. So they did a deferred prosecution. If
21 the dog barks between those hours, the owner will
22 be prosecuted. But please get something in place
23 so the police can take care of that. There's no
24 excuse in the dogs barking in the middle of the
25 night.

1 My recommendation to you is the first
2 complaint a courtesy notice. On the courtesy
3 notice, point out that if they get a second
4 complaint, there will be a fine of \$250 or \$500,
5 and increasing fine as they go along. Because
6 unless you hit them in their pocketbook, they are
7 not going to pay a bit of attention to you. I
8 think if you do this you will have very few that
9 wind up getting fined. But I would appreciate not
10 having to spend my time going back to court.

11 Thanks.

12 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Mrs. Alexander.
13 Is there anybody else that would like to address
14 the Council on something not related to the Single
15 Source this evening? Great. We are going to move
16 on to Item 6-A.

17 Since we do have a large crowd tonight,
18 I am going to extend the proceedings for the
19 agenda regarding the public comments regarding
20 Single Source Trash Collection. First we will
21 hear a staff report regarding single source trash
22 collection. Then we will hear from those in favor
23 of single source trash collection, followed by the
24 concerns of those opposed to the single source
25 trash collection. And we've got some expectations

1 of how that will flow. We would like to proceed
2 row by row just so that we can have orderly
3 procession. We will have an officer direct
4 traffic, basically line by line down the row from
5 the center, and we will have everybody make sure
6 to get an opportunity to speak that way. Only the
7 recognized speaker and Council may enter the
8 discussion. Proper decorum will be maintained.
9 We expect that personal, impertinent, slanderous
10 remarks or any boisterous behavior will result in
11 barring you from participating in the
12 conversation.

13 Please limit comments to two minutes.
14 Counselor Thompson will track the time and will
15 use a yellow card indicating 30 seconds remaining,
16 with a red card indicating the end of your time
17 allotment.

18 If you have any materials that you wish
19 Council to consider, we ask that you present those
20 to Public Safety Director Mike Hasty over here.
21 If we hear a consistent message, I will ask for a
22 show of hands for those that support that idea, so
23 we can encourage the ability to move on to new
24 material rather than hearing the same thing a
25 dozen times. I think that will allow us all a

1 better experience tonight. And at this time I
2 would like to ask Director Nebergall to please
3 come forward and present staff's report for us,
4 please.

5 MR. NEBERGALL: Mayor, City Council.
6 Thank you for your time tonight. In your packet
7 is a staff report that summarizes all the work
8 that has been done to date on the issue of
9 residential single source solid waste and
10 recycling collection. As you know, this is not a
11 new issue for the City of Gladstone. In 2001 the
12 City issued a request for proposal. At that time
13 the citizens expressed concerns regarding high
14 rates, customer service and recycling mandates.
15 As a result the issue was tabled. The City
16 reissued the RFP in 2002, and the pricing again
17 was not competitive and the program did not move
18 forward.

19 In 2007 the City of Gladstone updated
20 its Comprehensive Plan. A 2000 survey completed
21 as part of that study found that 85 percent of the
22 participants believed that a top priority for
23 community investment was environmental issues and
24 maximizing the City's attention to the
25 environment. Also in 2007, Gladstone collected

1 support of the Mayor's Climate Protection
2 Agreement. The agreement recognizes that local
3 governments play a significant role in minimizing
4 pollution and directing energy issues. These two
5 plans establish the parameter for how the city
6 conducts business and places a focus on
7 sustainability. As a result, the topic of single
8 source collection resurfaced.

9 On August 25th, 2008, the City Council
10 approved a resolution directing staff to issue a
11 mandatory two-year notice, notifying haulers that
12 the city was considering implementation of a
13 comprehensive city-wide residential solid waste
14 recycling program.

15 On October 27th, at your annual
16 goal-setting session, the City Council directed
17 staff to again collect additional information to
18 evaluate the issue. If the City chose to move
19 forward, the contract would be required, be in
20 place prior to August 29th, 2011 or the mandatory
21 two-year notice will need to be reissued.

22 In December, taking this goal to heart,
23 the Environmental Management Advisory Committee,
24 also known as EMAC, met to develop a process to
25 evaluate the issue. EMAC is a citizen committee

1 that makes recommendations to the City Council on
2 a variety of different environmental issues.
3 Since December, EMAC has met 11 times in different
4 formats to discuss the issue. As part of the data
5 collection process, EMAC and staff have spoke with
6 several cities, including Liberty, North Kansas
7 City and Excelsior Springs, all of which utilize a
8 single city contract. We have also spoken with
9 the Mid-America Regional Council to identify
10 regional goals that impact Gladstone. And then we
11 scheduled meetings with local haulers, including
12 Platte Valley Sanitation, Deffenbaugh, and Allied
13 Waste to improve the process.

14 Since December, several presentations
15 have been made in open study sessions as well as
16 other locations. Two large public meetings were
17 conducted on June 7th and June 9th. One at
18 Antioch Bible Baptist Church, and one in Antioch
19 Middle School. Approximately 300 people attended
20 each meeting. Overall both meetings, the tone of
21 the meetings were negative. The primary concerns
22 included, first off, choice. Residents expressed
23 their concern that a single waste provider
24 infringed on their freedom to choose.

25 Cost. Residents expressed a concern

1 that the cost of solid waste recycling will
2 increase and become unaffordable without
3 competition.

4 Customer service. Residents expressed
5 that they were concerned that the hauler may be
6 unresponsive to the resident if the contracts were
7 directly with the City. And then several
8 residents expressed the opinion that the issue
9 should be brought to a public vote.

10 In addition to the public meetings, an
11 electronic survey was placed on-line. Over 300
12 people have completed the survey to date.
13 Actually I believe it is well over 450 people now.
14 Customer service and cost received the highest
15 rating. However, residents were allowed to write
16 additional comments if they wanted to. All this
17 information is included in your packet tonight.

18 On March 28th, 2011 the City Council
19 passed a motion directing the staff to issue an
20 RFP for single source collection. The RFP did not
21 allow the City to award a contract, only to
22 collect additional information to evaluate the
23 issue. The City received a total of six
24 proposals. The firms that submitted proposals
25 included A-1 Service Corporation, Platte Valley

1 Sanitation, Jim's Disposal, Deffenbaugh, Town &
2 Country Disposal, and Allied Waste.

3 The proposal was broken into two parts.
4 Those were identified as basic services and
5 additional services. Basic services were thought
6 to be the ones that would be utilized by the
7 majority of residents. Additional services were
8 thought to be the ones that would be utilized by
9 few residents or intermittently throughout the
10 year. The pricing for basic services ranged from
11 \$10.20 to \$20.95 per month, which included a \$1.45
12 administrative fee.

13 Basic services included weekly trash and
14 recycling collection on the same day. A
15 hauler-provided 35-gallon or 65-gallon container
16 for weekly trash collection. To promote
17 recycling, an additional fee would apply for bags
18 placed outside the container. A hauler-provided
19 35-gallon or 65-gallon container for unlimited
20 weekly recycling collection. Additional
21 recyclables could be placed outside the container
22 at no additional cost.

23 In addition to those services, there
24 were also two unlimited trash disposal dates per
25 year. Those would be scheduled by the City and

1 could be the week after Christmas or, for example,
2 the week after Thanksgiving. And two unlimited
3 curbside bulky item collection dates per year.
4 Again those would be scheduled by the City.

5 We have heard a lot of conversation
6 recently about a fuel recovery fee and consumer
7 price index. After discussing with EMAC, those
8 items were included in the RFP. A fuel recovery
9 fee was based upon a six-month rolling average of
10 diesel fuel price and paid by the hauler. Not
11 what you would pay at the pump. An adjustment
12 would be made if the average diesel price exceeded
13 \$4 per gallon. After \$4 per gallon the fuel
14 recovery fee would be 17 cents per household per
15 month.

16 However, the fuel recovery fee was
17 capped at 30 cents per household per month if the
18 average price of diesel fuel exceeds \$5 per
19 gallon. That's equivalent to \$3.60 per customer.

20 In addition to the fuel recovery fee, we
21 also included a consumer price index adjustment.
22 Before we did that, we took a look at the average
23 of changes in the consumer price index for trash
24 collection over the last ten years. They averaged
25 3.6 percent. We also took a look at the City of

1 Liberty's contract. The City of Liberty has a
2 mandatory 3 1/2 percent rate increase per year
3 through the life of the agreement. We didn't want
4 to do that. What we proposed is that that be --
5 we capped it at 3 1/2 percent and the hauler would
6 be required to provide supporting documentation
7 for any request for a rate increase. So none of
8 the rate increases were mandatory.

9 In an effort to kind of show how those
10 rates may look, in your packet is actually a
11 breakdown of the cost for each hauler. It
12 includes present day cost, it includes a projected
13 cost for five years down the road and another cost
14 for ten years down the road. You will notice that
15 what we've done is we've tried to be extremely
16 conservative and factored in all of the cost
17 increases that may be available as part of the
18 contract.

19 A 12-member review committee was
20 appointed to review the proposal, which is made up
21 of two council members, one city staff member,
22 three EMAC members, six residents at large,
23 including representatives from the neighborhood of
24 Carriage Hill, Happy Rock, Stonebrooke, North
25 Haven, Stormy Acres and Oakwood. The committee

1 met a total of four times and interviewed the
2 companies Allied Waste, Deffenbaugh, Jim's
3 Disposal, Platte Valley Sanitation, and Town &
4 Country Disposal. Based on all the information,
5 should the City move forward with the issue, the
6 committee unanimously recommends that the City
7 negotiate a contract with Town & Country Disposal.
8 Key supported reasons included good customer
9 service, competitive cost, locally owned and
10 operated, a commitment to recycling, and
11 equipment.

12 EMAC met again on June 15th, 2011 with
13 all the information collected to date. Even what
14 was presented by the Proposal Review Committee.
15 Based upon all the information, it was unanimously
16 recommended that the City move forward with
17 pursuing residential single source solid waste and
18 recycling collection of city service by
19 contracting with a single hauler. Supporting
20 reasons included competitive rates for all
21 residents. Just for comparison purposes, the
22 pricing for Town & Country was \$11.17 per month.
23 Less waste through recycling participation.
24 Beautification throughout the community. Better
25 for the environment. Less wear and tear on

1 streets. And the EMAC noted that competition
2 among haulers in 2002, there was only two haulers
3 that submitted a proposal. In 2011 we had six.

4 I don't want to put words into the City
5 Council's mouth. However, the next steps to
6 possibly consider would be a resolution to proceed
7 with the program and begin contract negotiations
8 with Town & Country. Approve a resolution with
9 additional conditions and direction. Or take no
10 action and table the matter. Should a contract
11 not be negotiated by August 29, 2011, the initial
12 two-year notice will need to be reissued at your
13 direction. That concludes the staff report. I
14 would be happy to answer any questions you may
15 have.

16 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Director
17 Nebergall. Are there any questions? Thank you
18 for everything that went into that report. We
19 appreciate it. Captain Dobbins, are you going to
20 direct for us tonight?

21 CAPTAIN DOBBINS: I am ready, sir.

22 THE MAYOR: Wonderful. We're going to
23 call on the first row and we are going to ask for,
24 again, everybody that would like to speak in
25 support of single source trash hauling. Again,

1 we'll start at the first row, work our way back.
2 Is there anybody in the first row that would like
3 to speak in support of single source? Seeing
4 none, we'll move on to the second row. Please
5 state your name and address for us.

6 MR. MERKEL: Hi, I'm Dean Merkel. I
7 live in Stonebrooke Homes Association. And
8 Stonebrooke address is 7244 North Norton. And I
9 just wanted to thank the City Council for even
10 looking into this. We've been here for about
11 eight years, my wife and I. We moved here from
12 Kansas City. We are so thrilled with the services
13 provided by the City. And we anticipate the same
14 services if you go with a single hauler.

15 My concerns were, of course, the traffic
16 in the City with the trucks. The road repairs.
17 Our subdivision is a rather new subdivision, maybe
18 the streets aren't made like they used to be. But
19 they are being torn up by these trucks just
20 something terrible. Especially the cul-de-sacs.

21 My other concern was the trash being put
22 out every day in the City. Trash haulers would
23 come every day up and down the streets. There
24 would be trash set out on Monday, Tuesday,
25 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday in different areas of

1 the City. And I thought it looked unsightly.

2 Once again, I just want to voice my
3 support for the single vendor and hope you proceed
4 with it. Thank you.

5 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Mr. Merkel. Is
6 there anybody else in this row that would like to
7 speak in favor? The next row.

8 MS. LAYTON: Judith Layton, 7301 North
9 Norton. I love living in Gladstone. I've lived
10 in a lot of cities who couldn't compare to the
11 services this City provides. I appreciate snow
12 removal, I appreciate all of the cordial,
13 compassionate attention of your city staff when
14 there is a concern or an issue. The police
15 department. I haven't had to have the fire
16 department. I hope I never do.

17 I am very much in support of this. I am
18 a retired corporate president of an environmental
19 training firm. And we were based not here, but my
20 husband passed away a number of years ago and we
21 trained people to operate water and waste water
22 facilities. We absolutely have to be concerned
23 about our waste generation and disposal. I am an
24 Artic Ambassador for the Kansas City Zoo, and I
25 believe very strongly in recycling. Global

1 warming is a major issue. We've got to cut down
2 what goes into our environment. And we
3 personally, individually, can make a difference by
4 exercising our own research.

5 We can't run scared of new and change.
6 We have to be positive in our approach for being
7 personally responsible. I have loved our
8 recycling, our trash hauling, our yard waste
9 collection, but we don't need three trucks to do
10 this for each household. And I am very much in
11 support of moving forward with this idea.

12 THE MAYOR: Thank you for your comments,
13 Mrs. Layton. Is there anybody else in that row
14 that would like to speak? In the next row? Row
15 after that maybe? I'll trust you to guide. I
16 lose track.

17 MR. THRASHER: I would like you to
18 consider commercial pick-up, see if we could get a
19 lower rate as well. I live in condominiums. And
20 we have nine buildings, 18 units per building. We
21 use Deffenbaugh now, but if we could get a lower
22 rate. It cost \$105,000 to fix up our streets
23 about five years ago. So the City has since then
24 taken over the street. So it might help us cut
25 down on some street repair. Thank you.

1 THE MAYOR: Sir, for the record. May we
2 have you state your name and address.

3 MR. THRASHER: Larry Thrasher, 2379
4 Northeast 68th Street.

5 THE MAYOR: Thank you for your comments.

6 MR. GREEN: My name is Dan Green, 3704
7 Northeast 63rd Street here in Gladstone. Been a
8 resident of Gladstone over 26 years now. I
9 appreciate everything that the City does for its
10 residents. I appreciate you-all listening to the
11 needs of the citizens. Before I even knew
12 anything like this was going on, I remember
13 thinking that when I lived at 7008 Walnut a few
14 months ago, it seemed like every day was trash day
15 in Gladstone. To me it makes sense to have a
16 single hauler, because we don't need three
17 different companies or more companies in the same
18 neighborhood. They are all doing the same
19 business. If you could get me a lower price than
20 what I am currently paying, I would really very
21 much appreciate it. That's all I have to say. I
22 support what you want to do.

23 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Mr. Green. We
24 appreciate your comments.

25 MR. WAGES: Good afternoon. George

1 Wages, I live at 7201 North Park. And I am in
2 favor of the one trash hauler, but I really didn't
3 get to hear. Is that under a ten-year contract?
4 Five-year contract? I didn't hear a contract
5 date.

6 THE MAYOR: It has been ten years
7 discussed.

8 MR. WAGES: I don't like that. I am in
9 favor of the one trash, but I don't like the
10 ten-year contract. I didn't hear anything about a
11 senior citizen discount.

12 THE MAYOR: Sir, I think that the
13 discount would already be factored into the rate.

14 MR. WAGES: Okay. Then another thing.
15 What days would that be picked up? Is that one
16 day, one side of the City, one day on the other
17 side of the City?

18 THE MAYOR: We don't know that. It will
19 be part of the balance of the negotiation.

20 MR. WAGES: Okay. Like I say, I agree
21 with the one trash hauler. The good customer. I
22 try to back out of my driveway and I got two trash
23 trucks sitting there. I've got six or eight of
24 them running down the road. So one is enough.

25 THE MAYOR: Thank you, sir.

1 MS. HANSEN: Hi. My name is Jennifer
2 Hansen, I live at 2105 NE 64th Street. My husband
3 and I are very much in favor of this program.
4 Prior to living here for eight years we lived in
5 Chicago. Several different suburbs. We came here
6 and we always wondered why there were so many
7 trucks coming up and down our street. There it
8 was just a natural fact that every city had a
9 provider and they took care of it. We believe
10 that Gladstone takes care of everything for us.
11 You have taken care of our streets with snow
12 removal. When we have troubles with water, you
13 guys always respond and take care of that quickly.
14 So I have no reason to not believe that Gladstone
15 will not take care of us if we should have a
16 concern. People have waste. We have to have a
17 new program that will help us work through it and
18 get that changed.

19 Just this morning I told my husband this
20 is why we need this. A stray dog came running
21 through our neighborhood and tore through people's
22 trash bags. They had already left for work. And
23 probably 75 percent of what they picked up was
24 recycled goods. They are working families and
25 they don't have time to run to a recycle center

1 across town. But if it was there in their house,
2 I do believe that they would utilize that service
3 as much as we do. The service that we currently
4 pay for to have recycling. Because it is so
5 important that you take care of your environment.
6 So we strongly support this and hope that the City
7 will be able to go through with this. Thank you.

8 THE MAYOR: Thank you for your comments.
9 Come on back and we'll start the process over.
10 You do a wonderful Vanna White impression, by the
11 way. At this time we will hear from those opposed
12 to the plan. And front row.

13 MR. BONSIGNORE: Mr. Mayor and City
14 Council people. Salvatore Bonsignore, 6911 North
15 Agnes, North Haven Gardens Subdivision. I have
16 been -- I have served as president for our homes
17 association twice, two terms. So I am very
18 familiar with our process that we negotiated for
19 our trash service for our subdivision. You know,
20 I know that Gladstone has talked about a single
21 vendor service for years. This has been an
22 ongoing process. I just wanted to first of all,
23 before I talk about my negative comment, I just
24 wanted to thank you for your effort. I know it is
25 a thankless effort. Been there, done that. One

1 of the things I wanted to, at both of the public
2 meetings I got a chance to speak just a little bit
3 at the first one. I was appalled at the
4 negativity in the way our citizens reacted towards
5 those that were there. I mean, that to me shocked
6 me. There's no cause for the rudeness. So I want
7 to apologize to the City on behalf of your work.

8 My only concern with the single vendor
9 program is the City taking this on and hiring two
10 people to do that. To me, the vendors are already
11 doing this, they are already billing us on a
12 bimonthly or whatever their setup is. I am with,
13 currently with Allied, our subdivision is. We get
14 billed every three months. We have a good rate.
15 I mean, I'm not opposed to saving money. I know
16 that is possible whenever we talk about as many
17 homes that are in Gladstone. But the fact that
18 the City is wanting to take this responsibility on
19 as far as the billing process. I know that the
20 concern is that somebody would be there to take
21 complaints if that happens. But, here again, the
22 vendors are doing that already. And I think they
23 are doing a decent job.

24 That's my only concern is the fact that
25 we are going to get into it as a city to

1 administrate the thing. I would suggest that
2 maybe the vendors do that themselves. They are
3 already doing it, so why don't they continue to do
4 that. I appreciate your efforts. Thank you.

5 THE MAYOR: Thank you for your comments,
6 sir.

7 MR. GRELINGER: My name is Dan
8 Grelinger, I live at 3305 NE 70th Place. I
9 believe there has been a misdirection of the
10 public's input on environmental priorities.
11 Environmental programs deliver benefits at no or
12 low cost that are fully recovered in a quick
13 period of time. A competitive market is widely
14 recognized as the most efficient system for
15 providing the best solution to consumers at the
16 lowest cost. Monopolies are not. Time Warner
17 Cable, my cable bill in Lee's Summit 25 years ago
18 was \$10. Now it is over \$100 and I watch even
19 less T.V. Fortunately, we are starting to get
20 choice there and we are starting to see an impact
21 in the cost. But cable companies are monopolies.
22 AT&T, the same way. When there is not
23 competition, over the long term, you end up paying
24 more. Blocking the City into a ten-year agreement
25 with a single supplier is the creation of another

1 monopoly.

2 This proposal removes a resident's
3 option to vote with their feet when such action is
4 necessary. I've done that twice in the last nine
5 years that I have been a Gladstone resident and
6 that has been very valuable to me. I think it is
7 key to keeping the garbage suppliers in line.
8 This proposal places the City in the position of
9 playing a middleman.

10 I agree with those that say the City has
11 done a great job with the police force and the
12 fire department and the water department and the
13 sewer department. Unfortunately, the City is not
14 going to be playing that role here. They are not
15 the supplier, they are the middleman. I believe
16 that improvements to the current system can be
17 made, but this proposal attempts to make these
18 improvements by establishing a monopoly. And I
19 don't think that's going to work. Thank you.

20 THE MAYOR: Thank you, sir. We will
21 keep the meeting to comments, please.

22 MR. PLOTH: Good evening. Mr. Mayor,
23 ladies and gentlemen of the Council. I agree with
24 some of the people that spoke before me.
25 Gladstone is a fantastic place to live. We have

1 lived here for probably 15, 20 years. And we
2 moved here because of the way that city government
3 was run, the facilities that you provided, and the
4 environment. It was a very conservative town. We
5 are getting away from our conservative values.

6 By the way, my name is Bill Ploth. I
7 live at 2610 NE 69th Terrace. And I furnished a
8 prepared statement for you all. I thought that it
9 would be in your packet by Thursday. It did not.
10 I apologize for that. But I would like to read
11 from that. I have shortened some of it so it
12 doesn't take so long.

13 After listening to the presentations of
14 Gladstone officials and then talking with various
15 attendees of the hearing at Antioch Middle School,
16 and many other residents who were not aware of
17 what is going on, I feel there is a need for a
18 spokesperson against this proposal. Given the
19 huge outcry from all around the City, I
20 recommended the Council very seriously reconsider
21 its position if the belief by the citizenry is
22 correct that this already is a done deal.

23 The relevant points are: This proposal
24 is another government attempt to eliminate one
25 more of consumer freedoms to choose the best

1 service that fits individually specific needs and
2 we are fed up with this direction. Government
3 oversight does not replace viable and active
4 competition in the marketplace.

5 Awarding long-term contracts drives
6 competitors from the marketplace forever and
7 focuses extreme market power in the hands of the
8 bid holder to the detriment of the consumers. The
9 argument that reducing the number of trash trucks
10 traversing city streets reduces the cost of street
11 maintenance is moot because studies cannot
12 quantify any cost differentials effect to the
13 taxpayers.

14 THE MAYOR: Mr. Ploth, can you
15 summarize. Your two minutes are up.

16 MR. PLOTH: I didn't realize we were on
17 a two-minute time frame.

18 THE MAYOR: Yes, sir.

19 MR. PLOTH: There is no need to hire new
20 people to be watchdogs over issues that are
21 normally handled by the service provider. And
22 there may be issues with tortious interference
23 with the contracts homeowner associations have
24 with their current trash collectors, which again
25 could be a cost to taxpayers. Gladstone -- this

1 is my last point.

2 Gladstone voters want this proposal put
3 up for public referendum before the City Council
4 takes any further action. And I would like to
5 know if the Council proposes to do that. Put it
6 up for public referendum. We have a petition that
7 is going to be signed to put it up for public
8 referendum.

9 THE MAYOR: Thank you for your comments,
10 sir. Next row.

11 MS. ANTHONY: Council members. My name
12 is Pat Anthony, and I live at 7200 North
13 Bellefontaine in Tall Timber. I agree with
14 everything that Mr. Ploth was trying to say. I
15 have one or two points, one being for myself. I
16 may fill up one barrel a month. Maybe.

17 So my question would be for myself, if I
18 have access to dispose of my own waste, which I
19 do, would I be automatically billed? Or would I
20 have the opportunity to deny that be put on my
21 water bill? Because I do like Platte Valley and I
22 would like to stay with them. But if that choice
23 is going to be taken away, then I will dispose of
24 my own, which I do have the ability to do. Thank
25 you.

1 THE MAYOR: Thank you, ma'am. We
2 appreciate your comments.

3 MS. LeBEER: Hi. My name is Mary
4 LeBeer, I live at 6705 North Broadway. I too want
5 to say thank you for all the wonderful things you
6 guys do in our City. But in case I don't get a
7 chance to vote, I just want to say that I am
8 against this proposal.

9 THE MAYOR: Thank you, ma'am.

10 MR. KRETZSCHMER: Midge Kretzschmer at
11 6106 North Michigan. I also oppose this. I don't
12 oppose this for what Gladstone City has done.
13 They have done a great job. I do oppose this. I
14 want the right to choose my trash, because I have
15 gone through some bad trash people. And I've got
16 a good one now and I want to stay with it. And
17 they put up a lot of things about trucks tearing
18 up the road and everything. But you've got other
19 heavy people on that.

20 The school buses are heavy. We wouldn't
21 want to do away with them. There are other heavy
22 trucks on Gladstone streets. It is not just the
23 trash trucks tearing up the streets.

24 And I would like to -- I would like to
25 know what the City Council, I would like to know

1 what you have to say, because you probably have
2 the notes from the Council, what they had to say.
3 I want to hear from you. I also would like to
4 have this put on the ballot to vote for it.

5 I want to know too if the trash company
6 that you would take, if it would be a union shop.
7 If it went on strike, what would happen to our
8 trash? Would it sit there? Who would pick it up?
9 And a lot of people already recycle. We don't
10 have to be forced to. We already do it. I know
11 that was mentioned. Thank you so much for
12 listening.

13 THE MAYOR: Thank you, ma'am.

14 MS. PLOTH: My name is Nell Nunn Ploth,
15 2610 NE 69th Terrace, Gladstone, Missouri. In
16 addition to what my husband was trying to say,
17 there's one thing that I have noted. That is that
18 now not only are you going to do the billing, but
19 now we are going to be billed once a month with a
20 water bill, which means that you are going to have
21 to go out and get meter readings once a month. We
22 calculated -- and this was added postage in what
23 we're talking about. It would be about \$48,000 a
24 year between what you have to pay and what we have
25 to pay to remit. So there are costs here that

1 really have not been established.

2 Minnesota did a study on this and
3 determined, yes, there was road damage, but
4 overall they could not show that the community
5 itself benefited overall from single source. So I
6 think until there is a decision on -- or some
7 study that says here is the economic benefit
8 overall by doing what we are doing, I think it
9 should be postponed. Thank you.

10 THE MAYOR: Thank you for your comments.

11 MS. DUNHAM: My name is Karen Dunham, I
12 live at 206 NW 59th Terrace. And I agree with
13 what Bill and Nell were trying to say about all
14 this stuff. And also I oppose it also, because
15 we've had different services and the rates kept
16 going up, up and up. So we switched and we're
17 with Platte Valley right now. We are real
18 satisfied with them. They are courteous. We have
19 no problems. You call them, you get a person.
20 The other company, you call and you get a machine.
21 And I oppose it. So that's all I have to say.

22 THE MAYOR: We appreciate your comments.

23 MS. RINEHART: Good evening. I am Cathy
24 Rinehart, I live at 7400 NE Antioch Road. And I
25 would like to ask a couple of questions for those

1 of us that -- I've never had trash service at my
2 house. I didn't get an answer from the lady that
3 said can you opt out. I didn't get an answer to
4 that. And the other question that I have is the
5 \$1.49 admin fee. Does that go to Gladstone?

6 THE MAYOR: We've been trying to avoid
7 the discussion. We wanted to hear from you. Let
8 me go ahead and address those briefly. There will
9 be an opt out provision, the details of which have
10 not been worked out. Again, there's not been a
11 decision made to pursue this. That's why we're
12 asking for everybody's input. And then, yes, the
13 administrative fee is to help offset the postage
14 and the employees that would provide the service.
15 And, again, we've tried to project out and
16 accommodate all of the added costs.

17 MS. RINEHART: Thank you.

18 THE MAYOR: Thank you.

19 MS. SMITH: Shirley Smith, 103 NE 67th
20 Street. I really can't believe that one source
21 trash hauling in this municipality can save the
22 planet. I do my part by picking up the beer
23 bottles and cans and QuikTrip cups out of my yard
24 every Saturday and Sunday morning. But I think
25 the problem with me with this is that the

1 arguments that you presented were rather weak and
2 answerable. At least I answered them in my mind.
3 And I'm an old-timer and I like old adages. I
4 love old adages. So I will just say it. "If it
5 ain't broke, don't fix it."

6 THE MAYOR: Thank you former Council
7 Person Smith.

8 MS. NIEDERWIMMER: I am Vonnie
9 Niederwimmer, I live at 301 NW 73rd Terrace.
10 Basically I am against it. There are certain
11 aspects I think that are worthwhile looking at the
12 recycling as I know. We have a lot of neighbors
13 that don't recycle. But I definitely think that
14 if you go with this, there ought to be an opt out.

15 My husband and I have some acreage north
16 of Platte City. We take our yard waste, the
17 neighbor's yard waste up there. We would not want
18 to have to pay that. We also recycle, either up
19 at Lindenwood School, which offers the school some
20 extra income, the glass we take up to Metro North.
21 So we would not need to have recycle and yard
22 waste as part of the service.

23 Now, I understand the City of Shawnee
24 has three different types of services. Like if
25 you're a single person, have very little trash,

1 there's a much lesser charge. And I don't know if
2 you have looked into that at all. But something
3 else that concerns me, we have Blacksher, which is
4 a small company. If we go with one big company,
5 he is probably going to be put out of business.
6 Have you thought about dividing the city up in
7 three or four sections and having three or four
8 different trash services? And I definitely think
9 we should go with no more than a three-year
10 contract to start off with to see how this goes.
11 To have a ten-year contract is ludicrous. I mean,
12 that's not even common sense. I guess that's all
13 I have to say.

14 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Mrs.

15 Niederwimmer. We appreciate your comments.
16 Again, please keep it to the comments.

17 MR. SPURGEON: I want to thank the
18 Council and the City of Gladstone for moving this
19 meeting to the Community Center. Single source
20 trash collection is just a symptom of a bigger
21 problem. If you look at city websites you see a
22 page that says "Gladstone citizen survey." There
23 is a paragraph that follows, and I quote in part,
24 "In 2007, 85 percent of residents participating in
25 Gladstone's comprehensive area plan stated that

1 environmental issues needed maximum attention." I
2 went to several of those meetings and it was clear
3 the meeting was facilitated. This is a common
4 practice.

5 The facilitator's job is to control the
6 meeting, bring it to a pre-planned conclusion. If
7 they are good at their job they can actually make
8 the audience think the consensus they have reached
9 on an issue or proposal is actually their idea.
10 They break you up in small groups, give you
11 leading questions, and steer you to their
12 conclusion.

13 Unfortunately, we now are stuck with
14 that mandate. If we could take a vote of the
15 people and ask them what is more important to
16 them, liberty, freedom of choice and free
17 enterprise or the environment, I believe the
18 majority of the people would say liberty, freedom
19 of choice, and free enterprise. I have a lot of
20 other information I could share with you. There
21 is not time for it. I again appreciate having the
22 privilege to speak. God bless the City of
23 Gladstone, the State of Missouri, the United
24 States of America, and our Constitution. Thank
25 you.

1 THE MAYOR: Mr. Spurgeon, I know who you
2 are, but could you please give your name and
3 address for the record.

4 MR. SPURGEON: Yeah. Barret C.
5 Spurgeon. I go by Chris Spurgeon. 3710 NE 57th
6 Street. Thank you.

7 THE MAYOR: Thank you for your comments.

8 MR. HAMILTON: Good evening. I am
9 Forrest Hamilton, I live at 6910 North Flora
10 Avenue. I am delighted to be a resident of
11 Gladstone. I have operated a business here for
12 the last 25 years and became a resident within the
13 last eight, but I do believe in the spirit of
14 competition and freedom of choice. Thank you.

15 THE MAYOR: Thank you, sir.

16 MR. HODGES: My name is John Hodges, I
17 live at 5707 North Garfield, Gladstone, Missouri.
18 I have been a resident of Gladstone for 54 years
19 and I have been very happy with the service that I
20 have had with the trash pick-up. We've had three
21 different trash pick-ups, types of trash pick-ups,
22 and we have a very good one now, which is Platte
23 Valley Sanitation. And I go along with everybody
24 here that spoke that is against it. Thank you.

25 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Mr. Hodges.

1 MR. HESTON: My name is Mike Heston, I
2 have been a resident of Gladstone for 27 years. I
3 live at 1121 NE 75th Street in Jamestown. I have
4 not been to the other meetings. So I apologize if
5 I am going to put something in front of you that
6 has already been asked. Is there a breakdown of
7 exactly what the cost is for each service? Are we
8 going to be required to recycle? I'm not against
9 recycling. I am against paying somebody to pick
10 up my recycling and make money off of my work and
11 my recycling. Presently I go to Metro North.

12 I would suggest to you that if those
13 have not been answered, those types of questions,
14 the specific breakdown of what all costs are going
15 to be to me and the audience and the people in
16 Gladstone, that that might be something that you
17 wish to do. I think it will eliminate a lot of
18 new problems.

19 I also do not support the 10-year
20 contract. I'm a retired government employee and
21 we just did not do 10-year contracts unless it was
22 for a lease of a building. That's too long. It
23 is just too long. I would personally agree maybe
24 three, five years to begin with, with maybe an
25 ability to reup, if you will.

1 But I think the last thing that I am
2 really, really against is for somebody to tell me
3 who I have to do business with. That just rubs me
4 the wrong way, because it is a monopoly type of
5 deal. I know where the costs are going to go. So
6 that's my concern. I love living here. This is
7 my city. It is our city. It should be our choice
8 as to who services us in this city. Thank you.

9 THE MAYOR: Thank you, sir. You guys
10 know what I am going to say.

11 MR. FREEZE: I am Leland Freeze, I live
12 at 6504 North McGee Street. I love this city too.
13 But I don't like anybody telling me who I have to
14 have. I am completely against it unless you
15 choose to blackmail. I have dealt with BFI when
16 they were unionized, they are not unionized
17 anymore, I got rid of them. Deffenbaugh used to
18 be unionized. When they sold out to the outfit
19 down in Kentucky, they are no longer unionized. I
20 got rid of them. I've got Platte Valley. I get
21 100 percent wonderful service out of them. I pay
22 a little bit more, but I get what I pay for.

23 And I am afraid that if you go with
24 Platte County out of Harrisonville, you are going
25 to get less service. You are not going to be able

1 to control them. They have already got Kansas
2 City. And my daughter and son both live in Kansas
3 City and their service has went down. I am a firm
4 believer in hometown. Platte Valley is hometown.
5 BFI out of Detroit. Deffenbaugh now is out of
6 Kentucky. But Platte Valley is right here north
7 of the river. Thank you so much.

8 THE MAYOR: Thank you, sir.

9 MS. AVRON: I am Bev Avron, 2105 NE 69th
10 Terrace. And I too love living -- my husband and
11 I love living in Gladstone and appreciate the snow
12 removal. And friends do not have that in other
13 areas. I really appreciate that. I just have
14 some questions about this. I am not totally for
15 it yet. I couldn't understand or hear completely.
16 Was Town & Country what they are recommending
17 right now? And if so, do they have yard waste? I
18 have been calling around because I was told by a
19 Jennifer that yard waste was going to be up to the
20 individuals to secure their own. So far I am not
21 having any luck with that. And the ones that I
22 have are so -- their prices are just out of sight.
23 I am very happy with Platte Valley.

24 I have been with the big boys and they
25 did not work. The service was bad. I like the

1 hometown person and because they are the local
2 business. And also their yard waste is a dollar a
3 bag. I don't use it every week. So I don't want
4 to be paying \$90 or \$100 a year for something I
5 don't use every week. But I cannot be
6 transporting when I do use it. I don't have a way
7 in the trunk of my car maybe to your land place or
8 wherever the deal is. I would like for that to be
9 addressed. Somehow get some information on that.
10 Thank you.

11 THE MAYOR: Thank you, ma'am. Real
12 quick, Director Nebergall. There are negotiations
13 for the yard waste that would happen as a part of
14 any considered contracts?

15 MR. NEBERGALL: Yes.

16 THE MAYOR: Thank you.

17 MS. BROWN: My name is Rose Brown, I
18 live at 6701 North Garfield and I am also managing
19 agent for the Meadowbrook Manor Duplexes. I have
20 been working with the duplexes for 18 years now on
21 and off as managing agent and also for previous
22 managing agents. And the committee's
23 recommendation is Town & Country.

24 I was at the Antioch meeting and it was
25 stated there that 50 percent of the Gladstone

1 residents used Platte Valley. 25 Allied Waste and
2 25 Deffenbaugh. The other three make up a little
3 bit percentage, which is telling me their
4 recommendation is by cost only.

5 I have worked, just as you have, over
6 the years on getting bids and prices on contracts.
7 And I know, as well as you do, you get what you
8 pay for. If you are going to go cheap, there's a
9 reason 50 percent of Gladstone is not using Town &
10 Country. And I feel that if you go cheap, we're
11 going to get cheap. We know those of us that use
12 these other companies, we're using them for a
13 reason. We had a chance to use these cheaper
14 companies.

15 And I was also told from some of the
16 companies, I called the three main ones over the
17 last couple weeks because I was at that meeting.
18 All three of them told me that it will be losing
19 trucks, they will be selling trucks. If they
20 don't get the bid, they will be selling trucks,
21 they will be laying off employees. And some of
22 them said they might even have to start shutting
23 down.

24 So my problem is if we go one hauler, I
25 really believe we are going to have a hard time

1 down the line getting competitive bids for the
2 future. And I guess I wouldn't have a problem
3 with one source bid or one bid if the Gladstone
4 City themselves ran it. If you guys had your own
5 trucks, you have your own employees and you
6 control the whole thing. That would -- I know it
7 is not cost effective for you to do that, but all
8 the companies that I have talked to, they all have
9 said they all would be buying extra trucks and
10 would be hiring other employees, which the City
11 would also be having to do in the end. My big
12 thing is, remember we get what we pay for in the
13 end. Thank you.

14 THE MAYOR: Thank you, ma'am. And for
15 clarification, I don't believe Town & Country is
16 licensed at all in the City and probably has zero
17 pick-up in our City.

18 MR. PARKENSON: My name is Ralph
19 Parkenson, I live at 6402 Michigan. I have lived
20 here longer than any of you probably except for
21 Les. You guys do a good job as the City goes in
22 the police business, the fire business, the roads,
23 water, everything you do, because you guys have
24 control over the people that is doing it. If you
25 do this trash pick-up, who is going to have

1 control over them? Who are they going to answer
2 to? You got a 10-year contract, who are they
3 going to answer to? I am looking at you. Who are
4 they going to answer to?

5 THE MAYOR: There are quality control
6 provisions.

7 MR. PARKENSON: You give them a ten-year
8 contract, they're going to do it the way they want
9 to do it. You guys do a good job because you
10 control the things you can control. But you're
11 not going to be able to control this. It is a
12 known thing. One thing about the apartments, the
13 businesses, those people pick up two or three
14 times a week at some of those places. What are
15 you going to do about them?

16 THE MAYOR: There is no commercial
17 provision as a part of this.

18 MR. PARKENSON: Okay. So those trucks
19 are around here two or three times a week. I hear
20 them going to the schools. I live between two
21 schools. I hear those trash trucks 2:00 o'clock
22 in the morning. And they are not once a week. So
23 that is something you have to think about. These
24 two people you hire for the City, what are they
25 going to do eight hours a day? They said in that

1 meeting they're going to just answer complaints
2 from the people. Are they going to sit there
3 eight hours a day and answer complaints from the
4 people? That's a lot of complaints. If there's
5 that many complaints, we got a problem with our
6 trash pick-up. Anything? Is that all they are
7 going to be doing is answering complaints or are
8 they going to be doing other city services on our
9 dime?

10 THE MAYOR: They will be able to do
11 quite a bit of service work.

12 MR. PARKENSON: For other than -- we're
13 paying them for our deal for the trash. Was
14 supposed to take care of our trash situation. So
15 they're going to do other stuff for the City and
16 we're paying for it? That's not right. Why
17 should we be paying -- if we are paying something
18 on our bill, an added tax, so then why are we
19 having to pay for them to do other stuff for the
20 City?

21 THE MAYOR: Thank you for your time and
22 your comments.

23 MR. PARKENSON: Hang on a minute.

24 THE MAYOR: You've had your two minutes,
25 sir.

1 MR. PARKENSON: I don't like it.

2 MS. CRABTREE: My name is Lynn Crabtree,
3 1312 NE 69th Street, and I am a resident of
4 Gladstone for over 30 years. My main objections,
5 I oppose the ten-year contract. I think that's
6 way too long. If there's a problem, there's not a
7 way to negotiate. If it does go forward, I think
8 that it should be put up to a vote for the voters
9 to decide instead of a committee to decide. My
10 main problem with this, our individual freedoms
11 are near and dear to my heart. My son is getting
12 ready to deploy to Iraq for the second time to
13 protect people's freedoms, and here at home we
14 don't have those freedoms. They keep getting
15 taken away. And I object to that.

16 THE MAYOR: Thank you for your comments.

17 MS. KALMUS: My name is Karen Kalmus, I
18 live at 5625 North Gladstone Place, Gladstone,
19 Missouri, 64119. I have resided in Gladstone for
20 34 years. I find it highly offensive that you
21 five people have set yourself up to speak for
22 26,000 residents. Over half of which in the
23 households are using Platte Valley Sanitation
24 because they had so many problems with other trash
25 providers. I find it highly offensive that you

1 set yourselves up in stature in this room above
2 me. Who on earth do you people think you are?
3 What wisdom have you been given --

4 THE MAYOR: Ma'am, please keep it down.
5 It is regarding the trash pick-up.

6 MS. KALMUS: These are comments
7 regarding pick-up. Because you people have
8 decided to take away my freedom of choice. You
9 people. Not these people. You five have decided
10 to take away my freedom of choice and their
11 freedom of choice. That's what we're talking
12 about here. More so than anything else. Thank
13 you so much.

14 THE MAYOR: Thank you, ma'am.

15 MS. DUISIK: Hester Duisik, 3205 NE
16 Shady Lane Drive in Gladstone. I am president of
17 the Carriage Hills Homeowner's Association. We
18 could strongly support just having one trash
19 company if you chose Platte Valley. We did our
20 research last year and that's who we switched to.
21 And I have a concern since we're going to a
22 company that -- you are choosing to go to a
23 company that we haven't tried out yet. That is a
24 big concern. And also the Platte Valley
25 sanitation company, when I spoke with them, they

1 do everything they can to support Gladstone. They
2 do buy some of their diesel when they need to.
3 They buy it at HyVee. When they accidentally
4 crunch somebody's car or something, they would
5 encourage them to go to Gill's or some other place
6 to get their car fixed so that it would be
7 Gladstone money.

8 I don't think that other company is
9 going to have any concerns about Gladstone. We're
10 just another client, just somebody else. So I do
11 agree ten years is a long time. And I would just
12 like to be able to say thank goodness it is a
13 local company, period. But I would like to see
14 one north of the river who has north of the river
15 values. Somebody that is ours. And again, big
16 problem is the fact that we have -- if they have
17 not been licensed to even be in this city, I think
18 you have to try something out before you buy it.

19 I just want to thank you very much for
20 your time and appreciate your good work. And I
21 hope that there hasn't been a firm decision that
22 you have yet. Because I really wish that you look
23 at the rest of it.

24 One other thing. I wanted to know if
25 all of the results of the study would be available

1 at some point for us to look at? Would that be
2 available or not? Should it be public record?

3 THE MAYOR: Yes, it will be public
4 record.

5 MS. DUISIK: Okay, great. Do you know
6 when that will be available?

7 THE MAYOR: Is it already available to
8 some degree? I don't know what form it takes. I
9 believe it, is it accessible from the city
10 website?

11 MR. THOMPSON: I don't know that.

12 MS. DUISIK: I'll just call.

13 MR. DAVIS: We'll have to prepare
14 somewhat of a final document. As you know,
15 though, we are still just taking input. There are
16 a lot of issues still to be discussed, but we will
17 have a document that is available for folks if
18 they would like to see it.

19 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Captain Dobbins.
20 At this point we have really taken in quite a bit.
21 We appreciate everybody's comments. And the
22 Council will not be taking any action on the
23 single source trash collection tonight. And there
24 will be no further discussion on the issue this
25 evening.

1 We will consider the information
2 presented tonight, schedule the decision for the
3 July 25th Council meeting. At this time we will
4 take a ten-minute break before completing the
5 remainder of the meeting. Thank you all, we
6 appreciate your input.

7 (A short recess was taken.)

8 THE MAYOR: We are going to move on to
9 Item 7 of the Agenda, which is Communications from
10 the City Council. Councilman Hill, do you have
11 anything for us this evening?

12 COUNCILMAN HILL: Yes, Mayor McCullough.
13 I just want to take this opportunity to thank
14 Councilman Smith for his many, many years of
15 service to the City. And his insight and guidance
16 will be sorely missed in the future. Thank you.

17 THE MAYOR: Councilmember Moore.

18 COUNCILMEMBER MOORE: I would echo those
19 same comments. I would have to say that
20 Councilman Smith is the one who kind of railroaded
21 me several years ago at Starbucks and said,
22 "Wouldn't you like to get involved in this little
23 thing the City is doing?" And so that kind of
24 started me on my process. I volunteered for the
25 City and I am grateful. Very grateful. And

1 grateful for your friendship and all that you have
2 done for the City. We can't thank you enough. I
3 also would just like to say thank you to the City
4 Manager and to Richard King for their service at
5 the All America City function here in Kansas City.
6 It took a lot of hours and a lot of energy and a
7 lot of dedication. And I know it was a great
8 event because of all their services. So thank
9 you.

10 THE MAYOR: Thank you. Councilman
11 Smith, I hope you will bear with me, I am skipping
12 you. And I am going to let you go last at your
13 last meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Suter.

14 MAYOR PRO TEM SUTER: I want to thank
15 you, to all the citizens of Gladstone that showed
16 up tonight, whatever your opinion, we really
17 appreciated the input and we appreciated the
18 thoughtful and courteous way that people conducted
19 themselves. We've had some unfortunate incidents
20 in the last couple weeks that weren't so happy for
21 Gladstone. So I am really glad to see that we are
22 capable of conducting ourselves in a good way in a
23 public setting. It helps us to really hear what
24 people are saying on all sides. It is greatly
25 appreciated.

1 We did this on Les's last meeting, so it
2 would be a really long one so he could savor every
3 minute of his last session. It is a hard one for
4 the rest of us, because we are going to miss you.
5 And you have been instrumental in all of us here
6 getting started. Pro or con, I think Barry
7 started out by running against you. But look what
8 happened. So whether people are for you or
9 against you, it seems to get us involved in
10 Gladstone. That's a good thing.

11 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Carol. Les, I do
12 have to echo the thank you's and the appreciation.
13 I know we did start off on the wrong foot. And I
14 appreciate your help, your guidance, and
15 everything you did to put me in this seat. Even
16 though it was a long, hard, rough battle for me to
17 experience at that time, I have learned to
18 appreciate everything that you shared with me, and
19 that you helped me gain insight and become a
20 better citizen of Gladstone as a result. So I
21 greatly appreciate the many, many, many years that
22 you have committed to the City, and wish you a lot
23 of luck in your future endeavors.

24 So at this time, Councilman Smith.
25 Former Mayor Smith.

1 COUNCILMAN SMITH: Thank you all very
2 much for the kind comments. And, actually, the
3 best part of you running against me in 2007 was
4 that it forced Laura, who is now my wife, to
5 engage in a political campaign. Being an
6 administrator, they are kind of adverse -- or they
7 claim to be -- to politics. Although we know most
8 administrators probably know more about politics
9 than we give them credit for or that they wish to
10 admit. But she got to see the other side of the
11 fence. And I would even say it served her well in
12 her career. Correct?

13 MRS. SMITH: Sure.

14 COUNCILMAN SMITH: But I do appreciate
15 it very much. And I also appreciate the fact that
16 you all are throwing a little reception for us a
17 week from Thursday, and would hope that everyone
18 will come so that there will be a couple dozen
19 folks there. It has just been fabulous. It
20 really has. Growing up in some of the more
21 politically volatile years in Gladstone, talking
22 Gladstone politics and city business at the dinner
23 table, it wasn't exactly like that. It was more
24 listening to my mother and father screaming about
25 some of the other folks that were involved at that

1 time. Who was going to outclimb who on the
2 telephone pole to put a sign the highest. Who was
3 going to sue who for libel.

4 My dad always seemed to get the last
5 word, though. I think it had something to do with
6 the fact that he owned the local newspaper. That
7 made it rather convenient. It has just been truly
8 an honor to serve the folks of my hometown. You
9 don't get to do that every day. And never a
10 second thought about the opportunity having arisen
11 to move to Johnson County in large part because of
12 Laura's career. That was the easiest decision,
13 because she is just a special person. And I
14 wouldn't do it any differently.

15 This city is in good hands. This staff
16 is just phenomenal. We have always been fortunate
17 in Gladstone to have good leaders on the
18 administrative side. For a while we were kind of
19 the proving grounds or resume' builders, training
20 grounds, if you will, for city managers. Think
21 about, you know, Mark Akin, who in 1987 Mark Akin
22 was the city manager. The day after my election
23 he announced his resignation. He claimed it was
24 only coincidental. He didn't want to impact the
25 election. That was my breaking into the city

1 government, to have the city administrator or city
2 manager leave the day you get elected. I didn't
3 take it personally at all.

4 Then we have Pat Riley come along who
5 jumped into a very difficult time in Gladstone.
6 But he was probably one of the nicest men you
7 could ever hope to meet and a very talented city
8 manager. With the politics as volatile as they
9 were at that time, it didn't bode well for him
10 being here long. And I think that what we can do
11 best going forward is to be supportive and
12 appreciative of the professionalism and the
13 dedication that this staff presents or brings to
14 this community and then to be supportive of that
15 and just give them, provide them the environment
16 to be successful. Because they are very talented,
17 they are very dedicated. They make things work.

18 And I will be eternally grateful for all
19 the times that many of you have made the Council
20 look good. We know where the credit lies, it lies
21 with you. And we appreciate you. We hope that
22 all of you will be around for a very long time.
23 With that, I will stop rambling, because I will
24 probably do plenty of that next Thursday night.

25 Thank you very much for the kind words.

1 Good luck on the decision with the single source
2 hauler issue. I am really sorry that I won't be
3 around to participate in that discussion any
4 longer. We didn't know how the timing of that was
5 going to play out. So I actually have to
6 apologize for not being around to see this to its
7 conclusion. Good luck with that. I know you will
8 make the right decision. I appreciate each of you
9 and what you have done for this community and look
10 forward to your friendship for many, many years to
11 come.

12 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Les. Item 8,
13 communications from the City Manager.

14 MR. DAVIS: Tough to follow that.
15 Councilman Smith, I won't even go into my comments
16 right now. I am going to reserve some of those
17 for that Thursday night. I hope, I know you
18 understand. Otherwise, we might be here for a
19 long time tonight. And I don't want -- we've
20 already been here for a while. I guess you
21 understand that, you know, we have a special
22 relationship and I have always appreciated that.

23 Three things with the City. Theater In
24 The Park, July 8, 9 and 10. I want to encourage
25 everybody to go out to Oak Grove Park to the

1 Ampitheater and participate and watch the show.
2 Participate in the park activities. But watch the
3 show Flyer. I think it is going to be a great
4 show. Should be great crowds.

5 Reminder that we are closed on Monday,
6 July the 4th, but we would like to invite
7 everybody out to Oak Grove Park again for the
8 fireworks display that night. It will start
9 roughly 9:45. I think as usual it will be a great
10 display and hopefully everybody will enjoy
11 themselves. That's all I have.

12 THE MAYOR: Thank you, Kirk. Moving on
13 to Item 9. We have got a public hearing for
14 consideration of a request for a Special Use
15 Permit Renewal at 2005 NE 62th Street. Applicant,
16 Judy A. Cervantes. Owner: Louis A. Sr. and Judy
17 A. Cervantes. We will open this public hearing
18 and immediately close it. The meeting is opened
19 and closed.

20 Audience Note: This public hearing will
21 be continued to the July 11th, 2011 City Council
22 meeting by agreement of the applicant as well as
23 the City Staff. As further explanation, it was
24 just, we knew this was going to be a long meeting
25 tonight and rather than subject them to a long

1 drawn-out process, we continued it on.

2 Item 10, public hearing for
3 consideration of a request for a Special Use
4 Permit Renewal at 6822 North Charlotte.
5 Applicant: Lisa Jo Sink/Kids Count. Owner: Lisa
6 Sissel. Again, we will open the meeting and
7 immediately close it, with the same note that it
8 will be carried forward to the July 11th, 2011
9 City Council meeting.

10 Item 11, Resolution R-11-53, amending
11 the 2011 Transportation Sales Tax Fund and Capital
12 Improvement Sales Tax Fund for the City of
13 Gladstone, Missouri, and authorizing expenditures
14 of funds.

15 COUNCILMEMBER MOORE: I move that
16 Resolution R-11-53 be adopted.

17 COUNCILMAN HILL: Second.

18 THE MAYOR: Motion has been moved and
19 seconded. Is there any discussion? All in favor?

20 (Ayes stated.)

21 THE MAYOR: All opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 THE MAYOR: Hearing none, that
24 resolution moves forward.

25 Item 12, Resolution R-11-54,

1 establishing the financial policy for implementing
2 the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's
3 Statement Number 54-Fund Balance Reporting and
4 Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

5 COUNCILMAN SMITH: I move that
6 Resolution R-11-54 be approved.

7 COUNCILMEMBER MOORE: Second.

8 THE MAYOR: The motion has been
9 seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none.
10 All in favor, please say "aye".

11 (Ayes stated.)

12 THE MAYOR: Any opposed?

13 (None stated.)

14 THE MAYOR: Resolution R-11-54 moves
15 ahead. And Item 13. We get to continue with the
16 celebration. And I would like to ask the Council
17 as well as former Mayor Smith to join me down
18 front for a special presentation. We went through
19 and talked about everything that we could possibly
20 present to you. And every time Cathy and I talked
21 about something, it really boiled down to you
22 already had it. You've already done so much for
23 the community. I couldn't give you a city key.
24 So we are presenting you with a flag. Presented
25 the 30th day of June, 2011. You get the idea.

1 We'll actually bring it back. With the greatest
2 respect and affection. City Council, staff and
3 the citizens of Gladstone, Missouri, by all of us
4 on the City Council.

5 COUNCILMAN SMITH: That is awesome.

6 THE MAYOR: Les, we can't tell you
7 enough about how much we appreciate your
8 leadership and everything that you have done for
9 the Council and the City as a whole. It has been
10 an honor to work with you.

11 COUNCILMAN SMITH: This is perfect.
12 This is perfect.

13 THE MAYOR: Thank you. Cathy did come
14 up with a wonderful idea to give you an additional
15 Certificate of Dedicated Service and heartfelt
16 appreciation presented to Mayor Les Smith in
17 grateful recognition of his devoted service and
18 outstanding contribution to the City of Gladstone,
19 Missouri; whereas Councilman from April 1984
20 through April 1987, April 2001 to June 2011, and
21 Mayor from April 2003 through April 2004, and
22 April 2007 through 2008, and again April 2010
23 through April 2011. Presented this 30th day of
24 June, 2011 with the greatest respect and
25 appreciation, affection from the Mayor and the

1 City Council members and City Managers and City
2 Staff members and Civic Leaders who were
3 privileged to serve with you. Do you have any
4 additional words for us?

5 COUNCILMAN SMITH: Well, no. I had
6 managed to not look anyone in the eye. No eye
7 contact, especially with you folks over here and
8 over here, so I don't lose it. And not too much
9 with the folks down here. So I am going to win a
10 very large bet by not losing it this evening. I
11 would, Mayor McCullough, one thing I did want to
12 say in communications that I forgot, is to thank
13 the folks on staff, both the administrative staff
14 and others and the public works and community
15 center for pulling this together very quickly. We
16 had a crowd that was well in excess of the number
17 of folks that would fit in City Hall. I really
18 appreciate making this happen for the Council.
19 Once again, I think they did the right thing for
20 us. I just want to say thanks. That's all. No
21 more, I promise.

22 THE MAYOR: Good call. Just for the
23 folks that may not understand the last minute
24 decision. This was made on Friday. We realized
25 that the crowd was likely to be in excess of the

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capacity that we could have in council chambers.
And so staff, everybody worked really hard to pull
this off and make sure it was a good event and
everybody had the opportunity to be heard this
evening.

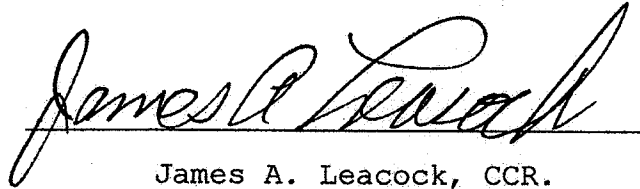
Item 14. Is there other business to
come before Council this evening? Item 15. Are
there questions from the news media? Thank you
for being here, gentlemen. Item 16. We are
adjourned. Thank you all.

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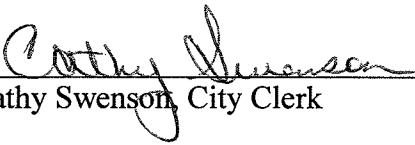
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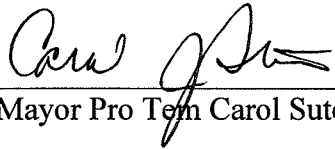
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