



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015**

PRESENT: Mayor J. Brian Hill
Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos
Councilmember Carol Suter
Councilmember Jean Moore
Councilmember R.D. Mallams

City Manager Kirk Davis
Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson
City Counselor Randall Thompson
City Clerk Ruth Bocchino

Item 2. on the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

Mayor J. Brian Hill opened the Regular April 13, 2015, City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers, and noted that all City Council members were present.

Item 3. on the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Hill asked everyone to join and to please rise for the pledge of allegiance.

Item 4. On the Agenda. Approval of Regular March 23, 2015, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember R.D. Mallams moved to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2015, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilmember Jean Moore** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos, and Mayor J. Brian Hill. (5-0).

Item 5. on the Agenda. INTRODUCTION OF THE PAST MAYORS AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mayor J. Brian Hill introduced the past Mayors and past City Council members in the audience. Mayor Hill asked to hold applause until the end of the introductions and then

introduced Barry McCullough, Rick Moore, Carmelina Smith, Carol Rudi, and Les Smith. Mary Cross, wife of Bill Cross, was also in attendance as well as Stew Revenaugh, father of Mark Revenaugh. Mayor Hill stated the City owes a huge debt of thanks to each of these individuals who saw a vision for the City and laid the groundwork for the progress the Council takes credit for today. Mayor Hill thanked them for their service, commitment and passion for the City of Gladstone. This was followed by applause from the audience.

Item 6. on the Agenda. **MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS.**

Mayor J. Brian Hill gave a PowerPoint presentation of the accomplishments of the City in the past year. Mayor Hill discussed the growth of the downtown area. Highlights included the Northland Innovation Center, Linden Woods Village, The Heights at Linden Square, the opening of Snow & Co., renovations at Meadowbrook Shopping Center, including a new Popeye's Chicken and Dunkin' Donuts, the Hobby Hill Park Master Plan, installation of public art, continuation of citizen engagement, and scheduled events at the Atkins-Johnson Farm.

Mayor Hill recognized the Scouts and Leaders in the audience and asked for an introduction of those present. Scout Treton Cauley from Troop 1302 introduced Scouts Tristan Copeland, Nick Burkhammer, Cameron Harrison, Josh Parker and Cavin Cation; Leaders Mark Burkhammer, Shane Parker, Dennis Spencer and Shane Harrison.

Item 7. on the Agenda. **COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Councilmember Jean Moore extended her deepest thanks for the professionalism and dedication Mayor Hill brought to the role of Mayor in the past year. Councilmember Moore stated she knows full well the time and energy this takes and Mayor Hill has represented the city well and has led the Council with a great deal of fairness and she appreciates that. Councilmember Moore stated she knows Mayor Hill will truly miss 7:30 am meetings, because they are his favorite, she hopes he can finally get some time to take the well-deserved rest he has earned.

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos thanked Mayor Hill for his leadership and stewardship over the past year. Mayor Pro Tem Garnos said he appreciated Mayor Hill, even though they have not always agreed on everything, they have always been able to agree to disagree and frankly they have not disagreed that often; and the only times have been when Mayor Hill was wrong. (laughter!). Mayor Pro Tem Garnos thanked Mayor Hill for his service.

Councilmember R.D. Mallams extended his appreciation to Mayor Hill for his selfless service to the community.

Councilmember Carol Suter stated she knows Mayor Hill has not done it all on his own so Councilmember Suter added her thanks to the staff. It has been a spectacular year in the history of Gladstone and it of course doesn't happen just because the Council passes resolutions from their desk or other meetings but because they have a really dedicated and visionary staff. Things are happening and it has been an exciting year for Mayor Hill to be Mayor, and the next several years are going to be just as exciting.

Mayor J. Brian Hill thanked the Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmembers and stated what they have accomplished the past year could not have been done without the other four members of the Council and their support and assistance. The ongoing willingness when Mayor Hill has called upon them to provide their opinion, right or wrong, and the support when Mayor Hill was unavailable; Mayor Hill thanked staff and stated the Council gives staff direction from time to time, and a lot of the time staff plants the direction with the Council and lets Council think they are coming up with the direction when it is really coming from them, and that is the mark of the City Manager. Mayor Hill thanked staff, including the Public Safety Director. Generally, we have had good weather, no tornadoes, no flash floods, so he will take credit for that. Mayor Hill thanked all, and stated it has been a good year.

Item 8. on the Agenda. **PROCLAMATION: RECOGNIZING SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS DAYS**-a presentation of classical Chinese dance and music inspired by 5,000 years of traditional Chinese civilization.

Mayor J. Brian Hill read and presented the Proclamation to Linda Kuang. Afterwards Ms. Kuang thanked the Mayor for the continuing support for the event. The troupe is coming from New York, reviving the 5000 years of culture of China which advocates humanity, virtue, compassion, tolerance and loyalty which has encouraged Chinese people throughout history. Since communism control, the culture has been destroyed. In the year of 2006, hundreds of artists from all over the world together at New York formed Shen Yun with the mission to revive the culture and bring them on to stage to benefit people worldwide. A short video presentation was viewed.

Item 9. on the Agenda. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

Following the Clerk's reading, **Councilmember Carol Suter** moved to approve the Consent Agenda as published. **Councilmember R. D. Mallams** seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilmember R. D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos and Mayor J. Brian Hill. (5-0).

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 15-20** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Homoly Solar, Incorporated, in the total amount not to exceed \$83,370.00 for the Water Treatment Plan 25k Solar Grid-Tied Project. **Councilmember R. D. Mallams** seconded. The vote: All "aye" - Councilmember R. D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos and Mayor J. Brian Hill. (5-0).

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to adopt **RESOLUTION 15-21** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services contract with Hoefer Wysocki Architecture in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the implementation of a Facilities Study Plan. **Councilmember R. D. Mallams** seconded. The vote: All "aye" - Councilmember R. D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos and Mayor J. Brian Hill. (5-0).

Councilmember Carol Suter moved **APPROVAL OF LOOKOUT PIZZERIA BUILDING PERMIT**, 6950 North Oak Trafficway. **Councilmember R. D. Mallams** seconded. The vote: All “aye” - Councilmember R. D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos and Mayor J. Brian Hill. (5-0).

Item 10. on the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 15-11**, An Ordinance declaring the results of the Tuesday, April 7, 2015, Gladstone General Municipal Election as certified by the Clay County Board of Election Commissioners that City Council Candidates Jean B. Moore and R.D. Mallams have each been elected to three year terms on the Gladstone City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos moved **Bill No. 15-11** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilmember Carol Suter** seconded. The vote: All “aye” - Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos, and Mayor J. Brian Hill. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos moved to accept the First Reading of **Bill No. 15-11**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilmember Carol Suter** seconded. The vote: All “aye” - Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos and Mayor J. Brian Hill. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **Bill No. 15-11**, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.301**. **Councilmember Carol Suter** seconded. The vote: All “aye” - Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos and Mayor J. Brian Hill. (5-0).

Item 11. on the Agenda. **CITY COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE: JEAN B. MOORE and R.D. MALLAMS.**

City Clerk Ruth Bocchino administered the oath of office to **Jean Moore and R.D. Mallams** for their positions of Councilmembers effective April 13, 2015. This was followed with applause from the audience.

Item 12. on the Agenda. **ELECTION OF MAYOR AND OATH OF OFFICE**

Mayor J. Brian Hill presided and opened nominations for the office of Mayor of the City of Gladstone.

Councilmember Jean Moore moved to place a nomination for **Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos** in the role of Mayor of the City of Gladstone, Missouri. **Councilmember R.D. Mallams** seconded.

As there were no further nominations for the office of Mayor to come before the City Council, **Mayor J. Brian Hill** called for a vote.

The vote: All “aye” - Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos and Mayor J. Brian Hill. (5-0).

Mayor J. Brian Hill congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos.

Following applause from the audience, The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office for the position of Mayor of the City of Gladstone, Missouri, to **Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos**. The audience applauded the newly elected Mayor.

Mayor Bill Garnos stated before finishing the relatively short agenda, he desired to have a point of personal privilege because he wanted to thank the City Council for their support and confidence in him. Mayor Garnos stated that even though they do not always agree on everything, all the Council members only have the best interests of Gladstone at heart in everything they do. Mayor Garnos thanked the great City staff for all their hard work and primarily for all their hard work they are going to do over the next year that Mayor Garnos will shamelessly be taking credit for. Mayor Garnos stated the former City Council members present know better than anyone that all the success the Council has in the City today is due to their vision and commitment for what the City can be and should be and so all of the Council take credit for that and Mayor Garnos thanked the former Council members for their service. Particularly, Mayor Garnos wanted to thank Carol Rudi for helping to get him on City Council. Mayor Garnos thanked Barry McCullough for his support for certifying his conservative credentials and teaching him the secret handshake, and of course Les Smith who forced Mayor Garnos to become a member of City Council. Finally, last but not least, Mayor Garnos recognized his wife, Lori, who encouraged him to run for City Council so she could have the house to herself on Monday nights, and to his daughter Elizabeth who was also present. Mayor Garnos and Lori have been together for 35 years, married for 25 years, and is still clearly the best decision he has ever made. Lori has always dreamed of one day being First Lady and being married to the Mayor and all the glamour and fancy cocktail parties that he understands come with the position.

Item 13. on the Agenda. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM.

Mayor Bill Garnos presided and opened nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Gladstone.

Councilmember R.D. Mallams moved to place a nomination for **Councilmember Jean Moore** in the role of Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Gladstone, Missouri. **Councilmember J. Brian Hill** seconded.

As there were no further nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem to come before the City Council, **Mayor Garnos** called for a roll call vote.

The vote: All "aye" - Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Councilmember Jean Moore, and Mayor Bill Garnos. (5-0).

Mayor Bill Garnos announced that **Councilmember Jean Moore** had been elected as Mayor Pro Tem, which was followed with applause from the audience.

Item 14. on the Agenda. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

There were no communications from the audience.

Item 15. on the Agenda. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Councilman R.D. Mallams stated he had a few words of appreciation, starting with his wife. Councilman Mallams extended thanks to his wife and his family, who may have been watching from their homes, Councilmember Mallams thanked each of them. Councilmember Mallams stated he didn't know if Toni could have survived another campaign, last spring was pretty intense and thanked the good Lord who did them a favor by not having any opposition this year. Councilmember Mallams extended his appreciation to the City Council for their support and guidance and patience as they have mentored him through his first year. Councilmember Mallams reiterated his appreciation to Mayor Hill for his selfless service to the community. Councilmember Mallams addressed the City Manager and stated the City Manager has assembled an excellent team of dedicated employees and he has really appreciated working with them and has always valued their input. Finally to the members of the audience, many are friends; Councilmember Mallams thanked them for their guidance and support and committed to each one of them that he will always make decisions that are in the best interest of our City.

Councilmember Brian Hill stated congratulations and condolences to Mayor Bill Garnos and his best wishes for a successful year.

Councilmember Carol Suter expressed her congratulations to the City Manager Kirk Davis for being selected this year as one of the regional leadership award winners for the Mid America Regional Council. This is an extremely prestigious award and it was her privilege as a MARC Board member to have the opportunity to vote for him. Dozens and dozens of people are nominated and the credentials are really quite impressive. It was really heartwarming to hear the accolades from city and county leaders from all over the region as they went through the selection process. City Manager Davis will be honored at a luncheon with the Mid America Regional Council's Annual meeting on June 5 and we will all be very proud to be there to see him receive this award.

Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore thanked the Council for their confidence they have shown in electing her as Mayor Pro Tem and promised she will do her very best in this position. Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated she had the opportunity to attend two citizen meetings that the City held for the Rock Creek Trail. Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated there was a good turnout at both of the meetings and there are issues that obviously are under discussion that will need to be resolved. Mayor Pro Tem Moore thanked all the citizens who attended and also to the good staff from Public Works and Public Safety and Parks and Recreation for the great job in presenting the materials and laying it all out for citizens to see and doing a great job in fielding questions and concerns. This is an ongoing issue but Mayor Pro Tem wanted to extend her thanks to the citizenry and staff.

Item 16. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER.

City Manager Kirk Davis stated congratulations to all, and thanked Councilmember Suter for the kind comments. City Manager Davis reiterated the Lincoln weekend at the Atkins Johnson Farm that Councilmember Brian Hill mentioned. The museum opens up April 15 and April 18 is a big day and City Manager Davis encouraged everybody to come out and enjoy the festivities. City Manager Davis stated April 16 is the ribbon cutting for The Heights. Even though The Heights are in the process of leasing, the formal ribbon cutting is April 16 at 4:00 pm and everyone is invited to that. April 25, at 10:00 am, is the dedication for Nestle, the first public art piece and we are working on many others. The first week of activity at Linden Square is May 23, 2015, for the Armed Forces celebration and following that every weekend we have activities in Linden Square for the balance of the summer through Gladfest. Those are a few things going on in the next three or four weeks. City Manager Davis congratulated all the Council Members and thanked them for the kind comments.

Item 17. on the Agenda. OTHER BUSINESS.

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

Item 18. on the Agenda. QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA.

There were no questions from the news Media.

Item 19. on the Agenda. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Bill Garnos invited all to attend the Mayors Reception to be held after the Council meeting. There being no further business to come before the April 13, 2015, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Garnos adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Ruth Bocchino, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 

Approved as corrected/amended: _____



Mayor Bill Garnos