



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

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

City Manager Scott Wingerson
Assistant City Manager Bob Baer
City Counselor Chris Williams
City Clerk Ruth Bocchino

Item 2. On the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Moore opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, February 27, 2017, at 7:45 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers. Mayor Moore welcomed all present and those participating on-line. All Councilmembers were present.

Item 3. On the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Mayor Moore asked everyone to please rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Colors were presented by VFW Post 10906; Karla Gleaton, Joe Liles, Charlie Cram, and Stan Stoner.

Item 4. On the Agenda. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Item 5. On the Agenda. Approval of Closed February 13, 2017, City Council meeting minutes.

Councilman Hill moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Mayor Pro Tem Mallams** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. Councilmember Carol Suter abstained. (4-0-1).

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of Regular February 13, 2017, City Council meeting minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. Councilmember Carol Suter abstained. (4-0-1).

REGULAR AGENDA.

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. Communications from the audience.

Larry Newport, 2002 NE 69th Terrace, approached Council and stated: *"I would just like to know if there is a possibility in the future for us to get a streetlight at the bottom of that Cul-de-Sac; it's terribly dark down there. It is pitch black. Carol had a house they rehabilitated down there, but the other neighbors are wanting to know if we can get a streetlight. I suggested they come to the meeting, but, anyway, it's just pitch black down there at the bottom of that hill."*

Mayor Moore asked what the location was.

Mr. Newport responded *"69th Terrace. The bottom of the hill."*

Councilmember Suter stated: *"The 2000 block; 2100 block."*

Mr. Newport stated: *"We are at 2002; this is at the bottom of the hill."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"Mr. Nebergall is in the audience shaking his head in the affirmative so he will look into it."*

Mr. Newport stated: *"That's fine, I just didn't know."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"We appreciate it Larry, thank you so much."*

Item No. 8. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Council.

Councilmember Hill stated: *"Mayor Moore I just wondered, I had noticed on Antioch Road, in the triangle, an electronic sign has popped up saying 'roadwork starting March 13.' I wondered if anyone knew what that was."*

Councilmember Suter stated: *"What is it? That was on my list, too. What is it, Director Nebergall? What is MODOT going to do?"*

Public Works Director Tim Nebergall stated: *"MODOT has awarded a contract for street maintenance work between 64th Street and 72nd Street. I don't have all the specifics yet. The pre-construction meeting is on Thursday. Look for an update in your FYIN. I do know that they did award a project to Superior Bowen Asphalt. As soon as I know more, I'll let you know."*

Councilmember Suter stated: *"Thank you, Mayor. I will add one about MODOT and the way things get decided. I was at a meeting Thursday morning where everybody in the room learned for the first time that MODOT plans to close the Broadway Bridge for refurbishing for probably up to two years starting either later this year or early next year. It wasn't even on anybody's list of any projects that they were working on. We will be paying close attention north of the river to what happens with that. I also wanted to encourage folks; you may have seen notice about this last week. There was a meeting, public input for a project called Beyond the Loop which is a collaborative project of a number of jurisdictions in the area with MODOT, KDOT, Kansas City, and Kansas City, Missouri, and the Mid America Regional Council is facilitating it. We are working on a longer range project to replace the Broadway Bridge and re-work all the connections to it downtown. Kansas City is also exploring decertifying the north side of the loop which is Interstate 70 through Kansas City, Missouri, and into Kansas City, Kansas. It is a huge project. The bridge is in such bad shape that of course MODOT has to refurbish it before we will get to this project. There are going to be about 25 public meetings all over the area. We just started the first one last week. I wanted to encourage Council members and other folks in the community, this is your chance to be heard on what you think is important about how the traffic gets re-organized and re-structured as it goes in and out of downtown for us."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"Carol would we find the notice of those meetings at the MARC website?"*

Councilmember Suter stated: *"Yes you will find it at MARC. Actually, Beyond the Loop has its own website as well so you can Google Beyond the Loop and find it there."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"I had a couple of things tonight I wanted to share. First of all, I had a letter today that came to my city email. It was just one of those things that is too good not to share. It was a letter from a citizen who indicated that for years he had water problems at his residence. I guess he had been instructed by several contractors, 'well don't contact the city because they won't help you at all.' He finally was so desperate, after spending thousands of dollars trying to correct this problem that he did contact Public Works. Mr. Nebergall paid a visit to him and he was very complimentary about his interaction with Tim and the suggestions that Tim offered to correct the problem. The problem was actually taken care of through contact with Tim Herrman. He took the time to write a very lengthy letter just saying how much he appreciated his contact with two city staffers and how much it meant to him. He said, 'oh my gosh, I wish I had contacted the city earlier.' I did write him back today and said that is the way we do business in Gladstone and I appreciated him taking the time to write a letter like that. I just think those are the kinds of good things we need to hear all the time. Clearly, thank you, Director Nebergall, for you and your fine staff, thank you."*

"I did have the opportunity last week with Director Hasty to attend the Kansas City Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. That is always a big event downtown and this year Police Chief Darryl Forte was the speaker. There were lots of representatives there from the area Public Safety Departments. It was a really nice event. Director Hasty and I left at 6:30 in the morning. That part, maybe not so nice."

Item No. 8a. On the Agenda. Mayor Moore stated: *"Last week I also had the opportunity to present a Proclamation to Gladstone's Rotary Club on their 40th Anniversary. I was at the birthday event and presented this to former Mayor, Barry McCullough, who is the President of the Rotary. There were a number of people in that organization who were actually the founders who were recognized at that birthday event. They do a mountain of great work for the City and internationally. It was a great pleasure to be there to honor them on their special birthday."*

"I have another honor this evening. This is a very special one. This one kind of stands out among all the others. I would like to ask Director Debra Daily to come to the front, and I would like to ask the members of the Council to come down to the front for our special presentation."

Director Daily and members of the Council met in front of the bench.

Mayor Moore stated: *"Now, technically you were supposed to be surprised. Are you? Act surprised."*

Director Daily stated: *"Wow, I knew most people were not going to just let me go silently."*

Mayor Moore read the Proclamation for Debra Daily's retirement, and stated: *"I'm exhausted by all of this and we are so fortunate, Debra, to have had your outstanding talents and your firm hand on the City's financial stern for these many, many years and you are going to be deeply missed."*

Director Daily stated: *"I appreciate that. I just wanted to do the best job possible and, you know, along with vision and guidance from the Council members throughout the years, and past leadership, current leadership; of course the Finance Department staff themselves. I had the opportunity to work with Kirk, the City Manager, and interspersed I was working with, in between, and then worked with Scott. I feel like I'm leaving everything with a good solid financial foundation and that is a credit to all the Leadership Team, the people I work with and a lot of hard work by everybody. So, I hope I've thought of everything I was going to say."*

Councilmember Suter stated: *"I will give you a hug later, you know. The stereotype of accountants and finance people is a little stodgy, yes, but you have been one of the most creative financial minds I've encountered professionally in a very long time. The City has just benefited so enormously from that. The ability to look outside the box and think outside the box and bring new ideas; you've saved the City so much money, you've earned the City so much more money, there is no way we can ever repay you for all that."*

Councilman Hill stated: *"Debra I don't know how we are going to make it without any more of your financial reports in Study Sessions. Those are going to be terribly missed. Will you come back and do it for us once every six months? There isn't too much to add to what Carol and Jeanie have already said. You are going to be deeply missed and all of your efforts are deeply appreciated and probably most of the citizens don't know who you are, but they should, because you have served them so well. You have not been spread all over the front page of the Dispatch with some kind of scandal. That is good. Thank you."*

Director Daily stated: *"Thank you so much, I appreciate it from the bottom of my heart. Like I said, I'm leaving it in good hands and you guys have great vision. You have the perfect staff to implement all of it. Thank you."*

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams stated: *"Debra, I would like to extend my personal gratitude for your exceptional services to the City staff and members of the community of Gladstone. During your annual audits and the reviews, the accounting and finance processes of the City received the highest marks. I wish for you continued happiness and good health as you enter into retirement. Thank you."*

Item No. 9. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Manager.

City Manager Scott Wingerson stated: *"Mayor, thank you. Just a comment on your comments about Tim Nebergall and Tim Herrman and the satisfied resident. It is really our goal to have an interaction like that in every interaction that we have with a member of the public. Of course, it is not always possible, but that's always our goal. KUDOS to Tim and Tim for setting an example for all of us to follow and a good reminder of how we are supposed to go about public service. Greatly appreciated. Future Leaders Academy started last week. 14 participants in the first session. It was General Administration, Economic Development, and Community Development. I think it was very interactive and I think the people had a good time and I think they will come back for the second session. Shaping our Future is working behind the scenes pretty aggressively. They have had one meeting as the Implementation Committee; they have another meeting next week. Their goal is to create a strategy of how to implement the plan they presented to you four, or so, weeks ago. Quik Trip is either closing tonight or first thing in the morning; or perhaps it's closed given the body language that you are showing me. Very soon, it will be closed about 10 or 12 weeks and then re-open with a new prototype. We are excited about that. A reminder to the Council and any staff, that Debra's retirement breakfast is Wednesday at 9:00 here in City Hall."*

Item No. 10. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-17-09** A Resolution adopting a Social Media Policy for the City of Gladstone, Missouri.

Councilman Hill moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-17-09** A Resolution adopting a Social Media Policy for the City of Gladstone, Missouri. **Councilmember Suter** seconded. The Vote: All 'aye', Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore, (5-0).

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-17-10** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Office, Sublease Agreement between the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and Oakhill Day School.

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-17-10** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Office, Sublease Agreement between the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and Oakhill Day School. **Councilmember Suter** seconded. The Vote: All 'aye', Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore, (5-0).

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-17-11 A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with SheDigs It, LLC, in the total amount not to exceed \$1,268,834.00 for the Hobby Hill Park Project CO1656.

Councilmember Suter moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-17-11** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with SheDigs It, LLC, in the total amount not to exceed \$1,268,834.00 for the Hobby Hill Park Project CO1656. **Councilman Garnos** seconded.

Councilman Garnos stated: *"Mayor Moore, we had, this was discussed and we had a presentation at our Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting last week on this. As I understand it, the base bid and the two bid alternates we are approving here for about \$1.27 million, there is about a 10% contingency fund at this phase of the design and construction project. There is about \$127,000.00 in contingency at this point. It is my understanding that we will maybe know by May or June how much of that money may be available and may be available to help with purchasing all of the amenities that are on the list. I know I think we got most of the base bid things that other Councilmembers were concerned about, but hopefully there will be enough money leftover in the contingency that we can complete all of those and maybe do some more, including the grading for a sledding hill. I'd also really like to see the disc golf course included in this phase of construction. I think for a fairly small amount of money it opens up a huge area of the park for some fairly light use that could also be changed in the future. It would open up a huge area that otherwise wouldn't, and not for a lot of money for disc golf, t-boxes and baskets and some clearing. That is maybe pushing what we can expect to get out of the money left over but I am hoping we can manage this in a way that we can get that all done as a part of this first phase."*

The Vote: All 'aye', Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore, (5-0).

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-17-12 A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Mark Green, LLC, for the contractual mowing and landscaping of certain City of Gladstone Parks and Facilities.

Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams moved approval of **RESOLUTION R-17-12** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Mark Green, LLC, for the contractual mowing and landscaping of certain City of Gladstone Parks and Facilities. **Councilman Hill** seconded. The Vote: All 'aye', Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore, (5-0).

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. CONSIDER BUILDING PERMIT, ALDI'S

Councilmember Suter moved to approve the **BUILDING PERMIT, ALDI'S**. **Councilman Hill** seconded. The Vote: All 'aye', Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore, (5-0).

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. APPROVE MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2017.

Councilman Garnos moved to approve the **MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2017. Mayor Pro Tem Mallams** seconded.

Councilman Hill stated: *"Mayor Moore, I don't know whether I can vote on this without Debra Daily spending at least 30 minutes at the podium explaining it."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"It is unfortunate. Debra do you want to come back just for old time's sake?"*

Councilman Garnos stated: *"And to Director Daily's credit, if you look at the numbers, it looks like for the month of January, revenue is up six percent and expenditures are down two percent. At seven months in to the fiscal year, that is a good thing."*

Councilmember Suter stated: *"She made sure she went out on a high."*

Councilman Hill stated: *"I don't think those are audited yet, though."*

Councilman Garnos stated: *"I didn't check the math."*

The Vote: All 'aye', Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore, (5-0).

Item No. 16. Other Business.

There was no other business to be brought before the Council.

Item No. 17. On the Agenda. Questions from the news media.

There were no questions from the news media.

Item No. 18. On the Agenda. Adjournment. The Mayor adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 

Approved as corrected/amended: _____


Jean B. Moore, Mayor