



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 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
City Counselor Chris Williams
City Clerk Ruth Bocchino

ABSENT: Assistant City Manager Bob Baer

Item 2. On the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Moore opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, April 10, 2017, at 7:33 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 stated: *"Tonight we have with us Troop 247, who are going to present the Colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Representing that Troop are Brandon Schubert, Domanic Ayala, Derek Quigley, Andrew Reinsch, Tyler Lundgren, Tanner Ayers, D'Artagnan Frisby, Garrett Winheim, Will Horseman, Connor Cobb, Felix James, Mason White, Austin Chaney, and Aimon Maza. The Troop Leader is Frank Reinsch. Please rise and join with me for the Pledge."*

Mayor Moore thanked Troop 247 for posting the Colors.

Item 4. On the Agenda. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Item 5. On the Agenda. Approval of Closed March 27, 2017, City Council meeting minutes.

Councilman Hill moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Councilmember Suter** seconded. The Vote: All “aye”, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of Regular March 27, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2017, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: All “aye”, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. INTRODUCTION OF THE PAST MAYORS AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mayor Moore stated: *“It’s an important night for us to recognize past Mayors and City Councilmembers. I will do that at this time, but I would love all of you, as I mention your name, to please stand. Mary Cross, representing her husband Bill Cross, Marilyn Ahnefeld, who was our City Clerk for such a long time, Rick Moore, Stew Revenaugh, who is the father of Mark Revenaugh, Les Smith, former Mayor and his wife Laura Smith. Carol Rudi, former Mayor, and Greg Strausser.”*

“I think I have Les Smith to blame for the Mayor giving a State of the City address. So I know there needs to be somebody to blame. It has been an exciting and busy year for Gladstone, and it has been my true honor to represent the City as your Mayor. We’ve covered a lot of ground, but I think it’s always important to pause a few moments and look back to highlight our journey this past year and celebrate our accomplishments. I hope that you will take the time to attend the reception following our meeting tonight. There are some great slides about our achievements that Pam Smitka has pulled together in the reception area and I think you’ll enjoy seeing all of those.

In 2016, approximately \$60 million has been invested in our community—resulting in significant changes in housing, education, our commercial corridors, and our parks and neighborhoods.

Let’s start with housing:

In August, we were pleased to welcome Linden Woods Village, a continuous care facility offering independent living units, assisted living units, as well as long-term and short-term rehabilitation. This facility provides a unique living environment for seniors in Gladstone. The Kendallwood and Rock Creek Apartments complex, which has served more than 6,200 residents through its proud 46 years in Gladstone, underwent an extensive facelift resulting in new amenities and upgraded apartments.

Turning to education:

The Northland Innovation Center represents yet another building block in our city’s downtown development. This impressive, state-of-the-art building on North Oak Trafficway opened in the

fall of 2016. The dream to create a world-class opportunity center to address the educational needs of students in the Northland and throughout the entire region became a reality because of innovative partnerships with the City, CBC Real Estate Group, the North Kansas City School District and Northwest Missouri State University. We are excited to see this space becoming an academic, research, and business center for the entire region.

A discussion about education would not be complete without recognizing Oakhill Day School. The school's successful efforts to renovate an aging building in Gladstone's downtown into a South Campus for their school, represents a \$4.5 million investment in the downtown area.

Our Commercial Corridors have seen lots of additions and improvements:

Antioch Road:

Dunkin Donuts—opened on Antioch Road in April of 2016, giving Gladstone's passionate Dunkin fans a place to call home. A brand new McDonald's opened on Antioch Road in December—representing a \$3.2 million investment along this busy commercial corridor. You've likely noticed construction of a new generation 3 Quik Trip currently under construction at 72nd Street and M-1. This new addition plans to open in May. New owners have purchased Prospect Plaza shopping center and are in the process of refurbishing the exterior of the center with new paint, signage and plantings, and are focusing on re-building the tenant mix at that center.

North Oak:

2016 also brought new improvements to our North Oak corridor. There are new owners of Gladstone Plaza shopping center, who plan a phased re-development with a new parking lot and proposed tenant finishes. New restaurants and possibly a multi-use component are being discussed for this property. A new Sonic has been built representing an investment of \$1.2 million. A newly built center at 73rd and North Oak has opened its doors with Santa Fe Glass and additional tenants to be added. Construction is currently underway at the Gladstone Aldi's where they are adding 3,200 square feet of new retail space to the store at 76th and North Oak.

Arts

I am proud to say that an important focus of our redevelopment efforts continues to be the arts. Public art is an important component of the downtown area—Art additions in 2016 included a compelling, not-to-be-missed Beth Nybeck sculpture at the Northland Innovation Center called Seeker. This is Beth's second contribution to the City's art collection. The Cherry Street side of Laughing Place Bakery is now adorned with "In Plume" an abstract aluminum peacock by Jake Balcom, a Kansas City artist. Through cleverly incorporated programmable LEDs, this dramatic, yet whimsical bird creates the feeling of two different sculptures—a silvery one for day and a lighted sculpture for night. A new temporary art installation consisting of blown glass rods is anticipated soon in the median approaching Linden Square. Local artist Tyler Kimball has been chosen for this exciting addition to downtown. When Tyler's install is complete, our downtown area will proudly boast 6 public art pieces!

Neighborhoods

As we focus on re-development efforts in the City, we continue to emphasize neighborhood organization and revitalization. Each year, our goal is to organize two new neighborhoods. These efforts develop and promote strong neighborhoods which are the backbone of a vital city.

Gladstone's first Community Garden recently broke ground in the Meadowbrook North neighborhood by re-purposing a plot of land that formerly was the site of a defunct community swimming pool. This project is an excellent example of cooperative efforts by multiple city departments and the neighborhood. You should have seen the excitement of residents in that area as they dug in the dirt to prepare their garden plots. All 10 plots are already spoken for this year, and there is a waiting list for more. Our parks had some great attention this year. Little Gully Park, our tiniest neighborhood park at just one acre, was the recipient of a total rescue with the installation of a new playground. We are excited and pleased that this year will begin the first stages of a major renaissance of Hobby Hill Park, which is the City's second largest neighborhood park at about 32 acres. This unique woodland property, which has been largely undeveloped throughout its history, is scheduled for a rebirth with planned nature trails, walking and bike paths, play areas, shelters and restroom facilities. The new Rock Creek Greenway Trail has already become a favorite for Gladstone walkers. This .8 mile walking pathway stretching from Brooktree Lane at Northeast 59th Terrace to Hidden Hollow Park behind Prospect Plaza was partially funded by a federal grant of \$450,000. The project includes a small bridge over Rock Creek and a lighted tunnel under Northeast 64th Street. The City recently received notice that it was awarded \$400,000, to be available in 2020, to construct the next phase of the trail which will extend from Hidden Hollow Park to Missouri Route 1. In conjunction with the trail, the City has been able to submit documentation to FEMA to remove approximately 15 homes from the Rock Creek flood plain. City Departments have successfully completed an impressive array of Capital Improvement projects this past year:

- Approximately 8.5-lane miles of street resurfacing
- Installed approximately one mile of new water mains
- Happy Rock Park improvements including seal coating the parking lot, storm drainage improvements, and new back stops on the ball diamonds

Public Safety

Thanks in large part to the efforts of Police Officer Beth Clark, Public Safety began a highly successful community outreach project this year dubbed Coffee with a Cop or Pie with a Cop or Chill with a Cop—depending on what event you may have attended. In light of the current adverse climate toward police officers that exists in some areas of the country, these gatherings have offered an excellent opportunity for our residents to interact face-to-face with our officers in a social setting. The popularity of these events has given Beth a waiting list of organizations who want to be next on her list of venues for the next Coffee with a Cop. Beth told me last weekend at the home show that they planned a lunch event with middle school students.

Now Looking Ahead for this year and beyond . . .

Pleasant Valley Road: In a great example of community co-operation, Gladstone and Kansas City, Missouri, have started construction on the much-needed improvements of Pleasant Valley Road from North Indiana Avenue in Gladstone to North Brighton Avenue in Kansas City. The project includes the realignment of the existing roadway, construction of a single-lane roundabout at the intersection of Pleasant Valley Road and North Antioch Road, LED street lights, and bicycle and pedestrian amenities including sidewalks and trails. This \$5.4-million project, \$3.8-million of which is being paid by a federal grant, has been in the works since 2004, and is expected to take approximately two years to complete.

Shaping Our Future: This year our citizens engaged in a brand new strategic planning process for the City, Shaping Our Future. With facilitation help from the National Civic League and participation of over 100 residents, this group has identified a bold future vision for Gladstone. The Implementation Committee is currently hard at work to hone their priorities. We can all look back with pride and see the positive changes that have been made possible in this City resulting from our last citizen-based strategic planning effort, Gladstone on the Move. We know that these changes came about because our citizens were willing to get behind these dreams and convince their friends and neighbors to do the same. Shaping Our Future has outlined innovative goals and action plans to move our community forward. I feel confident that our residents will be equally enthusiastic in supporting these exciting goals for Shaping Our Future.

One of the most rewarding (and fun) experiences I've had as Mayor this year was my ride-alongs with City Departments. I've had the chance to interact with Public Safety, Public Works, Finance, and Community Development. From riding along with our traffic patrol to our fire/EMS officers, to the water department, to our public works crews, to our courts personnel, the water billing department, codes enforcement team, and IT, it's been an educational and gratifying behind-the-scenes look at City functions. The best part, though, was the chance to meet and interact directly with so many of our employees. These individuals are on the front lines every day-- sometimes in positive situations and sometimes in challenging and stressful situations. "Thank You" is not enough to express my sincere appreciation for the dedicated efforts and hard work these individuals give to their jobs. They bust their buns every day to do their best to serve our residents and make this City the great place it is. These ride-alongs meant the world to me and were definitely a highlight of my time as Mayor. Bottom line, I am proud to report that the vitality of our City is strong. This is not to say we don't have challenges--indeed, budget time is upon us once again! But as we observe what is going on in our City, it is worthy to celebrate the collaborative efforts and partnerships that are the hallmark of so many of our successes. It is exciting to note that our economic successes have spurred additional projects, and we continue to see re-development, in-fill projects, and improvements throughout the City. Gladstone's recognition as a player in the metro and the region continues to grow. Indeed, we are fortunate to have Councilmember Suter representing the City as the first ever MARC Chairperson from Gladstone. As we continue to leverage our current relationships and work to build new partnerships, this Council is driven in our determination to foster the growth of our downtown and improve the entire City for our businesses and our residents. You've heard me say this before, but I believe very strongly that the title of Mayor may be singular, but the job responsibilities require a collaborative effort. It's certainly not a job that one person can handle solo. Each of you here on the dais has supported me in many ways; you've given me advice and counsel, you've attended events on my behalf, and even offered up a hearty "atta girl" when it was warranted. To the City Manager and the entire Leadership Team and staff, I can't thank you enough for the patience, support and encouragement each of you have provided me. You have made the Council and I look good when in reality, the credit really belongs to you.

To my husband, Rick, words cannot express the depth of my gratitude for always being there to support me, lift me up and push me forward.

I've had a great, fun, time serving this City as Mayor. It has been a privilege and a trust that I regard with the utmost respect. It is my passion to be the best public servant I can to support this City and its residents. To each and every one of you, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for all that you have done for me as Mayor."

Item No. 8a. On the Agenda. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Moore stated: *"8a on the Agenda is a Special Presentation. I think everybody here might know, except our friend Councilman Hill-you are to be seated exactly where you are. This is indeed a bittersweet night as we bid farewell to our colleague J. Brian Hill. Brian began serving on the Council in April 2011 and served as Mayor in 2014. Prior to sitting on this dais, Brian ably served on the City's Planning Commission from 1993 through 2011. Serving as Chairman from 2002 through 2011 and Vice Chair in 1996, 1997, and 2001. Brian served on the Gladstone Chamber Board of Directors from 2000 to 2002, and was Chairman in 2002. Brian was recognized with the Chamber's coveted Joe Wally Spirit Award in 2008 and he has probably delivered more soda to Gladfest concession stands than anyone else I know. Brian, here is what I have appreciated about serving with you. Your even-tempered, measured evaluation of issues before the Council and your thoughtful, well-reasoned decision making; always punctuated not only by your legal expertise, but by even more acutely, an unmatched historical perspective gained by all your years serving on the Planning Commission. You have challenged norms, and asked tough questions of project applicants. Cities grow and prosper through the vision and leadership of talented and dedicated individuals like you. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye. We will miss having you as a colleague; we will miss your clever dry wit, and your voice on the important issues facing this body. Thank you for your commitment to the City."*

Councilman Hill stated: *"Thank you."*

Councilmember Suter stated: *"You will be sorely missed on this Council. I have so enjoyed serving with you. I always appreciate that you always have the best interest of this City at heart. That's really not that unusual because you have had the City's interest at heart for your entire adult life. You have served in so many different ways in this community. The community is a better place because of your service, and I thank you."*

Councilman Hill stated: *"Thank you."*

Councilman Garnos stated: *"Ten years ago, I was appointed to the Planning Commission and Brian was Chairman of the Planning Commission at that time. Brian preceded me onto City Council, and then preceded me as Mayor. For as long as I've been involved with City Government in Gladstone, you've always been there. So, it's difficult for me to imagine being here without you and without your support. As I've said before, you and I have never disagreed on a City issue — except for a couple times when you were wrong. So, I just want to say thank you. I have always appreciated your wisdom and your quiet confidence, particularly during some of the difficult things the City has been through in recent years. Gladstone is-what-it-is today in large part to your contributions and your vision. So, thank you."*

Councilman Hill stated: *"Thank you."*

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams stated: *"Brian – thank you for your years of service dedicated to the City of Gladstone. I have enjoyed working with you over the past four years and I will miss your input and insight, and as Jeanie said, your wit, related to issues facing our City. I'll miss you."*

Councilman Hill stated: *"Thank you."*

Councilman Hill continued: *"I want to express my appreciation, first and foremost to my wife Tona and my family for allowing me to spend all these evenings gone to meetings. Tona was always sure that I had a delicious meal between getting home from work, and a lot of people may be surprised but they probably kept me from being even more grumpy at the meetings. People probably are asking how I could have been anymore grumpier. She has been supportive throughout. She wasn't excited when I signed up this last time. I have heard a rumor from the Election Board that she voted 128 times. Now City Staff: I know you have probably heard the same thing that I have about City Staff. The Administrative Team is actually some kind of a sanitarium for the reform of KU Grads! Well, yeah, that may be true, but seriously, our City is very lucky to have some of the greatest, most conscientious, diligent, and caring employees. I say that from the City Manager right down to whoever swabs the johns at Happy Rock Park. I can say that without exception now that Kirk Davis has retired. I want to thank the City Council for putting up with me the past six years. We have not always agreed on everything, but you are always willing to bend your ear for me. It's been a pleasure. I especially, on behalf of if not myself, the City, want to thank Mayor Moore. I know what it is like to be Mayor, and to do it twice is above and beyond. Some of you may know that I kind of follow a local baseball team. I would have been here sooner tonight, but my Public Safety escort did not show up for some reason. It was quite a wild drive from the ballpark. It may have even happened a few times that there was a cell phone sitting here with the game on it during a Council meeting. I'd never admit it but I don't remember, but that could have happened. Anyway, the Royals have a broadcaster by the name of Rex Hudler, or Hud as he is often referred to. I like Hud. Today, I don't know if he sat down at all during the whole game, he was so stressed with his baseball going back and forth the whole time. One of the reasons that I like Hud is he has become involved in the community and local charities. He hasn't been here that long, but he is very community oriented. He also, sometimes, gets kind of excited during games. When he gets excited, things come out of his mouth. There are often referred to as "Hudlerisms." There is a Hudlerism from when someone strikes out looking, and then lingers at the plate as if in disbelief. Right now, if Hud were watching this meeting, he would look at me and say, 'Hill, you gotta go.' Thank you, Mayor."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"We now have something else for you. We would like you to come with us in front of the dais. Tona, I think you need to come up here too, please. Brian, on behalf of the entire Council, the residents of the City of Gladstone, it's my honor to present you with a Key to the City. Also, a flag that has been flown over the City while you have been in your seat as Councilmember. Tona, that bouquet is a recognition on our part that a spouse makes lots and lots of sacrifices when their husband, or wife, is serving on the Council. We know that it has been a sacrifice for you and your entire family. We give you tons of KUDOS for your constant*

support and always being there. I'd like for everybody to rise and join in thanking Brian and Tona for their service."

REGULAR AGENDA.

Item No. 9. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 17-07An Ordinance declaring the results of the Tuesday, April 4, 2017, Gladstone General Municipal Election as certified by the Clay County Board of Election Commissioners that City Council Candidate Kyle Yarber and City Council Candidate Carol Suter have been elected to three year terms on the Gladstone City Council.

Councilman Garnos moved Bill No. 17-07 be placed on its First Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Mallams** 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). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Garnos moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 17-07, waive the rule, and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Mallams** 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). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Garnos moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 17-07, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.383**. **Mayor Pro Tem Mallams** 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. 10. On the Agenda. CITY COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE: KYLE YARBER AND CAROL SUTER.

City Clerk Ruth Bocchino administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Elect Kyle Yarber and Councilmember Carol Suter, for positions of Councilman, effective April 10, 2017. This was followed by applause from the audience.

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND OATH OF OFFICE.

Mayor Moore presided and opened nominations for the office of Mayor of the City of Gladstone.

Councilmember Suter moved to place a nomination for **Mayor Pro Tem Mallams** in the role of Mayor of the City of Gladstone, Missouri. **Councilman Garnos** seconded.

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

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). **Mayor Moore** congratulated **Mayor Pro Tem Mallams**.

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 R.D. Mallams**. The audience applauded the newly elected Mayor.

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM.

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

Councilmember Moore moved to place a nomination for **Councilman Garnos** in the role of Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Gladstone, Missouri. **Councilmember Suter** seconded.

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

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

Mayor Mallams announced that **Councilman Bill Garnos** had been elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. Communications from the Audience.

There were none.

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Council.

Councilman Yarber stated: *"Thank you very much. I would like to thank everyone for their welcomes, city staff, all members of Council; I've known everybody on Council for a number of years. Bill and I went through the Gladstone Leadership Academy, Future Leadership Academy six years ago, we were on that. R.D. and I, we sat on the Planning Commission together. Congratulations to our new Mayor, I am looking forward to the trouble we get into this year, and congratulations to our outgoing Mayor and the fabulous term she has just completed. Thank you very much. I would like to also introduce my wife Molly and my daughter Sadie who checked out a little while ago. Not that the speech was too long."*

Councilmember Suter stated: *"I'd like to thank all of the voters out there who supported me for a fourth term. It is truly a pleasure and honor to serve this City. It has been an interesting 10 years so far and the next 3 look to be as challenging and interesting as all those put together. Those of you who know me know that I am really a person who is very data driven. I like data driven decision making. I really like facts and I really like to make sure that the facts are straight. I know a number of us have been concerned in recent weeks that some misunderstandings seem to have been circulating in the community, so I want to take this opportunity to clear up just a couple of those. One, the City gets its water from an underground aquifer and not from the Missouri River. Second, the City isn't dawdling on Hobby Hill Park, I think as you heard the Mayor describe tonight. We achieved funding for Hobby Hill Park in*

2015. In 2016 we spent the whole year finding consultants, working with citizen groups, to devise a plan. The plan was presented, tweaked a little bit, and we were ready to go out to bid for contracts. The contract was just let in February. We are ready to go. We were hoping that we would have that thing under till right now, but apparently there is a colony of bats who live at the park and the State of Missouri has decided that we cannot proceed with Hobby Hill development until we have done an assessment of what is going to happen with that colony of bats. Apparently they reproduce between April and November. If our study is successful and we are under way right now, hopefully we will be able to get the construction underway in the next 60 days. If not, then we will have to wait until the mating season, or generation season is over and that will be the first of November. We may still be slowed down. The third one is that the City is not dawdling either on the reconstruction of Old Pike Road. That has been on our agenda for a long time. We were successful two years ago in competing and winning a federal grant for that project, \$900,00.00. That grant will come due and available in 2018. That is when the project will happen. This past year we were successful at getting a couple of grants of over \$1,000,000.00 for some big projects that are coming up. One is a trail project, one is 76th Street improvements. That money will become available in 2020. That is when that project will get done. It is the schedule of federal and state financing availability that sets the timetable for those kinds of major projects. It's not dawdling on the part of the City. We are excited about these projects coming on board and I am so appreciative of the talented staff we have that has been so successful in recent years at getting federal and state grants. We have not always been that successful at it so a lot of great things will happen in Gladstone because we are able to leverage our resources with those of others."

Mayor Pro Tem Garnos stated: Thank you, Mayor Mallams, and congratulations. The City of Gladstone is honored to have you serve as our Mayor. You have distinguished yourself with your service on City Council, and you have generously given of your time and talents to our City. I look forward to all of the exciting things that will be happening in Gladstone during your upcoming term as Mayor. Jean, when you were done being Mayor three years ago, I wrote a nice little speech with a bunch of sincere, heartfelt comments — so I pulled it up on the computer and thought it would be a lot easier if I just re-read those comments. So, back in 2014, I said this: I want to thank Mayor Moore for her service as our City's Mayor for the past year. This has been a big year for the City of Gladstone — one in which we were able to capitalize on the efforts of those who came before us — many of whom are in this room tonight. [This is the part where I was sucking up to the audience.] And nobody could have presided over these many accomplishments with more grace and dignity than Jeanie has. Nobody could bring more enthusiasm or dedication to the job than you have over this past year. I have appreciated your commitment to listening to the concerns of every single citizen in our community, and your tireless efforts to help find a common ground on issues facing the City Council. Wow. That was really nice. So, now, reflecting back on your past year as Mayor, let me just say ... ditto. And, let me add, you've been a real breath of fresh air from that last Mayor we had. Carol, congratulations on your re-election, and your service this year as Chairman of the MARC Board of Directors. That's a huge recognition for the City of Gladstone, and I know you will represent us well. Kyle and I were in the same class of the Gladstone Leadership Academy. You've been a

valuable member of our Planning Commission, so I know you're up-to-speed with all the exciting things that are going on in Gladstone right now. I want to welcome you to City Council, and look forward to working with you. Thank you, Mayor."

Mayor Mallams stated: *"Jeanie, I just want to say thank you for a very successful year serving as Mayor. I thank you for your commitment and hard work and support of the residents and business owners, and working together, we make Gladstone a great place to live. Over the past year, you provided leadership and guidance for the City Council and the City staff. Your representation of the City and yourself has been exemplary. I thank you for your mentorship and look forward to continuing to work with you in the upcoming year."*

Carol, I am sincerely excited about your new term, congratulations on being able to continue serving our City's residents; and to Kyle, a warm welcome is extended to you – you are joining a great team.

I want to thank the members of the City Council for selecting me to represent you as the Mayor of our great City for the upcoming year. This is an honor that I take very seriously. I give you my word, my promise - that I will do the very best job that I can in serving our City's residents and business owners. I look forward to our celebrations and meeting the challenges as we move forward. I am confident that - working together, we can and we will make positive contributions for our City. I would like to thank my wife, Toni, my family – for their patience and understanding and support as I transitioned from a military career, then - to a career in public education – to serving on the City Council. Trust me, someday I will fully retire.

At this time I would like to introduce my family: Toni – my wife, retired school administrator. Andrea – my oldest daughter who is in the NKC Hospital, my granddaughters Ellie and Madeline who are with their dad, Hank.... hopefully watching the live streaming of tonight's council meeting. Amy is at the hospital with granddaughter Ava; Ashley is a nurse at North Kansas City hospital, so she is probably with number one daughter, and two grandsons, Aidan and Archer. Allison, my number four daughter, Marc and Meghan, thank you for being here. We have Jay and Jennie, again this is our family, granddaughters Lila and Maggie are with the sitters, and we have Kaitlyn and Bryan. For those family members, thank you for being here, it means a lot.

A personal thank you to a few people who have helped me get to where I am today. Ray Brock, thank you Ray. Rollie Baldwin, Jim Rucker, who came from the Royals game, Pete Hall, Tom Sims, Hal and Arley Miller, Terry Hoppenthaler, Larry Gromer, Anne Alexander. You have all assisted me. We have either had breakfast, lunch, dinners, and I have appreciated your input over the past years. A personal thanks to the Elks and the American Legion. You are my extended families. A thank you to Reverend Myra McFadden for joining with Toni and I this evening. To Les and Laura, thank you. Jerry, it's good to see you. Finally, Marge, from

Gladstone's own Hy Vee, thanks Marge. All of your presence tonight is very meaningful and we are indebted to each of you.

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Manager.

City Manager Scott Wingerson stated: *"Mayor Mallams, may I be the first to say that publicly. Congratulations. On behalf of the City Staff I'd like to thank the former elected officials, all of the families that are here, the business leaders that are here. Tonight is what Gladstone is about, a true sense of community and celebration of our local government. Thank you all very, very, much. Brian Hill: We've worked together a long time (Mr. Hill, I hope you are still sitting behind me). There are very few people on this planet that could be more sarcastic than me, and you are one of those people. Thank you for helping me hone my craft. Our community is better for your service. I'm a better person having learned under your leadership, so thank you very much, Brian. Former Mayor Moore, let me be the first to say that publicly. Your support of our organization is unparalleled, incredible, and greatly appreciated. On a personal note, thank you for your support, your guidance, your sympathetic ear, your stern words, and your unwavering encouragement. Thank you. Carol Suter, congratulations. We look forward to your leadership on this Council as well as your leadership in the entire region through your service at MARC. Kyle Yarber, welcome to the City Council. As has been mentioned before, you are joining a great team of elected officials, City Staff, and community. I know you will take that seriously and work proudly on all of our behalves. Finally, congratulations Mayor Pro Tem Bill Garnos. Mayor R.D. Mallams, thank you very much. Congratulations, thank you all."*

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.

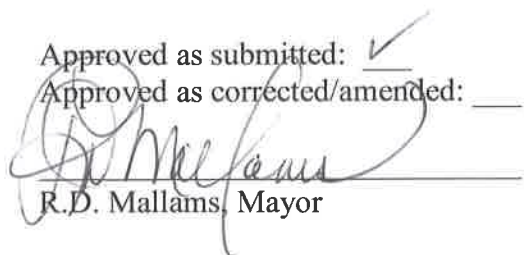
Item No. 18. On the Agenda. Adjournment. The Mayor adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 

Approved as corrected/amended: _____


R.D. Mallams, Mayor