



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Garnos
Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter
Councilmember Jean Moore
Councilman R.D. Mallams
Councilman Kyle Yarber

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

Item No. 1. On the Agenda. Meeting Called to Order.

Mayor Garnos opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, February 25, 2019, at 7:30 pm in the Gladstone City Council Chambers.

Item No. 2. On the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

All Councilmembers were present.

Item No. 3. On the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Mayor Garnos asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and thanked VFW Post 10906: Charlie Cram, Joe Liles, Carla Gleaton, and Stan Stoner for posting the Colors.

Item No. 4. On the Agenda. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved as published.

Item No. 5. On the Agenda. Approval of the February 11, 2019, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Yarber** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman

Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Bill Garnos. (5-0)

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of the February 11, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Mayor Pro Tem Suter** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Bill Garnos. (5-0)

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

Following the Clerk's reading:

Councilmember Yarber moved to approve the Consent Agenda as published. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Bill Garnos. (5-0)

Councilmember Yarber moved to approve the Outdoor Special Events: _____

Sounds on the Square, 602 NE 70th Street, Linden Square, Friday June 14; Friday June 21; Saturday June 22; Friday June 28; Friday July 12; Saturday July 13; Friday July 19; Friday July 26; Friday August 9; Saturday August 10; Friday August 16; Friday August 23; Friday August 30; Friday September 13; Saturday September 14; Friday September 20; Friday September 27; Friday October 12; 7:00 pm-9:30 pm.

Gladstone Farmer's Market, 602 NE 70th Street, Linden Square, May 1-October 26; Wednesdays 2:00 pm-6:00 pm; Saturdays 8:00 am-1:00 pm.

Drive-In at the Square, 602 NE 70th Street, Linden Square, Saturday May 25, Saturday June 29, Saturday July 27, Saturday August 31, Saturday October 26, 7:00 pm-11:00 pm.

Walk-N-Wag, 7511 NE Antioch Road, Happy Rock Park East (softball complex) Saturday April 6, 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, 7511 NE Antioch Road, Happy Rock Park East (softball complex), Friday April 12, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm.

Touch a Truck, 7512 NE Antioch Road, Happy Rock Park West, Saturday May 4, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Food-Art-Drink Festival, 602 NE 70th Street, Linden Square, Friday June 21, 5:00 pm-10:00 pm; Saturday June 22, 12:00 pm-10:00 pm.

Fiesta on the Square, Linden Square, Saturday September 14, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm.

Whiskey Fest, 602 NE 70th Street, Linden Square, Saturday October 12, 4:00 pm-10:00 pm.

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

Councilmember Yarber moved to approve the Financial Month End for January 2019. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Bill Garnos.
(5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA.

Item No. 8. On the Agenda. Communications from the Audience.

There were no communications from the audience.

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

Councilman Yarber stated: *"I attended a few events; the Assistant City Manager and I attended the Missouri Municipal League Legislative Conference. We got to speak to several of our Representatives and Senators from this area. Certainly the issue that has already come up about our funds from courts, certainly that came up. Also, last week I attended the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce. They had a Mayoral Forum. We got to see the Mayor candidates. It's the first time that I've seen most of them. I got to talk with them and so since we are surrounded, eventually, on all sides by Kansas City, this is important to get an idea of who we may be dealing with for the next few years. Also, as always, hats off to Public Works. You guys have been literally working overtime. It has been a non-stop wave after wave and you guys have been on top of it. Keeping what we are known for, you guys have been allowing us to keep bragging about it."*

Councilmember Moore stated: *"Thank you, Mayor. My husband and I had the opportunity this year again to volunteer at the Daddy-Daughter Dance on the 15th and as always, it was a huge, huge event and very, very successful; I understand it was for both evenings, even though the weather was a little dicey. We had special escorts for the young ladies when they were dropped off and then escorted into the building. It was fun event, and again, a great job by all the Parks and Recreation and Cultural Arts staff to put that on. It's a really fun event for the city. Last Friday night, I attended the chili cook off between the Fire Department and the Police Department. It was pretty fun. Of course, the Fire Department was vying to get back on top, and they did it. Jason Lawson won the cook off, Kiersten Seago got second, and Curtis Norris got third, so the Fire Department screamed past the Police Department this year and took that trophy. It was a fun event. It's great for the citizens, they seem to really enjoy tasting the chili and it seemed to be fun for all the participants too. Hats off to them for their efforts."*

Mayor Pro Tem Suter stated: "Thank you, Mayor. Several things. I've got to get things off my mind so I don't forget them long term. Last week I attended the meeting of the Gladstone TIF Commission which, bless their hearts, they elected officers. I always thank those folks for being willing to show up once a year and elect officers and to give them an opportunity to see what is going on in the city, and that's about it. If we ever need a TIF Commission, we have got to keep doing it. I appreciate them quite a bit. I attended the NRCC lunch with the Mayor's last week and the Mayor's Caucus, the Regional Mayor's Caucus, met with Regional Legislators last Friday and talked about some of those issues. It sounds like a compromise has been reached on the Municipal Court Bill between the House and the Senate; it passed the Senate, so hopefully it will get through the house. There may be some relief on this failure to appear business. It's, of course, not a clean thing. It creates a whole new administrative process but it is supposed to achieve something. Some other highway and transportation updates for the region: MODOT has announced that the Friday after Memorial Day the intersection/interchange at I-35 and 152, just outside Liberty, will be closed completely for four months. This is the project where they are redoing the interchange and 152 going into Liberty. It will be completely closed for four months and then the project is supposed to end by the end of 2020, at least a year and a half; for the interchange to get done. When the interchange is done, then Liberty starts their project from the interchange of 152 into 291. They are going to be widening that road. It will be a whole new interchange. Traffic will all be redirected. Rethink if you every want to go to Liberty in the next couple of years. Another good one was Kansas City finally has acquired all of the Rights-of-Way on Brighton. This year the rebuilding and widening of Brighton Road will be started from 58th Street to Pleasant Valley Road. They aren't saying an end date but it will probably be at least two years for that project. It's a huge project but it's always key when you get the Rights-of-Way. Both of those projects are really made possible by the TIF funding, by the TIF Commission. The City of Kansas City always short-shifts us here North of the river so there are other options that help. I just learned today in preparation for the MARC Board meeting tomorrow, that the Missouri Commission on Highways, Highway Commission, has voted to change the distribution formula for STIP funds, which is the State Transportation funding from State Highways. If you may have recalled, the newest version of that Commission contains no representation from any urban area in the State of Missouri. Nobody from Kansas City, nobody from St. Louis, nobody from Springfield. It's all rural representation. So guess what they decided to do? They changed the formula beginning in fiscal 2022; it will shift 8%-12% of funding from urban areas to rural areas. Urban areas will be last. MARC tried to get them to delay voting on it so that folks could have a chance to put together the statistics and give them better information, but they didn't wait. It's a tough road to hoe around getting transportation projects funded anymore. A story to share: Last fall I went to the National League of Cities Convention which I have done for a long time, and attended a session where NLC announced a new project. They are doing collaboration with the National Economic Development Firm, TIP Strategies, for first tier suburbs cities to make economic development strategies available for first tier suburbs that are specific to first tier suburbs. As the roll out of this thing, they are doing a competition; first tier suburbs across the country. The winning city would get a consultation and a unique economic development analysis and plan for your city, they normally charge around \$45,000.00 for this kind of a service. In exchange, the winner would have the obligation to host a Regional Forum, or Summit, on economic development, and then that winning city and its plan, because this will be an assessment and then a plan for economic development, will be featured at the NLC's convention, the National Convention in the fall, and on their website and all of their media

things. They will do a national roll out of it. Of course I'm sitting there going, 'we are going to have to apply for this'. On my way out of the meeting, I bumped into Ken Davis, he is a City Councilmember from Mission, Kansas, and he was like, 'so what do you think?' I thought, I'm going to go back and talk about Gladstone doing it. He said, well I want Mission to do it, so we said, why don't we partner? One of the conditions is that you could partner with another city and make two cities in the application, so I said OK. Let's partner, but Gladstone is the lead and we will host the thing if we win. Mr. Davis said OK, that's good. I said let's get the Mid America Regional Council involved because we have the first tier suburbs coalition, too. So we both came back home, talked to our City Administrators, and they got on board. They got together with MARC and the MARC staff actually wrote the application on behalf of Gladstone as the lead city and Mission as the partner, and they have filed it. And, the good news is WE WON! They have not made the national announcement yet. They will make it at the convention, the legislative convention in two weeks; week after next. So Gladstone will get to work with this consulting firm to develop an economic development strategy and plan. We will be hosting an economic development summit in the summer, and at the November Convention in San Antonio, we will be featured. My only question is: any chance we could get through our branding strategy before then so we would actually have a good look since the whole country is going to look at us?"

City Manager Wingerson stated: "That's a good goal."

Mayor Pro Tem Suter stated: "I want to thank the City Manager and others that you have pulled in for taking the time to work on it because they did have to get it. It took some extra time and energy to work with Laura Smith from Mission and with the MARC staff. I did get to see Lauren Palmer at the Mayor's Caucus the other day so I got to thank her for the work that MARC did. We couldn't have really done it on our own and they will use their Government Training Institute to be the mechanism for facilitating the Summit so that we have their mailing list, they will do all of that stuff so we don't have to do any of that. It will cost us a few bucks to host the Summit but in exchange we are getting a really fabulous opportunity, and then of course, the opportunity to be featured in November in San Antonio."

Mayor Garnos stated: "I don't have anything other than to just reiterate my thanks to Public Works and Parks and Recreation for all their work with the snow removal over the last couple of weeks. I get the privilege tomorrow of attending the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast downtown and then on Thursday, the State of the Cities, which is always a fun time and thanks to Austin, I think we have a great PowerPoint presentation to put Gladstone's best foot forward and show off all the good things that have happened here over the last year."

Item No. 10. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Manager.

City Manager Wingerson stated: "Yes, Mayor, just two things and then I'll ask Tim to step to the podium to talk about the pot-hole update. Following up on Mayor Pro Tem Suter's comments, a special thanks to Laura Smith in Mission. She got on board very quickly, a very quick conversation. It is a little bit of an expenditure, I think we have committed \$1,000.00 or \$1,500.00 per community. We have also committed to twist the arms of other first tier suburb members because they will benefit from this project in a similar fashion so hopefully our contribution can be reduced if Laura and I can twist some arms. Lauren Palmer, you may

remember, was the City Administrator of Parkville and Assistant City Administrator of Independence, so she is a northlander at heart. She was absolutely incredible. She grilled Laura and I very thoroughly to make sure that we knew what we were talking about and then she went above and beyond in filling out the application in a very short time period. I think Mayor Pro Tem Suter's absolutely correct, we couldn't have done it by ourselves, either Mission or Gladstone couldn't have done it by ourselves to the level of quality and thoroughness that MARC did. Special thanks to Lauren and everybody at MARC for their help in that. The second thing I have is a bit of a bummer. It's with regret and a heavy heart that I want to let you know that City Engineer Anthony Sands has accepted a position in Kansas City, Missouri. Anthony is a fantastic young engineer and the scale and scope of the projects that Anthony will work on in Kansas City, Missouri, things like an airport, things like a bridge that we have talked about a few times, things like that, has just drawn his attention. I think Tim said it best, we are sad to lose Anthony but we can't wait to see what is in his future moving forward. We are going to be proud, and somebody will sit in this seat one day and say 'you know, Anthony Sands used to work here; he started his career here in the City of Gladstone.' Director Nebergall, who has been a mentor and a friend to Anthony, and even more than those things probably, I think said it best: 'It's a little bit like a child leaving for college. You're sad for yourself, you're sad for your family dynamic changing, but you know it is for the best and it's part of the growth process.' I wanted to tell you that and publicly thank Anthony for his service and we will remember Anthony for a long, long time around here."

Director Nebergall approached Council and stated: "Mayor and Council, right now we are in full pot-hole mode. When the weather allows, we have three crews working filling pot-holes. Next week we are going to increase that to five crews, so we are actually going to pull some of our water crews. We still have Musselman and Hall coming in to do some permanent repairs. They are going to use an infra-red truck which basically heats up the asphalt and then does a permanent repair. Some of the things we are doing now are actually just throw and go, get them filled, until the weather breaks. You probably heard us talking about Musselman and Hall, we have been on top of their list for about three weeks. I think next week, pretty sure next week, weather allows. Also, we just had some preliminary discussions with McConnell and Associates to maybe have them help and come in to do some permanent repairs alongside us too, so they would actually do a mill and a fill, which is more of a permanent repair. There is a lot of pot-holes out there. We've got our crews broken up into sections, we have the city broken up into five quadrants. They started out on the main routes and moved into some of the side streets, obviously some of the pot-holes that were on the main routes are back again after the most recent snows. I know for a fact that on North Oak they are going to be out there again tomorrow and then we are going to try to take the next month and really get a good handle on this. We have got a preliminary street maintenance program put together and when the weather breaks we are going to review that again and make sure that we are getting to everything that we need to and probably have a real good plan for you in about a month when the weather breaks. We are trying to throw all resources that we can at it right now. Not making any excuses, we are trying to get through these next couple of weeks so we can make some permanent repairs."

Mayor Garnos stated: "Thanks, Tim, I know it has been an exceptionally bad year for pot-holes. I notice we even have bad pot-holes on Missouri Route 1, on the stretch up to 152 and I'm assuming MODOT will be their usual attentive selves to take care of that also."

Director Nebergall stated: *"Yes, they will. I will make sure to reiterate and contact MODOT tomorrow to make sure that is part of our plan."*

Mayor Garnos stated: *"Most people now know where the pot-holes are so that is why everybody is swerving all over, including myself. There is a little path in and out of the neighborhood, two ways in and out of my neighborhood and they both are horrible, right where the seam ends with the concrete going to the asphalt, it's just a mess and I can barely sneak through there anymore. I have also had people tell me they have seen the pot-hole crews out already even when it didn't appear to be pot-hole fixing weather. I know you are on it."*

Director Nebergall stated: *"We are out there filling them trying to get them at least passable and then, like I said, when the weather breaks a little bit we will make the permanent repairs to get them permanently fixed."*

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 19-11 An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Gladstone and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for funding operations of the Operation Green Light Traffic Control System.

Councilman Mallams moved Bill No. 19-11 be placed on its First Reading. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Bill Garnos. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Mallams moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 19-11, waive the rule, and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Bill Garnos. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Mallams moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 19-11, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.462**. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Bill Garnos. (5-0)

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 19-12 An Ordinance amending Title VI (Utilities and Taxes), Chapter 115 (Rights-Of-Way Management) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Gladstone, Missouri, for the purpose of updating the city's requirements for use of the Public Right-Of-Way and permitting of small wireless facilities.

Mayor Pro Tem Suter moved Bill No. 19-12 be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Yarber** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Bill Garnos. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Suter moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 19-12, waive the rule, and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Yarber** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Bill Garnos. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Suter moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 19-12, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.463**. **Councilman Yarber** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Bill Garnos. (5-0)

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. Other Business.

Rebecca King, 1712 68th Street approached Council and stated: *"I'm a dog owner. So, living in the Northland, I'm looking for a dog park and it's kind of hard. I just thought of an idea, how about the area that we already own, as Gladstone, that all of you may think it makes sense, perhaps, have you all been looking a little bit? I thought about the area just to the east of the pool. The pool runs north and south, so I thought maybe the area that is graduated and hilly and not good for anything really except for a dog, maybe. What would it take to look further into that?"*

Mayor Garnos stated: *"I appreciate your support for it. I don't know about everybody up here but I know that a dog park has been on our radar for some time. We have taken some steps to try to identify different places that it might be appropriate and do some research into what is involved with a well-run, well-maintained dog park and identifying some of the costs features. I think we are very supportive and would very much like to see that at some point in the near future. I think that is about as much as I can say about a dog park at this point."*

Ms. King stated: *"All right, could I propose an idea with a little bit more diagrams and what not?"*

Mayor Garnos stated: *"Absolutely, in fact that is one of the issues is that we have all been supportive of, a dog park, but there isn't a long line of people at the podium saying, 'geez we could sure use a dog park here' so I appreciate your comments because that helps us to move things along. We know there is support out there but not people that are going to be coming to City Council every week saying, 'where is the dog park you promised us two years ago.'. We appreciate your support and I'm optimistic in the next couple of years we may have an actual dog park. That is about as non-committal as I can be, but I'm trying to be candid, it is on our radar screen and supported. It's not at ground zero, but the support will be appreciated when we get it there."*

Ms. King replied *"Thank you."*

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Garnos adjourned the February 25, 2019, Regular City Council meeting at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth E Bocchino
Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

Approved as presented: X

Approved as modified: _____

Bill Garnos
Mayor Bill Garnos