



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor Carol Suter
Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore
Councilman Bill Garnos
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 Suter opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, July 22, 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 Suter asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and thanked VFW Post 10906: Carla Gleaton, Joe Liles, and Charlie Cram for presenting 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 July 8, 2019, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Yarber** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle

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

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of the July 8, 2019, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA.

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

There were none.

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

Councilman Yarber stated: *"Just a couple of congratulations to our Public Safety Department. The Police Department was up for renewal of accreditation and I mentioned last time that there was going to be a public hearing. Many comments were made at the public hearing, all truly positive of the department. Also, with Public Safety, our Fire Department was recently recognized among the top in the nation as an ISO Rating of 2 and there are less than 1600 departments across the nation out of the 41,000 departments that reached that rating. We can be very proud of all of our Public Safety, our Police Force and our Fire Department."*

Councilman Mallams stated: *"Congratulations to Captain David McGee, he is the recipient of the American Legion State Firefighter/EMT Award and it was presented to him down in St. Louis at their annual convention. Thank you to our Mayor again, Mayor Suter was the guest speaker for last week's Post 626 for the American Legion here in Gladstone for the initiation of the new officers. Mayor, thank you."*

Councilman Garnos stated: *"Thank you, Mayor. I just wanted to mention I had the privilege of walking the Disc Golf Course at Hobby Hill with Director Merkey and Matt (Adams.) Most of the layout issues have been worked out. They have layed out and rough graded the t-boxes and there are a few holes that need a little tightening up from the original design. Right now it's getting the t-boxes ready to pour and point in the right direction. I think we are very close. That was very positive. Last week we had a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting and got great updates on that as well as the many improvements going on at the Parks, which I know you are all aware of, with the restrooms and things. Good meeting."*

Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated: *"Thank you, Mayor. I just wanted to give a shout out and a special welcome to Stone Canyon Pizza that is now open in our downtown. I know several of us have had the opportunity to be there. They have done a really great job renovating the space and I think it will be a really good addition to our downtown."*

Mayor Suter stated: *"Thank you. I will give you an update on the Mayor activities the last couple weeks. I attended the Northland Regional Chamber Board meeting; those early 7:30 things we all love. Two weeks ago, EMAC had its quarterly meeting. They are moving forward on their project to do tech assistance for seniors. I think they are going to work through iWerx. Bob Martin is interested in working together with them and maybe involving CAPS students. The idea there is to help seniors learn how to use phone apps for transportation. We just heard KCATA has these apps and unfortunately lots of folks who need to use the service don't know how to access it. That was one of their big ideas for the year. They also wanted to get involved around the update of our Comprehensive Plan. I think at their next meeting they are going to learn more about Comprehensive Plans and what it is and what process it is we are going through. That's a good place to start, maybe there is more emphasis needed on the environmental impact of our land use strategy. They would like to see if there is a role that they can help play as the Planning Commission works on that. I had the opportunity to judge the pie contest at the 4-H County Fair which is held in Smithville. The Mayors, they had four Mayors, who got to taste pie. That was a fun day. I had a fun thing, last week as well, I got an email from some folks about a Gladstone Lifelong Resident who now lives in Los Angeles, a young man who is an inspiring screenwriter, and he always brags about Gladstone and tells everybody it is the best city in the world and someday he wants to move back here and be the Mayor of Gladstone. It was his birthday and his friends contacted me to see if I would give him a birthday greeting, so I called this young man, it was a surprise, he was surprised, and he reiterated how much he loves Gladstone. Maybe someday he will be famous and we will get some reward. He has written a screenplay based on Missouri that he is trying to get filmed. He is trying to find producers to help him film his movie. I attended the Stone Canyon soft opening. I'm glad to see them here and up and going. The City Manager and I had an interesting meeting with Carol Wei, who is the Executive Director of the Asian American Community Organization. Her organization has 116,000 members here in the Kansas City area of Asian Americans of all different types. I think she said they represent people from 73 different countries, the widest definition of Asian. She was so generous when she came just to meet. She is looking for ways to partner with cities and she has some really great connections and opportunities to suggest to us. When she came, she also brought a gift she brought from China. It's a picture, I'll call it, and it's ducks on a pond and it is all made with duck feathers. It is now on display in the front lobby with a label to say who it was from. We were very pleased to get to meet her and we look forward to some ongoing relationships we might be able to establish there. I attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the Shepherd Center, and they really did a great job with that building. They still don't have their commercial kitchen finished yet. They have to do some more fundraising. They are all geared up for their programming. As Councilmember Mallams said, I had the opportunity to address the American Legion with an update. I had the opportunity, also, Gladstone, along with the City of Mission and the Mid America Regional Council, won this National Competition that the National League of Cities hosted, and part of our winnings, I guess, was the opportunity to host a Regional Summit on Housing and Economic Development which we did on Friday. On Thursday evening we had the opportunity to host this group of folks who came from Washington and Austin, Dallas, Denver, Ohio, and all the people who were from out of town. We hosted them for the Housing Summit at the Summit Grill. It was a fabulous little event. They did a great job. Friday, of course, we were hosting at the Community Center, a sold out crowd, literally, to capacity. We turned people away. At least 31 cities in the region participated. It was fabulous.*

The energy in the room was just encouraging. It's rare when you go to these things and you really feel the electricity, but this is a number one topic for so many cities, housing, and so people actually stayed. I think we counted towards the end of the day that we had lost, out of 200 people, 10 people had left. Everybody stayed till the very end and that just never happens on a Friday afternoon. It was very well done. The consultants who were giving this \$50,000.00 worth of advice were excited; MARC folks were absolutely delighted. We will take the input from that session, and go back to the consultants as they work on the final strategies and recommendations for each of the cities. They created a great database full of all kinds of specific data which each city will have access to about our own cities. Probably at the end of the day, the Mid America Regional Council, David Warm, of course was there, and we were chatting, it seems clear that MARC needs to get organized, somehow, to own this issue of housing. We don't have any kind of department or committee at MARC that deals directly with housing. Clearly, MARC is the only entity that could pull 31 cities together to work on something. I think we are going to see some ongoing efforts to continue this conversation. One of the candidates for State Representatives called and wanted to learn about Gladstone, to find out about what we were doing, to know more about Gladstone, so I was happy to take a few minutes to do that. I did a radio program on KCUR. I totally had forgotten that, it wasn't even on my calendar. In anticipation of this Housing Summit, I had the opportunity to speak with one of the experts from the National League of Cities in Washington and the State Representative and former Councilmember from a Denver area suburb and we were able to talk a bit about the issues, which was great. It also generated some other feedback, other people who heard it contacted us; a developer and some other speaking opportunities have come out of that as well as our Friday Summit, it was good. I have been asked to be a speaker, kind of a Ted Talk speaker, at the National League of Cities Convention in San Antonio. In addition, we will be highlighted there as part of this project. We have put together, with MARC, a professional video as part of the presentation that we will do to all the delegates at the National League of Cities meeting in November. We will get some good Gladstone coverage, I think."

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

City Manager Wingerson stated: "Thank you, Mayor. Three very quick things. Tomorrow night at the Community Center is the Northland Neighborhoods co-sponsored event with the City-Community Development Department, for a neighborhood gathering. It's from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Community Center. On Friday, our Linden Square Concert Series continues with the Phillip Michaels Band on the 26th. That starts at 7:00 pm. Saturday is a great day for the little ones, Fun in the Sun Kidsfest starts at 9:00 am and ends with a movie at 7:00 pm, the Lego Movie Part 2, is the offering. That should be fun for all."

Mayor Suter stated: "Thank you for reminding me of that because there is something else going on."

Item No. 10. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 19-27 An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement between the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority to provide public transportation and property management services for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Councilman Mallams moved Bill No. 19-27 be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Yarber** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Mallams moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 19-27, 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, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Mallams moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 19-27, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.478**. **Councilman Yarber** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 19-28 An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and Northland Neighborhoods, Incorporated, to provide consulting services to assist in the ongoing development and revitalization of neighborhoods for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved Bill No. 19-28 be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 19-28, waive the rule, and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 19-28, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.479**. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-19-34 A Resolution declaring the intention of the City Council to reimburse certain capital expenditures with proceeds of tax-exempt financing.

Councilman Garnos moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-19-34** A Resolution declaring the intention of the City Council to reimburse certain capital expenditures with proceeds of tax-exempt financing. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

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

There was no other business to come before the Council.

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Suter adjourned the July 22, 2019, Regular City Council meeting at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

Approved as presented:  _____

Approved as modified: _____



Mayor Carol J. Suter