



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
JULY 22, 2024**

PRESENT: Mayor Tina Spallo
Mayor Pro Tem Les Smith
Councilmember Jean Moore
Councilman Bill Garnos
Councilman Spencer Davis

City Manager Bob Baer
Assistant City Manager Austin Greer
City Attorney Chris Williams
Deputy City Clerk Becky Jarrett

ABSENT: City Clerk Kris Keller

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

Mayor Spallo opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, July 22, 2024, at 7:30 pm.

Item No. 2. On the Agenda. Roll Call.

Mayor Spallo stated that all Councilmembers were present and there was a quorum.

Item No. 3. On the Agenda. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Spallo asked all to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. She thanked the VFW Post 10906 Color Guard: Carla Gleaton, Gordon Harris, Jim Zimmerman, and Joe Liles.

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

The agenda was approved as published.

Item No. 5. On the Agenda. Approval of the July 8, 2024, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Mayor Pro Tem Smith** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of the July 8, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Mayor Pro Tem Smith** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

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

Burt Comstock, 7600 N. Park, addressed the Council. Mr. Comstock said he is an Associate Pastor of Living Word Community Church, is very active with the Gladstone Chamber, and has been involved with the City of Gladstone for over twenty years. His question tonight is “where are our police officers?” He said that vehicles on 76th Street frequently exceed 40 mph causing a safety hazard for those living in the area. He often sees cars running or rolling through stop signs including school buses and commercial vehicles. Mr. Comstock reported that about twenty years ago the revenue from traffic violations was close to \$1 Million; a year or so ago, the revenue from violations was \$300,00- up from the year before. This is because the City does not have police officers enforcing the laws. The half-cent sales tax that the citizens recently passed was supposed to be used to recruit and retain police officers, but he doesn’t see them on the streets. Mr. Comstock said he has contacted the Police Department regarding his traffic concerns and he was told that they don’t have the staff available. He heard that the Police are thinking about eliminating the traffic division and that is concerning to him. He ended by saying that it’s a sad day in Gladstone when citizens do not feel safe in their own community and he doesn’t feel safe.

Jerry Powell, 7600 N. Park, addressed the Council. He stated that he is the Senior Pastor at Living Word Community Church, which has been meeting at the Gladstone Community Center for over sixteen years. He is also an ambassador with the Gladstone Chamber of Commerce. He wanted to echo a bit of what Pastor Burt said and express his concerns for what is going on at 76th Street. He has lived in his home, on a busy corner lot, for over sixteen years. Mr. Powell commented that it is a “raceway” and that is not an exaggeration. He has had cars pass him using the bicycle lane. Since he works from home, he watches many cars that do not stop at the stop sign, including school buses. He also told a story of how his neighbor’s dog was killed when it ran out in the street and a speeding car didn’t have a chance to stop in time. Mr. Powell encouraged the Police Department to come and sit in front of his house to observe what goes on. He also stated he has called the Police Department and been told that traffic control is at the bottom of their priorities and that the Department is short on help. Mr. Powell said that he highly regards the Police Department and will work alongside them in any way he can, but that he will continue to speak up about this problem.

George Wages, 7201 N. Park, addressed the Council. Mr. Wages said there is a vacant lot to the east of him on NE 72nd Street that was recently re-zoned and approved to have a house built on it. At the Planning Commission meeting, the builder was asked when he was going to start construction and he had indicated “after the first of the year.” Mr. Wages said that as of today, no construction has begun.

The other item he brought up was the vacant lot at M-1/NE 72nd Street that the church purchased. They cut down 99% of the trees and now the lot is full of weeds and brush. He asked why this is not a code violation. The other day he saw a truck come by and dump a bunch of limbs and trees right next to the church. He thanked the Council for their time.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Smith said that the EMAC Committee met last week and learned that they are three members down on that committee. It does make it hard for them to obtain a quorum, so we might want to look at some target marketing for volunteers. He also thanked everyone who attended the carnival at Gladstone Bowl. They raised thousands of dollars for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith said that as a Councilman, he doesn't receive too many phone calls; however, over the last six weeks he has received five phone calls that have all started with asking where the police are in regard to traffic enforcement. He asked City Manager Baer where the City's priorities are with traffic and does the City still have a traffic division. To him, it's not about the revenue, it's about the number of stops. Generally, there is a correlation between traffic stops and accidents.

City Manager Baer answered that Mayor Pro Tem Smith is exactly right. After serving twenty-eight years in Public Safety, a great deal of it in the traffic unit, he knows that enforcement/violations and accidents mirror each other. If one goes up, the other goes down. Right now, the Police Department is down some officers, but we emphasize that traffic enforcement is the job of every officer and not just the traffic unit, as we have done in the past. We have shifted some priority to an impact unit, where traffic would be part of that as well as law enforcement and focused on license plate expiration which was recently an issue. Internally, City Manager Baer said that some conversations have already happened and NE 76th Street from Troost east to Maple Park Place has been made a priority for traffic enforcement.

Mayor Spallo said that Mr. Wages must have been reading her mind because she too noticed the corner of NE 72nd Street/M-1, which needs to be addressed.

Mayor Spallo introduced Gladstone resident, Tatem Pettet, who was in the audience with her dad, Tim. Tatum just finished her first year at Missouri University and did a great job. She is majoring in Communications and is going to spend some time with the City's Communications Specialist, Nikki Lansford, to find out how things are done at the City. She may even write a story for an upcoming magazine.

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

City Manager Baer announced that the City of Gladstone is currently taking grant applications for home repairs. The Neighborhood Commission will consider these grant applications, which can be found on the City's website or by contacting City Hall. Thirteen applications have already been received.

Item No. 10. On the Agenda. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

Following the Clerks' reading:

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as published. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve a Special Event Permit, Private Carnival, The Young Presidents Organization-Kansas City Chapter, 7010 North Holmes, Thursday, October 3, 2024, 5:00 to 9:00 pm. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve a Building Permit for the Animal Clinic of the Woodlands, 2610 NE 60th Street. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA.

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-24-41**, A Resolution 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-41**, A Resolution 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025. **Mayor Pro Tem Smith** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-24-42**, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$500.00 to Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, for the FY24 Mill and Overlay Program, Project TP2406.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-42**, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$500.00 to Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, for the FY24 Mill and Overlay Program, Project TP2406. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-24-43**, A Resolution authorizing a Change Order in the amount of \$37,897.00 to the contract with Centric Construction Group, LLC, for additional scope of work for the interior renovation of City Hall.

Councilman Garnos moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-43**, A Resolution authorizing a Change Order in the amount of \$37,897.00 to the contract with Centric Construction Group, LLC, for additional scope of work for the interior renovation of City Hall. **Mayor Pro Tem Smith** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-24-44**, A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$53,030.00 to the contract with Vance Brothers, Incorporated, for the FY24 Intermediate Maintenance Program, Project TP2403.

Councilman Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-44**, A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$53,030.00 to the contract with Vance Brothers, Incorporated, for the FY24 Intermediate Maintenance Program, Project TP2403. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-24-45**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, in the total mount not to exceed \$956,790.00 for the FY25 Mill and Overlay Program, Project TP2506.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-45**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, in the total mount not to exceed \$956,790.00 for the FY25 Mill and Overlay Program, Project TP2506. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Item No. 16. On the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 24-24**, An Ordinance amending the City Code regarding alarm systems and user permits.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved **BILL NO. 24-24** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 24-24**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 24-24** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.677**. **Councilmember Moore** seconded.

Roll Call vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) **Mayor Spallo** stated **BILL NO. 24-24** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.677**.

Item No. 17. On the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 24-25**, An Ordinance amending the City Code to address vehicle sideshows and street racing.

Councilmember Moore moved **BILL NO. 24-25** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilmember Moore moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 24-25**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilmember Moore moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 24-25** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.678**. **Councilman Davis** seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked if Chief Farris could explain the background to this Ordinance and what the City’s intentions are.

Chief Fred Farris approached the podium. He said that everyone has probably saw the social media posts and news stories about the out of control street races that have their own following. Earlier this year, Kansas City passed an Ordinance banning not only the races, but the crowds that are gathering. Other jurisdictions have followed suit and that’s basically what Gladstone is doing; taking a proactive approach.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith said he likes how the Ordinance adds parking lots and private property.

Councilman Davis thanked Chief Farris for addressing this. He said that a few years ago he remembered Kansas City installed pucks in the middle of intersections to try and stop some of these sideshows. He asked if those have worked for Kansas City.

Chief Farris said he didn’t know, but he could find out from Kansas City.

Roll Call vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) **Mayor Spallo** stated **BILL NO. 24-25** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.678**.


Item No. 18. On the Agenda. Other Business.

There was no other business.


Item No. 19. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Spallo adjourned the July 22, 2024, Regular City Council meeting at 8:06 pm.

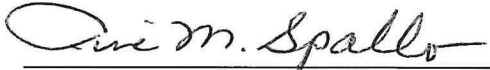
Respectfully submitted:



Becky Jarrett, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as presented:  _____

Approved as modified: _____



Tina M. Spallo, Mayor