



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
AUGUST 12, 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
City Clerk Kris Keller

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

Mayor Spallo opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, August 12, 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.

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 22, 2024, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 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 22, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 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.

Jerry Powell, 7600 N. Park, addressed the Council. He expressed his disappointment with the ongoing issue of speeding on 76th Street, stressing his concerns about the safety and lack of effective police measures, since the last meeting. He thanked the City for the “speed wagons” that were placed on 76th Street and N. Prospect, but expressed the need for more visible police presence. He informed the Council that residents on N. Euclid were not satisfied with the flashing speeding sign and indicated it was not successful in reducing speeding. He reported that he had only witnessed one police stop on 76th Street post Council meeting. He informed Council that he wasn’t aware that Channel 4 news was going to be present at the July 22, 2024 Council meeting, but subsequently, Channel 5 news interviewed him and the crew observed speeding and U-turns in front of his house, placed a camera to record traffic, and aired the footage to highlight the issue. He quoted Channel 5 News stating they expressed hope that their coverage would prompt action from the Gladstone Police department to address the problem. He provided statistics that he gathered in front of his home at 7600 N. Park as well as 7600 Euclid for one (1) to two (2) hours that indicated high rates of cars rolling through stop signs at each location. As a result of his concerns, he informed the Council that he will continue to attend meetings until action is taken. In conclusion, he believes Gladstone needs to establish a reputation for strict enforcement of speed limits to discourage speeding on 76th Street.

Burt Comstock, 7600 N. Park Avenue, addressed the Council. He expressed his appreciation for the speed trailer but doubted its effectiveness. He mentioned Gladstone’s City Council goals in maintaining safety and reducing crime, but doesn’t believe there is sufficient police presence and enforcement along 76th and North Park Street that support this goal. He cited incidents with a school bus and a city vehicle’s excessive speed and continuing through the stop sign. He reported that two days after the July 22nd Council meeting, Gladstone Police Department posted on their Facebook page increased traffic enforcement conducted on NE 76th from North Oak to North Kansas, but he observed no changes in enforcement. He stressed the importance of safety and doesn’t feel mutual respect from the police, due to their lack of presence.

Donte Wilson, 6002 N. Cleveland, addressed the Council. He reported that he is an eight-year resident and recently received a citation and bill for overgrown grass on the opposite side of the creek behind his home, removed by the City. He was not aware that it was his property to maintain until he received the citation. He expressed concerns about property lines and expectations if the creek is his property and what he can do to prevent overflow during periods of heavy rain.

Paul Garcia, 6004 N. Cleveland, addressed the Council. He stated that he is a twenty-nine-year resident and received a citation for overgrown grass, but resolved it. He was there to support Mr. Wilson and explained the history of the creek/easement, mentioning the neighbors’ contribution in the upkeep. He was previously informed that the creek wasn’t their property, but now it is.

Brian Cheney, owner of Bubbles Wine and Spirits, 7401 N. Oak Trafficway, addressed the Council. He was present to address the recent July 8, 2024 Ordinance on synthetic cannabinoids. He spoke about interactions with the Gladstone Police Department and City Manager, including pulling Delta 8 and Delta 9 cannabinoids products from his store. Despite his concerns, he believes that Delta 9 natural products do not violate the Ordinance and seeks to work with the City for resolution and eventually return the products to his store.

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

Councilman Garnos reported that the Board of Zoning Adjustment is cancelled next week. He expressed sympathy for Mr. Wilson’s situation and stated that although the City can’t determine property lines, he would like the situation resolved. He addressed Mr. Cheney regarding the July 8, 2024 Ordinance and reported that he didn’t recall that the cannabinoids being naturally occurring was the distinguishing factor in the Ordinance.

Councilmember Moore reported the Glad Green Team met on August 3rd and 7th to focus on 72nd and Broadway to 68th Street and M1 near QuikTrip and Walmart. She encouraged more participation to keep Gladstone beautiful.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith addressed City Manager Baer regarding citizen concerns and assured Mr. Powell and Mr. Comstock that the City is addressing the traffic issue on 76th Street. City Manager Baer confirmed concerns raised by Mr. Wilson and Mr. Garcia would be handled by Assistant Manager Austin Greer, while assuring Mr. Powell and Mr. Comstock that there are internal talks about speeding on 76th Street and despite their perception of the lack of police presence, traffic stops and tickets are being carried out, based on the daily log reports received. He shared that the speed trailer is utilized to deter speeding and collect data for targeted enforcement in that area. He mentioned ongoing discussions with the Prosecutor about the Delta 9 concerns and emphasized the Prosecutor, attorneys, and Judge will determine the outcome.

Mayor Spallo announced she recently attended the Clay County 250 Planning Committee Meeting, a group of volunteers' organizing the celebration of our country's 250th birthday in July 2026. She shared that it's a nationwide activity and encouraged any member of the public to contact her directly for the information.

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

City Manager Baer announced the following: The City will conduct a Citywide test alert on Wednesday through Everbridge to ensure residents receive it. The Municipal outdoor pool will close for the 2024 season on Monday, August 19th and the Annual Dunkin Dogs event will be held on Saturday, August 24th. Registration is open for the Sunflower Run/Walk at the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum, benefiting the Friends of the AJ Farm and Museum and the North Kansas City Schools Education Foundation on August 24th. The Inside Edition, the Community Newsletter, was emailed today to subscribers. A Public Announcement regarding increased retirement benefits for the City's Public Safety Emergency Communications personnel. Cost information from Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) related to the benefit changes will be available for public review at the City Clerk's office for at least 45 days before the Council considers adopting the changes.

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

Following the Clerks' reading:

Councilman Davis 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)

Councilman Davis moved to approve a **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**, Sunflower 5K Run/Walk, Saturday, August 24, 2024, Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum, 6:00 am to 12:00 pm. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Councilman Davis moved to approve a **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**, King of Kings Lutheran Church Congregation Picnic, Sunday, September 8, 2024, Happy Rock Park West, 4:00 to 8:00 pm. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Councilman Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-46**, A Resolution revising the General Fund FY24 Midyear Budget for the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and authorizing expenditures of

funds. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Councilman Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-47**, A Resolution authorizing revisions to the Purchasing Policy for the City of Gladstone, Missouri. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Councilman Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-48**, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of an Omnia Partners proposal from Play and Park Structures in the amount of \$38,314.00 for the purchase of picnic tables and trash cans for the Oak Grove Park shelters. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Councilman Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-49**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Goddard and Son Roofing, Inc., in the total amount not to exceed \$67,418.00 for the replacement of the Community Center’s Lower Roof, Project CC2551. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Councilman Davis moved to approve **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**. **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. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MEADOWBROOK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025, FIVE (5) YEAR PLAN, AND APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS; TERM EXPIRATION JULY 1, 2028: JON CARPENTER, BETO LOPEZ, CHRIS GAHAGEN, DAVE STANLEY, AND JAMES STUART II.**

Councilmember Moore moved to approve the **ANNUAL MEADOWBROOK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025, FIVE (5) YEAR PLAN, AND APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS; TERM EXPIRATION JULY 1, 2028: JON CARPENTER, BETO LOPEZ, CHRIS GAHAGEN, DAVE STANLEY, AND JAMES STUART II.** **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-24-50**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for the City of Gladstone, Missouri to participate in the MARC Regional Resource Sharing Agreement Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-50**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for the City of Gladstone, Missouri to participate in the MARC Regional Resource Sharing Agreement Plan. **Councilmember Moore** 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-24-51**, A Resolution accepting easements from certain property owner(s) in conjunction with the Linden Connector Trail, Project TP2373.

Councilman Garnos moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-51**, A Resolution accepting easements from certain property owner(s) in conjunction with the Linden Connector Trail, Project TP2373. **Councilmember Moore** 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-24-52**, A Resolution authorizing expenditure to Security Bank of Kansas City to extinguish debt associated with improvements to the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum not to exceed \$270,000.00.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-52**, A Resolution authorizing expenditure to Security Bank of Kansas City to extinguish debt associated with improvements to the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum not to exceed \$270,000.00. **Councilman Davis** 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-24-53**, A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 10 in the amount of \$149,837.50 to the contract with Lan-Tel Communications Services Incorporated, for the FY23 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Program - Phase 2 Project TP2305.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-53**, A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 10 in the amount of \$149,837.50 to the contract with Lan-Tel Communications Services Incorporated, for the FY23 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Program - Phase 2 Project TP2305. **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. **RESOLUTION R-24-54**, A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$547,008.00 to the contract with Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, for the FY25 Mill and Overlay Program, Project TP2506.

Councilman Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-54**, A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$547,008.00 to the contract with Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, for the FY25 Mill and Overlay Program, Project TP2506. **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. 17. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-24-55**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with C.P. Excavating, LLC, in the total amount not to exceed \$559,288.00 for the Northeast 68th Terrace and North Bellefontaine Storm Drainage, Project CP2432 pending Missouri Department of Natural Resources Concurrence.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-55**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with C.P. Excavating, LLC, in the total amount not to exceed \$559,288.00 for the Northeast 68th Terrace and North Bellefontaine Storm Drainage, Project CP2432 pending Missouri Department of Natural Resources Concurrence. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

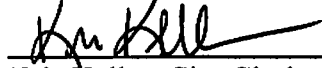
Item No. 18. On the Agenda. Other Business.

There was no other business.

Item No. 19. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Spallo adjourned the August 12, 2024, Regular City Council meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

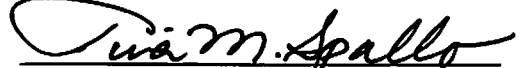


Kris Keller, City Clerk

Approved as presented: _____



Approved as modified: _____



Tina M. Spallo, Mayor