

GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES of August 15, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Councilor Sieckmann, Councilor Neace, Mayor Mersereau, Councilor S. Johnson, Councilor K. Johnson, Councilor McMahon, Councilor Reisner.

ABSENT:

None.

STAFF:

Eric Swanson, City Administrator; Jacque Betz, Assistant City Administrator; Chad Jacobs, City Attorney.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS:

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Michael Milch wanted to address the issues with representation on the Library Boards/Committees. He feels that Gladstone needs to recruit two new members to serve on a 10-member Library task force to proportionally represent the citizens who comprise 70% of the new library district.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Resolution 1087 – Referral of 2016 Charter for November 2016 Ballot:

Mr. Swanson said that the voter's pamphlet will contain a link to the website in order to view the entire City Charter and paper copies would be available at City Hall or the County Clerk's office. Mr. Jacobs said the process of repealing a charter and replacing it with a brand new charter is the process used by the majority of cities in Oregon. There was discussion regarding what would be included in the voter's pamphlet.

Councilor S. Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution 1087, a resolution calling for an election in the City of Gladstone on November 8, 2016, submit to the voters the City's new home rule charter. Motion seconded by Councilor Neace.

Discussion: Councilor S. Johnson wanted to clarify that the most recent draft had replaced all the "shalls" in the language. Mr. Jacobs confirmed that. Councilor Sieckmann said he has some concerns but wants the voters to decide. Councilor S. Johnson said the Charter Review Committee put in a lot of work and did a very thorough job. Councilor Reisner said there are three provisions he disagrees with so he cannot support it.

Ms. Betz conducted a roll call vote: Councilor Sieckmann – yes. Councilor Neace – yes. Councilor S. Johnson – yes. Councilor K. Johnson – yes. Councilor McMahon – yes. Councilor Reisner – no. Mayor Mersereau – yes. Motion passed (6-1).

2. Resolution 1088 – Referral of Amendment to 2016 Charter Regarding Mayoral Term:

Councilor McMahon made a motion to adopt Resolution 1088, a resolution calling for an election in the City of Gladstone on November 8, 2016 to submit to the voters an amendment to the City's new home rule charter. Motion seconded by Councilor Sieckmann.

Discussion: Councilor S. Johnson feels this will be confusing to the voters. Mr. Milch made comments regarding the terms/dates.

Councilor Sieckmann made a motion to amend the dates in Resolution 1088 to reflect the following language:

Mr. Jacobs said he could amend the dates as follows: In Section 25, Exhibit A to Resolution 1088 would read: The Mayor is nominated and elected from the City at large, the Mayor will be elected at the general election in 2018 and at every Statewide election thereafter for a four-year term. The Mayor in office when this charter takes effect continues until the first Council meeting in January of 2019, at which time the Mayor elected at the general election in 2018 will assume office.

Motion was seconded by Councilor S. Johnson. Motion passed (6-1). Ms. Betz conducted a roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution 1088: Councilor Sieckmann – yes. Councilor Neace – yes. Councilor S. Johnson – no. Councilor K. Johnson – yes. Councilor McMahon – yes. Councilor Reisner – no. Mayor Mersereau – yes. Motion passed (5-2).

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECONVENE TO REGULAR AGENDA:

Regarding Executive Session #1 (ORS 192.660(2)(h):

Councilor S. Johnson made a motion to direct the City Attorney to take all actions that are necessary and proper to enforce agreements with Clackamas County and the Clackamas County Library District. Motion was seconded by Councilor K. Johnson.

Discussion: Councilor S. Johnson said there will be more information coming out and he feels it is unfortunate that we have ended up in this position. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Regarding Executive Session #2 (ORS 192.660(2)(i):

Councilor Sieckmann made a motion pursuant to Section 4 of the Employment Agreement with the City Administrator, a motion to increase the City Administrator's salary by \$5,000 retroactive to June 16th, 2016 based on his favorable performance evaluation. Motion was seconded by Councilor S. Johnson.

Discussion: *(Verbatim comments from audio)* Councilor Reisner said, "Earlier this year when Mr. Swanson went on his two week annual leave we paid him two weeks of that leave, which we didn't have to do, which is half of his monthly salary, \$5,000, so I feel that we have already paid him his \$5,000 for this year. I'm not sure if I am saying that quite right so I am not able to support this motion." *Motion passed (6-1).*

BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD:

Mr. Swanson said the jury selection for the Lynn Benton case will begin tomorrow. They will be working on press release/communication to assist the Police Department and Council on this issue.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Swanson asked that the next Council meeting be moved from August 23rd to August 25th. There was discussion regarding options.

Councilor S. Johnson made a motion to move the next Special Meeting of the City Council from August 23 to Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30 PM. Motion was seconded by Councilor K. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor S. Johnson:

The next Library District Advisory Committee meeting is on August 22nd at 7:00 PM at Red Soils Campus, Room 119. He would like to ask all Council members to attend if possible. West Linn Councilor Brenda Perry asked for the City representatives of the Regional Wastewater Advisory Committee to meet in West Linn at the Police Station on August 24th at 6:30 PM to brainstorm ideas. He asked that the meeting be open to the public and recorded. He encouraged all Councilors to attend.

Mayor Mersereau:

He went on a police ride-along last week – he learned a lot.

His car club put on a cruise again this year – there was a 40.7% increase over last year and the money will go to Gladstone charities.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by the Mayor this 13 day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:



Thomas Mersereau, Mayor



Jacque Betz, Assistant City Administrator