

## GLADSTONE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Milch at 5:31 P.M. – (Via Zoom and In Person)

### **ROLL CALL:**

Councilor Huckaby, Councilor Alexander, Councilor Reichle (via Zoom), Councilor Cook, Councilor Roberts, Councilor Garlington, Mayor Michael Milch

### **ABSENT:**

None

### **STAFF:**

Jacque Betz, City Administrator; Chad Jacobs, City Attorney; Tami Bannick, City Recorder;

---

Mayor Milch called the meeting to order. He explained that the City is abiding by guidelines set forth in House Bill 2560, which requires that they make all meetings accessible remotely through technologic means and provide the opportunity for the public to participate to the best of their ability. This meeting will be open to the public, both in person and virtually, using the Zoom platform.

### **1. WEST LINN YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTATION:**

The West Linn Youth Advisory Council gave a presentation to help the Gladstone City Council understand how their program works as the city works to build their own youth council. Presenting from West Linn were Co-Chair Annamika Konkola, and members Vanessa Partida, and Sabrina Zhang.

The youth council has been in existence since 2016. Their structure has two chairs and a secretary, treasurer, and communications chair. There are currently 15 members on their council. They work with the West Linn City Council, elected officials, city staff, and residents to advocate for issues affecting local youth and the community. Some accomplishments presented were the attendance of the 2023 Oregon Youth Summit, met with school officials and community leaders about substance abuse prevention and drug overdose resources, presented a draft of their communications plan, wrote a recommendation to ODOT concerning tolling, and have been focusing on city planning for this school year. They encourage guest speakers to attend each meeting to help the youth council understand topics relevant to the city such as Oregon Youth Line, Public Works, and the county clerk to talk about voting. The members at the presentation let the council know why and how they came to be a part of their youth council and answered detailed questions from Gladstone council members.

### **2. LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVAL:**

This is a request for approval of a liquor license for Pinnacle 365 site 3207, 19805 McLoughlin Blvd. This is the Food Mart at the Texaco gas station for selling beer and wine for consumers to take off premise.

*Councilor Alexander made a motion to approve the liquor license proposed to the council. This motion was seconded by Councilor Huckaby. Ms. Bannick took a roll call vote: Councilor Garlington – yes. Councilor Roberts – yes. Councilor Cook – yes. Councilor Reichle – yes. Councilor Alexander – yes. Councilor Huckaby – yes. Mayor Milch – yes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

3. **RESOLUTION 1233 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT:**

Chad Jacobs from the City Attorney's Office presented the Resolution. In a previous meeting, the Council asked to bring a new contract forward for renewal of City Administrator Betz's position on the city staff. This was done in coordination with Council President Roberts. If approved, this will replace her current contract that expires on June 30, 2024 and will take effect on February 1, 2024. There were seven changes to the original contact that are all laid out in the council packet with the biggest change being setting the term to "indefinite." This contract proposal does not have any cost impact to the city as Administrator Betz requested a pay cut of 5% and then have 5% put into deferred compensation by the city.

*Councilor Alexander made a motion to adopt Resolution 1233 approving the new employment contract for the city administrator. This motion was seconded by Councilor Huckaby. Ms. Bannick took a roll call vote: Councilor Cook – yes. Councilor Reichle – yes. Councilor Alexander – yes. Councilor Huckaby – yes. Councilor Garlington – yes.. Councilor Roberts – yes. Mayor Milch – yes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

Mayor Milch gave a few update reminders for the council. He pointed to the agenda for upcoming meeting dates but emphasized the annual training for volunteers on boards, commissions, and committees regarding government ethics on January 31.

**ADJOURN:**

*Councilor Huckaby made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Roberts. Ms. Bannick took a roll call vote: Councilor Reichle – yes. Councilor Cook – yes. Councilor Roberts – yes. Councilor Garlington – yes. Councilor Huckaby – yes. Councilor Alexander – yes. Mayor Milch – yes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Approved by the Mayor this 12th day of March, 2024.

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Milch, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Tami Bannick, City Recorder