

GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. – (Via Zoom and In Person)

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Tammy Stempel, Councilor Ripley, Councilor Alexander, Councilor Tracy, Councilor Hartman, Councilor Todd, Councilor Garlington

ABSENT:

None.

STAFF:

Jacque Betz, City Administrator; Cathy Brucker, Finance Consultant; John Schmerber, Chief of Police; Chad Jacobs, City Attorney; Tami Bannick, City Recorder

Mayor Stempel called the meeting to order and 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. The Council members and staff will be in person, as well as those citizens who wish to attend in person. She went over the procedures that will be followed for the meeting and the meeting agenda.

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of March Bank Balances
3. Budget Report for Period ending 3-31-2022
4. Approval of March Check Register
5. Legal Costs on Projects
6. Department Head Monthly Reports for April 2022

Councilor Hartman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilor Garlington. Ms. Bannick took a roll call vote: Councilor Alexander – yes. Councilor Tracy – yes. Councilor Hartman – yes. Councilor Todd – yes. Councilor Garlington – yes. Councilor Ripley – yes. Mayor Stempel – yes. Motion approved with a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

Mayor Stempel said for those members of the public who wished to speak the deadline for accepting comments was noon today. They allow three minutes for public comment unless there are special circumstances and additional time has been approved beforehand by staff.

She said a few words about the role of the City Council. She feels it is important for everyone to understand their limitations: they represent the citizens of Gladstone and not their own personal agendas and beliefs. There have been many times when a decision being made doesn't align with what they would like personally but have made a decision based on what is based on the City as a whole. That doesn't mean that their personal beliefs have changed; just that they listened and acted accordingly. There are laws and rules they have to use as the basis of their decisions. They do not have the luxury of randomly making decisions,

but instead they have to be consistent and take the path that is defensible. They appreciate everyone's time in participating in this process. Her goal is to keep the meeting respectful and engaging and she hopes everyone will help her do that.

PRESENTATION – EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Ms. Betz said our employees are our greatest asset and we must highlight their successes. She explained that "Pineapple Awards" are given to employees who go above and beyond for the community. The award signifies wisdom, wellbeing, welcomeness, and deep appreciation for dedication to the organization.

Ms. Betz said that Cathy Brucker has been with Gladstone for over four years. She came to the rescue when our Finance position was vacant. We are fortunate to have her here for another year before she retires. Ms. Brucker has implemented professional standards and best practices for the City of Gladstone. Our audits are clean, our biennium budget processes are fluid and transparent. She assisted the City with borrowing and structuring affordable debt so we could build the \$13.5 million Civic Center, and now a new \$5 million Public Works facility. She is currently implementing a five-year financial forecasting program so we can estimate future revenues and expenditures appropriately to achieve fiscal viability. She assisted with negotiations on the contract for Fire and Emergency Services. She is also working on a banking services proposal and will help the City hire a new auditor. Most recently, the Government Finance Officers' Association recognized her by presenting her with the lifetime achievement award for her outstanding career in finance. It is an incredible honor to be recognized by peers across the state of Oregon and we would like to show our appreciation by presenting Cathy with the inaugural Gladstone Pineapple Award.

Ms. Betz said that Police Chief John Schmerber has been with the City for three years. He has an incredible ability to lead and manage the Police Department and inspires confidence in his employees. He developed a vision that enhanced accountability, integrity, and professionalism, and established himself as a trusted and respected leader in the Department, City-wide, in the community, and at the State level. This past year he has done an exceptional job in emergency management, traffic safety and awareness, enhancing partnerships in the community, managing competing crowds during demonstrations for over five weeks, and mentoring his staff to develop a curriculum for the forthcoming Gladstone Community Academy. By far, the most exemplary leadership he displayed was during our recent officer-involved shooting. Officer-involved shootings are the most stressful experiences in law enforcement, and he handled it with professionalism, compassion, and empathy. As the Police Chief he provided strong support by insuring that licensed and competent personnel were available to assist the officers involved, their families, and the rest of the Department. The support helped manage the stressors, emotions, and pressures experienced by the event. With the Chief's guidance we are grateful that Sergeant Hill and Officer Lau are safe and back to work. Recently, the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police recognized Chief Schmerber for her service on the Board of Directors. He was thanked for his outstanding and dedicated service to the City of Gladstone and the State of Oregon, which is a prestigious honor. She presented him with the Gladstone Pineapple Award.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. RESOLUTION 1209 – BUDGET ADJUSTMENT ON FUNDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY PROJECT:

Ms. Brucker went over the staff report. They are asking to amend the 2021/2023 biennium budget for impacts unknown at the time the budget was adopted. On November 2, 2021 the voters approved the construction of the Public Works facility and the necessary incurrence of \$5 million in associated debt. On April 21, 2022 the City entered into a full faith and credit financing for the \$5 million with Chase Bank. The interest rate is 2.54%, payable over 18 years. Payment of this debt will be financed by 22.5% payments from the Road, Sewer, Water and Stormwater funds,

with 10% provided by the Parks Department within the General Fund. All amounts will be offset by capital outlay within each department and fund.

As permitted by Oregon Budget Law, unbudgeted proceeds from voter-approved debt financing may be spent within the current fiscal year with the passage of a resolution. Transfers between the appropriation categories and funds must also be included for approval for construction and debt service payments. Staff is requesting adoption of Resolution 1209 to recognize the Full Faith and Credit Series 2022 acquisition of debt proceeds, recognize the appropriation of the proceeds for construction, and recognize the subsidy of the debt from other funds, along with the semi-annual principle and interest payments due. These actions are necessary to utilize the funding and remain in compliance with Oregon Budget Law. Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 1209 to increase the 2021-2023 Biennium Budget by \$5,363,884 to a total of \$62,925,830 as permitted by ORS 294.338 and 294.463.

Councilor Garlington made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1209 to increase the 2021-2023 Biennium Budget by \$5,363,884 to a total of \$62,925,830 as permitted by ORS 294.338 and 294.463. Motion was seconded by Councilor Tracy. Ms. Bannick took a roll call vote: Councilor Garlington – yes. Councilor Todd – yes. Councilor Hartman – yes. Councilor Tracy – yes. Councilor Alexander – yes. Councilor Ripley – yes. Mayor Stempel – yes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

8. GLADSTONE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL AGREEMENT:

Ms. Betz said they are very excited to have this application back before us. They haven't had the festival in a couple of years due to the pandemic.

Bob Everett and Bryce Colson, representatives from the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary Club went over some of the changes this year. The festival will only be held on Friday and Saturday (August 5 & 6) in Max Patterson Park. There is still going to be the car show down on Portland Avenue. They will have bands coming to perform, there will be a beer garden, a kid's zone, crafts, a movie in the park, etc. The hours will be from noon to midnight on Friday, and 10:00 A.M. to midnight on Saturday. They thanked the City for supporting them.

Ms. Betz said there will also be a used book sale at John Wetten, a pickleball tournament, a high school reunion, Kiwanis pancake breakfast, etc. going on that weekend.

Councilor Alexander made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to sign the Gladstone Community Festival Agreement with the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary Club for the dates of August 5 & 6, 2022. Motion was seconded by Councilors Hartman and Todd. Ms. Bannick took a roll call vote: Councilor Todd – yes. Councilor Hartman – yes. Councilor Tracy – yes. Councilor Alexander – yes. Councilor Ripley – yes. Councilor Garlington – yes. Mayor Stempel – yes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

9. ORDINANCE 1514 – AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE GLADSTONE MUNICIPAL CODE (GMC) TO CONFORM TO PROVISIONS OF THE 2022 GLADSTONE CITY CHARTER – MODIFY A LIMITED NUMBER OF INACCURATE STATE STATUTORY CITATIONS OF AUTHORITY:

A: Consider approval of Ordinance 1514, an ordinance amending provisions of the GMC to conform to provisions of the 2022 Gladstone City Charter and modify a limited number of inaccurate State Statutory citations of authority.

Mr. Jacobs went over the staff report. He said this is basically a clean-up ordinance – it's not really making any substantive changes. Staff is recommending approval of the proposed Ordinance 1514.

Councilor Hartman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1514, an ordinance amending provisions of the Gladstone Municipal Code (GMC) to conform to provisions of the 2022 Gladstone City Charter and modify a limited number of inaccurate State Statutory citations of authority. Motion was seconded by Councilor Alexander. Ms. Bannick took a roll call vote: Councilor Tracy – yes. Councilor Hartman – yes. Councilor Todd – yes. Councilor Garlington – yes. Councilor Ripley – yes. Councilor Alexander – yes. Mayor Stempel – yes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

A second reading was done.

Councilor Tracy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1514, an ordinance amending provisions of the Gladstone Municipal Code (GMC) to conform to provisions of the 2022 Gladstone City Charter and modify a limited number of inaccurate State Statutory citations of authority. Motion was seconded by Councilor Garlington. Ms. Bannick took a roll call vote: Councilor Tracy – yes. Councilor Alexander – yes. Councilor Ripley – yes. Councilor Hartman – yes. Councilor Todd – yes. Councilor Garlington – yes. Mayor Stempel – yes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

B: Provide staff guidance on the process for conforming provisions of the 2022 Gladstone City Charter with the City Council Rules, Resolution 1129.

Ms. Betz said there are some policy directions that staff needs before moving forward with the conformity of City Council Rules to the new City Charter. She asked if they wanted to embark on this journey starting this summer through the end of this year knowing that they also have to do it in 2023, or does the City Council want to wait until 2023 goal setting session to work on this project.

Councilor Garlington asked how many issues there were to be addressed. Ms. Betz said there are four areas highlighted in the staff report. They estimate it could take approximately three months to work on them. They could create a subcommittee of citizens to do this, but to create a subcommittee of the City Council they would first need to amend the City Council Rules. Councilor Riley would like to have the community involved in this and get it done now.

Councilor Todd agreed with Councilor Riley.

Councilor Alexander wants to wait until 2023.

Councilor Hartman wants to wait until 2023 and involve the community.

Councilor Tracy feels that 2023 is a better time to do this and involving the community. Mayor Stempel also wants to wait until 2023.

Ms. Betz said they can start advertising for the citizen subcommittee in the fall so they can start in January.

Councilor Garlington also wants to wait until 2023. Councilors Riley and Todd agreed to wait.

10. APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY OF GLADSTONE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Ms. Betz said there is one applicant, Martha Perantoni. She has history and experience that will add to the diversity of the group.

Councilor Hartman made a motion to appoint Martha Perantoni to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Councilor Garlington. Ms. Bannick took a roll call vote: Councilor Ripley – yes. Councilor Alexander – yes. Councilor Tracy – yes. Councilor Hartman – yes. Councilor Todd – yes. Councilor Garlington – yes. Mayor Stempel – yes. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

11. APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY OF GLADSTONE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Ms. Betz said there are two applicants for one position for the remainder of 2022. Patrick Smith and Nicole Gossett-Roxbury (her application came in after the deadline).

Ms. Bannick asked each Councilor for their choice. Councilor Garlington – Gossett-Roxbury. Councilor Todd – Smith. Councilor Hartman – Smith. Councilor Tracy – Smith. Councilor Alexander – Smith. Councilor Ripley – Smith. Mayor Stempel – Smith. Patrick Smith was selected (6-1).

BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD:

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Gerry Blakney wanted to thank the staff for hanging in there. He wanted to thank Mr. Jacobs, Councilor Hartman, Councilor Todd, and Councilor Tracy for their service. He said they have three Councilor seats and the Mayor's position that are opening up. He doesn't live in the City of Gladstone so he can't apply. He will help anyone who wants to run for City Council who is interested in helping the City of Gladstone. If you're tired of the politics and the bickering and fighting seek him out and he will help you. He said there are people in this community who show up, but there are also a lot of people who don't show up because of all of the in-fighting that has happened under the current leadership of the City Council. He said that's not this, that's not picking battles, that's not him fighting with Tammy. He has received the feedback from the community that maybe that's not the best use of his time, so instead, he's willing to dedicate his time to make sure that you have a fighting chance to get on the City Council. He thanked Councilor Garlington, Mayor Stempel, Councilor Alexander, and Councilor Ripley because they show up. He appreciates the time that they serve the community. He said there are three to eight people that talk every month and he feels that those are the people they should be leaning on for their committees/boards. He said the people who come here are the people who will serve on your boards and volunteer for you.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL

Councilor Garlington:

She said she and Councilor Hartman have gotten involved with the League of Oregon Cities. One of the things she has gotten involved with is the Women's Caucus – they have been established to bring elected officials together for mentorship, conversation, team building, friendship, and more. She urged any elected official to seek out this group. There are a lot of great people in it to lean on. If you are thinking about running for office give her a call.

The Nature Park plant sale was a great success. The highlight is to show off their awesome park and she is very proud of it. They met some great neighbors. They want to work side by side with people and get to know them.

The pancake breakfast was a good community event. The egg hunt was fun and the kids had a great time. The City and Rotary Club did a great job. She thanked the junior high and high schools that were doing different musical activities.

The Clackamas County Library Board passed a budget last month to send on to the Board of Commissions. She urged anyone who is interested in the new library to tune into the Zoom meeting tomorrow. The training event on April 27th was informative and enlightening. She thanked the City for the invitation to the Council – she appreciates being included.

Councilor Todd:

She asked for more information regarding the League of Oregon Cities.

The forms to register for the Community Festival parade are available on the website now – Gladstonecommunityfestival.org. They ask for a donation of \$10. They use the money to pay the bigger bands that participate. It will be on Saturday, August 6th and starts at 10:00 A.M. and is approximately one mile long, ending at Max Patterson Park. If you have questions, contact her.

Councilor Alexander:

He wanted to let people know about the Community Police Academy that will be coming up in a couple of months if they are interested in applying.

Councilor Hartman:

She attended her first Senior Center meeting – they are looking for donations of flowers/plants for their garden. They also accept gift cards.

She attended a presentation by the DEI directors. They and Dr. John Powell talked about targeted universalism. She suggested everyone look it up – it's a way of looking at DEI work as an inclusive space for all people. She learned quite a bit.

The other League of Oregon Cities organization she belongs to is the People of Color Caucus.

Councilor Tracy:

He said we have a fairly safe city, have a competent Fire Department, competent Police Department, and a Public Works Department that's trying to catch up. He would like to recognize the City staff – they have done a fantastic job over two years of probably the hardest history any of us have ever witnessed. He has heard from newcomers how nice the neighborhood is, how clean it is, and how people are reaching out to them and offering to help them. Every time he looks at the monthly reports it blows his mind that they're able to keep us on track with such a limited budget and keep the City in the shape that it's in.

Mayor Stempel:

She said the Food Pantry is open from 3-5:30 on Thursdays at the Hillside Christian Fellowship Church off Glen Echo – located in the back portable buildings. The number of families and homebound seniors they are serving is growing every week and growing in leaps and bounds. They are still looking for volunteers and donations. If anyone wants to drop off food she is there with the prep crew on Wednesdays from 2 – 3:30 P.M.

She wanted to comment on some statements that were made in the media because she has been fielding many conversations and phone calls from concerned citizens that can't believe that we put our city in the situation that we apparently did. This pertains to an article in the Clackamas Review on April 19th regarding the agreement with Clackamas Fire. There was a quote from Councilor Garlington that stated: "I don't want anyone to have to call 9-1-1 for a family member and not have it answered". That would not have

happened, and she doesn't want our citizens to think that we would ever have put them in that situation. Mutual aid agreements guarantee that if our Gladstone firefighters were on another call an outside agency would step in and cover it. Thankfully Clackamas Fire is always there. The other statement was that Gladstone was previously an island of inadequate fire service provided by the City. Our Fire Department served our community for over 100 years, saving lives and property. They are completely committed to our citizens and our City, going above and beyond over and over again, providing a seamless and professional response. To now say it was inadequate is incorrect. Our firefighters deserve our respect and our heartfelt thanks for all the work that they have done for our community, and not a statement dismissing their efforts. She thanked them and said they are so valued, and our citizens will not forget that. Mayor Stempel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURN:

Councilor Tracy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilor Todd. Ms. Bannick took a roll call vote: Councilor Ripley – yes. Councilor Alexander – yes. Councilor Tracy – yes. Councilor Hartman – yes. Councilor Todd – yes. Councilor Garlington – yes. Mayor Stempel – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Approved by the Mayor this 14th day of JUNE, 2022.

ATTEST:



Tamara Stempel, Mayor



Tami Bannick, City Recorder

