



GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AMENDED AGENDA
CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 14, 2023 – 6:30 PM

5:30 p.m. – EXECUTIVE SESSION: ORS 192.660 2 (f) – To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection (a separate Zoom login will be provided to participants prior to the meeting)

6:30 p.m. - CALL TO ORDER

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If members of the public would like to comment on an agenda item (either virtually or in person) please email your comments to bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us prior to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on March 14, 2023.

The City Council will also have *Business from the Audience* at the end of the meeting. To speak during this time, (either virtually or in person) please email bannick@ci.gladstone.or.us prior to 12:00 p.m. (noon) on March 14, 2023 with your name, topic of discussion and city of residence.

(Zoom participant speaking instructions will be emailed to persons who request to speak and posted on the city's website)

ROLL CALL
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AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of February 14, 2023 Regular Minutes

2. Approval of January Bank Balances
3. Budget Report for Period ending 01-31-2023
4. Approval of January Check Register
5. Legal Costs on Projects – January 2023
6. Department Head Monthly Reports for February 2023

CORRESPONDENCE: None

7. **REPORT – CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1 UPDATE** – Fire Chief Nick Browne / Asst. Fire Chief Brian Stewart

REGULAR AGENDA:

8. **PUBLIC HEARING: FILE TXT-2022-02 – ORDINANCE 1517 – APPROVING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO GLADSTONE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 17 AND ADDING THE NEW DOWNTOWN OVERLAY DISTRICT**

Consider approval of Ordinance 1517 - text amendments to Gladstone Municipal Code Title 17, specifically Chapters 17.08 and 17.18 and adding the new Chapter 17.21 – DC – Downtown Core Overlay District.

9. **2022 CITY OF GLADSTONE ANNUAL REPORT**

City Administrator Jacque Betz will present the 2022 City of Gladstone Annual Report

10. CONDUCT INTERVIEW WITH CANDIDATE FOR VACANT CITY COUNCIL POSITION #4

- Cierra Cook

BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD –Update on vacant city councilor position

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Visitors: This is an opportunity for members of the audience to bring to the Council's attention any item not otherwise listed on the Agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. Speakers may not yield their time to others and must fill out a speaker card available in the back of the room prior to making a comment.

BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL –

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Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- March 22, 2023 – Joint Meeting with City Council & School Board at Gladstone High School – 5:30 p.m.
- March 28, 2023 – City Council Work Session Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

MEETING ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) NOTICE

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CITY OF GLADSTONE
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY COUNCIL



Name: Cierra Cook

Address: [REDACTED] Gladstone, OR 97027

Telephone: (Home) [REDACTED] (Work) [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Are you a registered voter: YES NO

How long have you lived in Gladstone: Since April 2019

What is your educational background?

Associates of Science, Business Administration- Portland Community College

Describe your employment experience:

I've spent more than 15 years in the Grocery industry, working my way up from a Bagger to a Store Manager. During my 4 years as Store Manager for Whole Foods Market, I led a team of 105+ employees. I was responsible for all aspects of store operations, including hiring, supply chain troubleshooting, regulatory compliance, controlling expenses, and maintaining favorable profitability. I continue to work for Whole Foods in a new role as a Senior Operations Representative serving 10 western states and 59 individual stores with a specialty in E-Commerce and Customer Service.

What are your activities and interests?

I have a strong interest in local government, and I've attended most Gladstone City Council meetings since summer 2020. I believe one of the major benefits of living in a small community like Gladstone is that there is ample opportunity to be involved and contribute positively to your city.

I own a small bookshop which operates in Gladstone and Oregon City, and I promote books and authors that are traditionally underrepresented by publishers and "chain" booksellers.

Previous and Current Community Affiliations and Activities:

I created Happy Rock Families, a website that promotes the City of Gladstone as a vibrant place to live for families. Happy Rock Families offers information and resources to local families, especially those with young children and those new to the city.

During the ice storm of 2021, when many of my neighbors were without power and heat for many days, I volunteered with the Gladstone Ice Storm Mutual Aid group. I provided food and helped serve hot meals to my neighbors without power, as well as helped deliver meal boxes to my neighbors who were stuck at home. I have also served on the City of Gladstone's Audit and Budget Committees since January of 2021. In February 2023, I was elected Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Have you ever served on a City Committee position before? YES NO

When? January 2021- Present What Committee(s)? Audit Committee, Budget Committee

How would this experience be useful as a City Councilor? Why?

My experience on the Budget and Audit Committees has prepared me to be able to engage with the budget and audit processes. If appointed, this experience will be helpful as the City Council considers the 2023-2025 Biennium Budget this Spring/Summer.

Additionally, as someone who has attended most City Council meetings since summer 2020, I have some knowledge of the city's goals, projects, and processes.

Why do you want to serve on the City Council?

I believe I have the skills, knowledge, and abilities to help the City Council achieve its stated goals. Additionally, I believe representation matters, and I hope to be able to represent underrepresented members of our community.

As a non-binary queer person, I hope to be able to contribute to an inclusive, respectful era of governance in Gladstone.

As a parent of two children under 5 years old, I hope to be able to support young families and look out for the interests of children and families as we grow the city of Gladstone.



What would be your major contribution?

To be frank- this application is for a temporary term of about 9 months until there is a special election to elect a new Councilperson. I don't think it would be appropriate for an appointed official (as opposed to an elected one) to set their own agenda for their time on the council.

If appointed to City Council, my priority would be to use my knowledge and skills to support the goals of the elected members of the City Council as set during their January Goal Setting retreat.

What are the important issues facing the City today?

The City of Gladstone is facing many challenges, including urgent infrastructure repairs at the same time inflation is causing the costs of these repairs to rise. If tolling on I-205 becomes a reality, Gladstone is likely to see an increase in through traffic on streets that weren't designed for a high level of traffic, which would cause public safety and other transportation issues that would disproportionately affect our lower income residents.

Gladstone families are struggling to find affordable childcare, which can force a parent out of the workforce, reducing a family's income and quality of life. The City of Gladstone is also unable to provide services at the same level as our neighboring cities (for example, Parks and Recreation services) and needs to work to find creative solutions.

Additionally, the city needs to rebuild trust with residents. It has been a tumultuous few years, and the city needs to take an active role in ensuring that Gladstone is a safe and inclusive place to live, work, and play.

What would be the role of the City Council in dealing with these issues?

The City Council must provide stable, professional leadership that allows city staff to work towards their goals for 2023-2025. This includes furthering economic development, improving infrastructure, engaging and communicating with the community, and improving our parks.

We need to work collaboratively with our regional partners to find solutions that work for all of our neighbors in the metro area.

What is the most important issue facing the City Council?

Gladstone must work to maintain and grow livability for all residents.

We need to proactively plan for the future by addressing our ongoing infrastructure challenges, and find creative ways to offer quality services to Gladstone residents without increasing our cost of living.

What would be your contribution to resolving this issue?

As a store manager and business owner, I have experience working within limitations of both time and capital.

If appointed I would contribute by prioritizing infrastructure and other safety and regulatory compliance issues to keep the city on firm financial ground, including addressing DEQ violations.

After we've found stability with critical infrastructure projects, I would then prioritize the other City Council Goals for the 23-25 term (economic development, communication and engagement, parks).

If appointed to serve would you plan to run for this position at the next election?

I'm currently undecided.

SIGNATURE: Cierra Cook

DATE: 3/8/23

Please note: The information submitted in this application may be subject to public records law and will be included in a publicized City Council packet.

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