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May 10, 2026

Re: Appropriations for 2026/2027 Hearing Reference: City of Gladstone Charter - Chapter VIII
General Finance - Section 8 Annual Appropriation Ordinance

Dear Mr. Spreitzer,

Please add my comments to the record

Ordinance 2026-634 as submitted has appropriations of \$5,222,860 and estimated revenues of \$2,074,937. Chapter VIII General Finance - Section 8 the second sentence states, "The total amount of appropriation shall not exceed the estimated revenues of the city, as set forth in the preceding section. (Section 7 Annual Budget)."

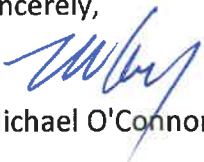
In simple terms, you have \$2Million in revenue and \$5Million in expenses.

It would appear the haphazard approach of just throwing out numbers does little to inform the public how tax money is being allocated. I'm aware of Act 33 and Shared State Revenue provide additional revenue outside property taxes. Unfortunately, these two additional funding sources do not provide sufficient funding to cover the shortfall of over \$3Million Dollars.

Referring back to Charter VIII General Finance - Section 7 Annual Budget (b) "An itemized statement of the taxes required and of the estimated revenues of the city from all other sources for the ensuing fiscal year, with comparative statements, in parallel columns, of the taxes and other revenues for the current and next preceding fiscal year...." The additional sources of revenues, outside of property taxes, should have been detailed and include in the ordinance to establish the true total estimated revenues.

The ordinance is deficient in failing to meet the requirement of Section 8, i.e. Balanced Budget.

Sincerely,



Michael O'Connor

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**CITY OF GLADSTONE
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-634**

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MICHIGAN FROM APRIL 1, 2026 THRU MARCH 31, 2027 TO DEFRAY THE DEBTS, EXPENDITURES & LIABILITIES LEVYING THE AMOUNTS THEREOF NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION TO BE LEVIED ON THE NEXT CITY OF GLADSTONE JULY 2026 TAX ROLL, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING THE LEVYING ON THE JULY 2026 CITY AND DECEMBER 2026 GENERAL TAX ROLLS AS PROVIDED BY THE CITY TREASURER.

THE CITY OF GLADSTONE ORDAINS:

Section I. That pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the City of Gladstone, and the provisions of the budget as adopted by the City Commission, appropriations are hereby made for the current fiscal year from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 for the assessments and purposes hereinafter designated as follows:

General Government	\$1,301,577	
Cemetery	\$117,395	
Public Safety	\$2,280,210	\$5,222,860
General Public Works	\$577,187	
Parks & Recreation	\$946,491	

Section II. That of the amounts appropriated in Section I of this ordinance, there shall be raised by taxation upon all 2026 tax levy the tentative sum of \$2,074,937 for the purpose of defraying the debts, expenditures, and liabilities of said City of Gladstone for the current fiscal year from April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

Section III. The City Clerk shall certify to the City Assessor the tentative sum of \$2,074,937 to be levied upon the assessed valuation of all taxable property within the City of Gladstone on the General City of Gladstone July 2026 tax roll for the said City of Gladstone and laws of the State of Michigan.

Section IV. This ordinance shall be published and take effect ten (10) days after its publication.

Introduction:04-27-2026
Published: XXXXX DAILY PRESS
Public Hearing: XXXXX
Adopted: XXXXX
Published: XXXX
Effective: XXXX

CITY OF GLADSTONE

By: _____
Joseph Thompson, Mayor

By: _____
Kimberly Berry, City Clerk