



# GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue  
January 26, 2026  
6:00 PM

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## MINUTES

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Berry called the roll:

**PRESENT**

Mayor Joe Thompson

Commissioner Judy Akkala

Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela

Commissioner Whitney Maloney

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll - EXCUSED

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Kelly King – Metal Detecting Policy Review

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the consent agenda as presented with the correction of MMEA Dues for 2026 rather than 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to reappoint Mr. Howard Haulotte, Mr. Jason Lippens and Ms. Jody Pontius to the Gladstone Board of Review with a term expiration of January 2028.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to table to the Gladstone City Commission Rules of Procedure to the regular meeting of February 9, 2026 for Clerk Berry to confirm Section II Meetings Item A2 regarding paper ballots for election of mayor at the organization meeting and correct Conflict of Interests which is out of order in the agenda packet but correct in the Commission Rules of Procedure.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve \$550,000.00 loan from the State Infrastructure Bank with a ten-year payback paid with funding from the Street and General Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Maloney to amend the facade grant contract for Gladstone Eye Care to accomodate a new project completion deadline March 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the DDA and Parks & Recreation's grant application for the MACC grant for music programming and placemaking efforts at 701 Delta Avenue for up to \$42,450.00.

MOTION CARRIED

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Robert Spreitzer reported on the following:

- Since the last Commission Meeting all the Department Heads have been preparing their budgets.
- The Treasurer and I spent most of last week reviewing budgets and year-end projections with the Department Heads.
- Last Thursday I attended an MML online training meeting for newly elected officials. Although I am not an elected official the training provided a good overview of the open meetings act OMA, FOIA and local government budgeting. The league had knowledgeable presenters, and it gave me a new respect for the responsibilities of clerks, treasurers and commissioners.
- On Friday we had a zoom meeting with Waterworth to discuss water rate increases for the upcoming budget year. Today I spent time gathering water rate information to send to Waterworth that will be used in an upcoming presentation at the budget meeting.

## **CITY COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Manager Spreitzer reviewed the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Year to Date Financial Reports.

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS**

Community Development Director Patrica West presented the 2025 Planning Commission Annual Report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

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Mayor Joe Thompson

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City Clerk Kimberly Berry