



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
December 11, 2023
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order, Invocation given by Commissioner Styczynski followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Berry called the roll:

PRESENT

Mayor Joe Thompson
Commissioner Judy Akkala
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela
Commissioner Robert Pontius
Commissioner Greg Styczynski

Mayor Thompson added to the agenda under New Business Item 13: Resolution No. 2023-14 Submission of Water Resources Division Grant Application for Little Bay De Noc East Shore Nature Trail Improvements.

The following people spoke under public comment:

Mr. Charles Kang & Mrs. Deanna Kang 400 North 10th Street, Gladstone

Mr. Steven Viau, 817 Delta Avenue

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to table the Jones Property Lake Shore Drive update to Monday, February 12, 2024 Regular Commission Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Styczynski, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve Traffic Control Order - 18th Street from Minneapolis Avenue to Dakota Avenue, extending the "no parking" restriction along the West side.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to authorize amending the 2023-2024 budgets in the amount of \$2,009.45 for Water Department Revenue and \$3,429.88 for Wastewater Revenue due to non-collectible revenue.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the City Commission 2024 Regular Meeting Schedule as follows:

**GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION
2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

**All meetings begin at 6:00 PM and are held at Gladstone City Hall
1100 Delta Avenue, Gladstone, MI. 49837**

January 8, 2024	
January 22, 2024	
February 12, 2024	
2/26/2024 CANCELLED	Pres. Primary 02-27-24
March 11, 2024	
March 25, 2024	
April 8, 2024	
April 22, 2024	
May 13, 2024	
5/27/2024 CANCELLED	Memorial Day
June 10, 2024	
June 24, 2024	
July 8, 2024	
July 22, 2024	
August 12, 2024	
August 26, 2024	
September 9, 2024	
September 23, 2024	
October 14, 2024	
October 28, 2024	
November 11, 2024	
November 25, 2024	
December 9, 2024	
December 23, 2024	

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MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to approve Request for Disbursement of Funds Draw #17 totaling \$449,661.00 for the Wastewater Upgrades Project.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve the first Gladstone Public Safety 5k Run/Walk special event for Saturday, February 17, 2024, all proceeds donated to the Delta County Animal Shelter.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY OF GLADSTONE
RESOLUTION No. 2023-14

**APPROVING SUBMISSION OF WATER RESOURCES DIVISION GRANT APPLICATION
FOR LITTLE BAY DE NOC EAST SHORE NATURE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS**

Motion by Commissioner Akkala; seconded by Commissioner Mantela:

WHEREAS, the Little Bay de Noc East Shore Nature Trail Boardwalk was extensively damaged by high water and needs improvements, and

WHEREAS, the Boardwalk provides an extension of the MI state-wide Iron Belle Trail and

WHEREAS, the Boardwalk connects the campground to the beach and provides safe, outdoor recreational activities, and

WHEREAS, the Little Bay de Noc East Shore Nature Trail Boardwalk is highly popular with seniors, residents of all ages, visitors, tourists, and organizations who plan run/walk events and High School classes studying wetlands and biodiversity. There is also a shallow-water shipwreck that you can inspect from the boardwalk or by snorkeling.

WHEREAS, funding is available from the U. S. Department of Commerce through the Water Resources Division, and

WHEREAS, total project cost is estimated to be (\$300,000.00) Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, Fifty (50%) percent of which would be funded through the Water Resources Division and Fifty (50%) percent would be local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Gladstone Commission approves the submission of the grant application to the Water Resources Division in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the improvements to Little Bay de Noc East Shore Nature Trail Boardwalk and commits that the local match shall be provided if the project is funded.

AYES: Mayor Joe Thompson, Commissioners Judy Akkala, Brad Mantela, Robert Pontius, and Greg Styczynski

NAYS: None

Manager Buckman reported on the following:

- Met with Attorney Steve Mann and real estate attorney both from Miller Canfield regarding the North Shore Developer's Agreement.
- Met with NMU & MERIT representatives regarding our tower and adding another control box
- Attended the Parks & Recreation Board Meeting and the Gladstone Public Library Committee meeting
- Still working with the Sault Tribe regarding agreement, land put in trust already done, possible financial agreement to make up lost tax revenue

Merry Christmas!

There being no further business before the Commission Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

City Clerk Kimberly Berry