



# GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue

July 14, 2025

6:00 PM

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## MINUTES

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

Clerk Berry called the roll:

### PRESENT

Mayor Joe Thompson

Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela

Commissioner Robert Pontius

Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

### ABSENT - EXCUSED

Commissioner Judy Akkala

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to reschedule the public hearing for establishment of Industrial Facility Tax (IFT) District - AML, Inc. for Monday, July 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

The following individuals spoke under public comment:

Mike O'Connor, 526 Minnesota Avenue

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to vacate west half of Birch Street and require the Housing Commission to pay for all fees associated with the vacation, fee estimated to be around \$8,000 as quoted by Miller Canfield.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the social district permit application for JAZZZ Inc. for consideration for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela Yes

Commissioner O'Driscoll Yes

Commissioner Pontius No

Commissioner Akkala - Absent - Excused

Mayor Thompson, Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve request for disbursement of funds Draw #35 totaling \$29, 363.75 for the Wastewater Plant Improvement project.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve hosting the National Walleye Tour Qualifying Event on June 17-19, 2026 with a host fee of \$12,000 and to work on obtaining additional investors to support paying the host fee.

MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Eric Buckman reported on the following:

- 2025 Downtown Gladstone Survey available on the website
- Board of Review Meeting 07-22-2025
- Hot Rods & Harley hosted by American Legion on 07-17-2025
- Masters Walleye Circuit qualifying event coming to Gladstone July 18th & 19<sup>th</sup>
- Summer Tax Bills were mailed out on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> with a due date of 09-15-2025
- 4th of July Celebration was a success, great fireworks and large crowds
- PFAS Class Action Suit
- Attended pre-bid meeting and tour of EPA Site
- Parks Director Wendy Taavola and DDA Coordinator Patricia West are attending the MWC planning meetings
- DDA Coordinator Patricia West and I met with Anne Giroux the new Invest UP representative

Clerk Berry reported that the City Commission Rules of Procedures are available on the City website at [www.gladstonemi.gov](http://www.gladstonemi.gov) under City Commission tab and encouraged the public to review them. An excerpt from those rules on Public Comment/Public Hearing is printed on the backside of each meeting agenda. Also for individuals who would like to submit information to the City Commission per the rules please submit those to the City Clerk seven (7) business days prior to a Commission meeting. Once received the information/request will be reviewed by the Mayor and City Manager for authorization to place on a meeting agenda.

Reminder - Three City Commission Seats are open for the November 4, 2025 General Election. Nominating Petitions and Affidavit of Identity paperwork is available at City Hall. The deadline is Tuesday, July 22, 2025 by 4:00 PM and must be filed with the Gladstone City Clerk's office located at City Hall.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

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Mayor Joe Thompson

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Clerk Kimberly Berry