



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
September 14, 2026
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela called the meeting to order, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Kimberly Berry called the roll:

PRESENT

Commissioner Judy Akkala
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela
Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll
Commissioner Whitney Maloney

ABSENT

Mayor Joe Thompson - Excused

No public comment offered.

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Maloney to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Commissioner Maloney to adopt Ordinance No. 635 Rezoning of 915 Blackwell Avenue 21-052-515-001-00 from a split B-2 General Business and I-1 Light Industrial zoning designation to I-1 Light Industrial.

Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll	Yes
Commissioner Whitney Maloney	Yes
Commissioner Judy Akkala	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela	Yes
Mayor Joe Thompson	Absent - Excused

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve request for disbursement of funds #2 totaling \$359,233.55 for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Commissioner Maloney to approve request for disbursement of funds #3 totaling \$352,287.29 for Collection System Improvements Project.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to table signing the Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-Assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58 for Gladstone Housing Commission to Monday, September 28, 2026, Regular Commission meeting pending attorney review.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Commissioner Maloney to reappoint Parker Gryzbowski and Jacob Taylor to the Gladstone Downtown Development Authority for four-year terms expiring May 2030.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to place the DDA resignations of Jay Bostwick and Rob LeDuc on file and declare two vacancies with term expirations of May 2030 and May 2028.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve the Gladstone DDA Great Gladstone Harvest Fest event to be held in downtown Gladstone and reserve the city parking lot next to Wally's Bar on Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM with set up at Noon and clean up at 6PM - 7PM.

MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Robert Spreitzer reported the following:

- City Hall is now back to normal hours of operation Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Attended the Rocking for Bay fundraiser hosted by Wally's Bar and Bay College, great use of our social district and brought a good crowd to our main street and hope the event grows even larger next year
- Bad news – Mr. O'Connor has filed his sixth lawsuit against the City which was filed the same day of the hearing on the previous five suits. This suit is regarding the 9th Street Special Assessment project. Good news is we received an email from our attorney about an hour ago that reads as follows: "Good news, we received the attached order from the court dismissing Mr. O'Connor's first five cases on the ground that he lacks standing to assert general violations of the city charter. The order is attached for your review and records, and Mr. O'Connor has until September 30th to file an appeal."

Community Development Director Patricia West presented the 2026 Local Economies Opportunity Report from Michigan Municipal League.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela

City Clerk Kimberly Berry