



# GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue  
May 21, 2026  
6:00 PM

## MINUTES

Mayor Joe Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM; Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Kimberly Berry called the roll:

**PRESENT**

- Mayor Joe Thompson
- Commissioner Judy Akkala
- Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela
- Commissioner Whitney Maloney

**ABSENT - EXCUSED**

- Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

Mayor Joe Thompson opened the public hearing for Appropriations Ordinance No. 2026-634 at 6:01 PM to receive public input.

A letter from Mike O'Connor was published in the agenda packet for public input.

There being no public present Mayor Thompson closed the hearing at 6:02 PM.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Maloney to approve:

**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
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

Reintroduction: 05-11-2026

Published: 05-14-2026 *DAILY PRESS*

Public Hearing: 05-21-2026

Adopted: XXXXX

Published: XXXX Effective:

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Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela	Yes
Commissioner O'Driscoll	Absent – Excused
Commissioner Akkala	Yes
Commissioner Maloney	Yes
Mayor Thompson	Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment - No public present.

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

MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Rob Spreitzer commented on the following:

I would like to start with an apology to any water customers who experienced colored water this afternoon. Our Water Department was performing some preventative maintenance in the form of removing a line that is no longer in service. When shutting of the main valves we changed the flow in the system and stirred up some rust in the mains.

In other announcements our Wastewater Department started their sewer rehabilitation project this week with Tunnel Vision on the 1200 & 1300 blocks of Superior Avenue. The Water Departments 2025 Consumer Confidence report is available on our website and will be being sent directly to our utility customers with the June bills. The DPW would like people to know that the South hill Road highway intersection is scheduled to be closed through Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> due to Canadian National RR replacing their intersection.

In other announcements a reminder for e-recycling.

The City of Gladstone invites residents to safely recycle unwanted electronics at our upcoming e-waste collection event.

**Date:** Friday, June 26

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Location:** Gladstone Bus Garage (103 N. 12th Street, Gladstone, MI)

**Cost:** \$5.00 per car

**Accepted Items**

DVD & VCR Players

Computers, Phones & Tablets

Desktop Fax Machines

TVs & Monitors

Gaming Consoles

Keyboards, Cords & Routers

Desktop Printers & Scanners

***Kitchen appliances will not be accepted.***

Our Farmers Market will be open June 1<sup>st</sup> and landfill vouchers are still available until June 30<sup>th</sup>.

I am approaching my 6 month evaluation and I would like the commission to consider performing my review on June 8<sup>th</sup>; as I have to be out of town on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

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Mayor Joe Thompson

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Clerk Kimberly Berry