



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
November 10, 2025
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Community Development Director Patricia West called the roll:

PRESENT

Mayor Joe Thompson

Commissioner Judy Akkala

Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela

Commissioner Robert Pontius

ABSENT - EXCUSED

Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

City Manager Eric Buckman swore in Ms. Brittany Levesque as the new Gladstone Public Safety Officer.

No public comment offered.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to enter into the legal services agreement with Curcio Law Firm PLC for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve the Property Exemption Guidelines & Application as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the Poverty Exemption Guidelines & Application as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to grant the blocking of 10th Street from Delta Avenue to the alley on 10th Street and allowing the use of two burn barrels for the Youth Empowering Services - Ugly Christmas Party Special Event to be hosted at Saunders Point Brewing LLC on Friday, December 12, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson	Yes
Commissioner Judy Akkala	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela	Yes
Commissioner Robert Pontius	NO

ABSENT-Excused

Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to direct Mayor Joe Thompson and Commissioner Judy Akkala acting as the City Manager Subcommittee to negotiate a six-month interim city manager contract with Mr. Robert Spreitzer, current Water Superintendent.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to table the appointment of a Subcommittee for the Assessor Position to the November 24, 2025 Commission Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Eric Buckman commented on the following:

- Election Day went well, a long day in person but a lot of Absent Voter Ballots now
- Survey some lots on Braves, first eight coming from the high school
- Pram Shack completed Thank you Troy Drebenstedt who did most of work and was able to repurpose quality materials to make it look nice and last.
- Thank you to Dwaine Livermore for his work on the Native statues and roof with the Recreation Department and volunteers. It looks very nice and the addition of a swinging bench to watch the sunrise
- Reminder from Public Works - not to rake your leaves out into the street, it creates problems for the storm sewers and neighbors. Leaves must be taken to the compost site.
- My email was hacked last Thursday and just got my email back today at 2:30 PM.
- I will be off for a few days next week for deer season and at home with my wife's recuperation from surgery.
- Congratulations to Rob on being named Interim City Manager.
- Thank all our Veterans as tomorrow is Veterans Day
- A year-to-date building permits report was also provided.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

Clerk Kimberly Berry