

## CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

### **February 16, 2021**

In adherence to Gov. Pritzker's Executive Order 2021-01 and 2021-03 (updated mitigation tiers and phases) limiting meeting gatherings to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of overall room capacity and the requirement to wear a face covering in public places; attendance at public meetings may be limited or restricted. City of Geneva meetings are now a combination of live and virtual. In addition, meetings are livestreamed for the public to provide the ability to contemporaneously hear all discussion, testimony and roll call votes of the open meeting in real time. Please visit the City website for details on how to watch the meeting live. While the public may be limited or restricted from attending meetings in person, individuals wishing to provide public comment may do so in advance (recommended) or during the meeting by sending an email to: [publiccomment@geneva.il.us](mailto:publiccomment@geneva.il.us).

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In addition, individuals unable to attend in person (due to gathering restrictions) may be recognized during the meeting (audio only) by accessing the meeting via the link below:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8283408755305076237>

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Geneva City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Burns at 7:00 p.m.

Aldermen physically present: Jeanne McGowan, Brad Kosirog, Robert Swanson.

Aldermen and Clerk attending by video or teleconference: Mike Bruno, Tara Burghart, Becky Hruby, Craig Maladra, Dean Kilburg, Richard Marks, Roger Godskesen.

Aldermen absent: Gabriel Kaven

Staff physically present: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready

Staff attending by video or teleconference: City Atty. Ron Sandack, Fire Chief Mike Antenore

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Chief Mike Antenore

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **a. Strategic Plan Advisory Committee Update on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force.**

A video presentation titled "Reflections on the Greensboro Lunch Counter" was presented, which gave a history of the sit-in's by Black Americans at numerous segregated lunch counters around the country, and which were instrumental in removing such barriers and starting the national move toward de-segregation.

SPAC chair Jill Johnson described the goals, efforts and timeline the committee is undertaking to create the task force. Goals include a plan for the task force to complete its' work within the Strategic Plan's timeline, and to work in tandem with the SPAC and to give regular updates to the City Council. Johnson described work so far defining goals, frame-work, and objectives for the task force. The next step is to look for applicants to staff the task force.

Assistant Administrator McCready added information about the goals, how this is a work in progress, how the committee reviewed what has worked well in other communities, and

welcomed input on the process. Ald. Bruno, Marks and McGowan asked questions regarding when the task force would be seated and the source of potential members.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

None

**OMNIBUS AGENDA**

All Items listed on the Omnibus Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member so requests in which event the item will be removed from the Omnibus (Consent) Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kaven)

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

**\*Approve Minutes from the City Council Meeting on February 1, 2021. (Clerk recommends approval)**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote with one absence. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**\*APPROVE REPORTS**

- a. Financial Report
- b. Tax Reports

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote with one absence. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

None

**OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

\*a. Acceptance of FY2021 3rd Quarter Goals Status Report

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote with one absence. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

|   |    |              |
|---|----|--------------|
| City of Geneva Expenditures - 2/16/2021 | \$ | 2,871,405.32 |
| Manual Check(s)                         |    | 150.00       |
| Utility Billing Refund(s)               |    | 216.65       |
| Misc. Refund(s)                         |    | 491.15       |
| Sales Tax Abatement                     | -  |              |
| City of Geneva Payroll                  |    | 759,092.13   |

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Tri-Com Expenditures - 2/16/2021 | 227,202.33          |
| Tri-Com Payroll                  | 98,504.86           |
| Total Expenditures               | <u>3,957,062.44</u> |

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Kosirog to approve the bills as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hrubby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kaven)

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**\*a. Approve Ordinance No. 2021-01 Amending Title 4 (Business & License Regulations, Chapter 5 (Cable Communications), Article A (Pole Attachments) and Title 8 (Public Ways and Property), Chapter 3 (Utilities Facilities Construction) of the Geneva City Code.**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote with one absence. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND BID AWARDS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Administrator Dawkins and Asst. Administrator McCready reported that no one had submitted comments through the email system, nor was anyone waiting to speak through the virtual platform.

In response to a question from Ald. Kosirog, Administrator Dawkins clarified that a special City Council Meeting would be held in February to discuss the Emma’s Landing project.

Ald. McGowan thanked the Public Works department for efficient snow removal on city streets this winter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, moved by Ald. Swanson to adjourn the Geneva City Council meeting.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hrubby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kaven)

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

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City Clerk  
Roger Godskesen