

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**March 1, 2021 immediately following City Council Mtg.**

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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTENDING BY TELECONFERENCE	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT	STAFF ATTENDING BY TELECONFERENCE
Burns (Chair) Kaven Kosirog Swanson McGowan	Bruno Burghart Hruby Kilburg Marks Godskesen (Clerk)	Maladra	Dawkins McCready	Sandack Landers VanGyseghem

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM.

The roll call noted that Ald. Maladra was absent, and all other aldermen were in attendance either in person or by teleconference.

Mayor Burns noted the recent passing of long-time Geneva resident Charys Wheeler, at age 98. Burns spoke of Mrs. Wheeler's contribution to the City of Geneva. Ald. Burghart recalled Mrs. Wheeler inviting her to lunch upon her election to the City Council, and of the pleasure of meeting her and hearing stories of the history of Geneva. Ald. Bruno recalled his friendship and memories as well.

A moment of silence was observed in Mrs. Wheeler's honor.

2. Approve Special Committee of the Whole Minutes from January 25, 2021 and Regular Committee of the Whole Minutes from February 16, 2021

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

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: 1 (Maladra)

ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

3. Items of Business

a. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2021 Combination Sewer Cleaning truck with Jet Vac Environmental Through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program at a Price Not to Exceed \$441,807.12.

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

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: 1 (Maladra)

ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

b. Consider Draft Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorize a Contract with Metropolitan Pump Company at a Cost Not-To-Exceed \$75,658.00 to Purchase and Repair Lift Station Pumps.

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

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: 1 (Maladra)

ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

c. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing Illinois Department of Transportation Right-of Way Maintenance Agreement with the State of Illinois.

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

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: 1 (Maladra)

ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

d. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force.

Moved by Ald. McGowan, seconded by Ald. Hruby to approve the measure as presented.

SPAC Chair Jill Johnson and Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, acting as City liaison to SPAC, were available to answer questions, however no questions or comments were presented.

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: 1 (Maladra)

ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

e. Consider Draft Resolution Adopting Updates to the 2025 Strategic Plan Document.

Moved by Ald. Kosirog, seconded by Ald. Burghart to approve the measure as presented.

SPAC Chair Jill Johnson and Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, acting as City liaison to SPAC, were available to answer questions on this resolution, as well.

Ald. Swanson noted a new action item regarding identifying properties which may be available for development of housing opportunities in the plan, and recalled his concerns in the past when occupied properties were included on a list without the owner's consent. Swanson asked who will be responsible for preparing this list, what the objective is and how the inclusion of occupied homes will be avoided.

Asst. Administrator McCready noted the item was part of the November 2020 SPAC planning intents and goals, that this issue has been addressed before and that City Staff is aware of it. In response to Swanson's concern, McCready and the City Administrator will work with City Staff to ensure the issue is addressed.

Ald. Kosirog asked if the Council could be alerted to changes made to the SPAC plan, and Administrator Dawkins said that would be done.

Ald. McGowan asked for clarification of an item in the plan that described anti-icing measures taken by the city and how that would reduce the risk of contamination of the Fox River and watershed from road salt. Administrator Dawkins explained that the use of anti-icing before snowfalls reduced the overall amount of salt and sand that needed to be applied to streets, and that the plan called for the city to increase the use of this practice.

McGowan thanked SPAC for this addition to the plan, and McCready thanked Jill Johnson and the SPAC for their efforts.

There being no further questions or comment:

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: 1 (Maladra)

ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rodney Nelson, attending virtually, addressed his concerns over chemicals in a former landfill, now closed, that could potentially impact groundwater in the city. Nelson also presented his concerns about the affordable housing project currently under consideration, and suggested it be tabled until after the pandemic.

Ald. McGowan noted the challenge the pandemic placed on GHS students to perform their Give Hours, and asked that anyone who could provide a volunteer activity for the students to contact the High School. She also thanked students who had volunteered to clear snow from fire hydrants in the City.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Ald. Kosirog to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: 1 (Maladra)

ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

- *Submitted by City Clerk Godskesen*