

**GENEVA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**(NEW BUSINESS)**

**Monday, May 1, 2023**

City Hall Council Chambers  
109 James St., Geneva, IL 60134

**CALL TO ORDER**

The May 1, 2023 new business meeting of the Geneva City Council was called to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Kevin Burns.

**Elected Officials present:**

Alderspersons: Anais Bowring, Mike Bruno, Becky Hruby, Dean Kilburg, Brad Kosirog, Craig Maladra, Richard Marks, Amy Mayer, Martha Paschke, Robert Swanson.

Mayor Kevin Burns, City Clerk Vicki Kellick.

**Elected Officials attending by video or teleconference:** None.

**Elected Officials absent:** None.

**Others Present:** City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, City Attorney Ron Sandack, Water Division Superintendent Bob VanGyseghem, Public Works Director Rich Babica, Community Development Director David DeGroot, Economic Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko, Human Resource Generalist Mera Johnson, Finance Director Rita Kruse, Police Chief Eric Passarelli, Fire Chief Michael Antenore.

**Others attending by video or teleconference:** None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge was led by incoming Alderperson Bowring and incoming Alderperson Paschke.

Before continuing with the meeting, Mayor Burns welcomed Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser and invited her to administer the Oath of Office to those alderpersons new to and returning to the City Council. Attny. Mosser administered the Oath of Office to the following: 1st Ward Alderperson Anais Bowring who was joined by her husband and children; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderperson Brad Kosirog who was joined by his wife and daughter; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderperson Dean Kilburg who was joined by his wife; 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson Martha Paschke who was joined by her husband and two of her children, and 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson Craig Maladra.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclaim May as Mental Health Month**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote of those present.

**Consider Resolution No. 2023-48 - Mayor's Appointment of Ald. Craig Maladra as Mayor Pro Tem**

Moved by Ald. Mayer, Seconded by Ald. Bruno.

On a question from Ald. Kilburg, Mayor Burns explained that it is the responsibility of the Mayor to advance an appointment recommendation for the Mayor Pro Tem which has always been the case in the City of Geneva and is part of the Illinois Code. He did note that while the position of Mayor Pro Tem is largely ceremonial, the final placement of someone into the position of Mayor is the decision of the City Council. Mayor Burns noted that if an alderperson does not agree with the appointment, they need not vote for the nominee. Ald. Kilburg commented that he has no issues with Ald. Maladra being nominated but that he believed that a nomination by the City Council and subsequent election by that body was what was required by the City Code.

Roll call:

AYES: 9 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 (Maladra)

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Mayor's Reappointment of City Officials

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Maladra.

Mayor Burns commented that he knows of no professional staff as dedicated, talented and patient as the City Staff members who serve the residents and businesses of Geneva.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

None.

**OMNIBUS AGENDA**

*All Items listed with an asterisk (\*) 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. All items on the Omnibus Agenda require a simple majority vote unless otherwise indicated.*

\*APPROVE MINUTES (N/A)

\*REPORTS (N/A)

\*COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Bruno.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

None.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

None.

**PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS, BIDS**

Consider Ordinance No. 2023-07 Amending Title 4, Chapter 2 (Liquor Control) Section 4-2- 13 Adding One Class B-3 Liquor License for The James, Located at 317 S. 3rd Street.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Maladra.

Mayor Burns welcomed Gretchen Hupke, co-owner of The James, to speak. Ms. Hupke and her husband Chris have lived in Geneva for 13 years and have raised their family here. On a question from Ald. Bruno, Ms. Hupke stated that The James will occupy the former Fiora’s location at 317 S. Third St. She noted that they have an incredible culinary team that will offer lunch and dinner specials seven days a week alongside cocktails.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Resolution No. 2023-49 Authorizing the Purchase of a Ford F-150 Lightning (EV) Truck from Bob Ridings Fleet Sales in an Amount Not to Exceed \$58,899.00.

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

On a question from Ald. Marks, Admin. Dawkins noted that this vehicle would go home with the fire marshal. On another question from Ald. Marks, Chief Antenore noted that the project cost is higher than the purchase of the vehicle and will require a charging station at the station and at the fire marshal’s home.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Ordinance No. 2023-08 Granting Variations to Allow a Deck in a Street Yard and to Allow a Street Yard Setback of 17 Feet Instead of the Required 20 Feet for the Proposed Deck at the Property Located at 101 Woodlawn Street.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Resolution No. 2023-50 Granting Site Plan Approval for the Construction of a 65,600 Square-Foot Addition to the Production Facility and a 48,600 Square-Foot Addition to the Warehouse, and Associated Site Improvements for the Property Located at 2089 Pillsbury Drive – General Mills.

Moved by Ald. Kilburg, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Resolution No. 2023-51 Authorizing the Publication of the Updated 2023 City of Geneva Zoning Map.

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Kosirog.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

### **NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ald. Hruby requested that those addressing members of the City Council use the title “alderperson” to do so. Both Admin. Dawkins and Mayor Burns noted that the title is in the statute. Mayor Burns stated that he does ask if council members have a preference.

On a question from Ald. Hruby, Dir. DeGroot explained that the temporary occupancy permit issued in February expired on April 28. There were three conditions of the permit regarding lighting, landscaping, and modifications to the Illinois Route 38 right-of-way. An inspection was completed Friday for the lighting and landscaping. The permit was re-issued with the condition that the right of way occupancy modifications along Rt. 38 be satisfied. Dir. DeGroot noted that progress on the work has been made, while scheduling relocation of utility manholes has taken time. The expiration of the second permit will occur in three months.

Ald. Bruno stated that he wanted to acknowledge the reappointment of City officials and the wonderful work done by them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

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Vicki Kellick  
Geneva City Clerk