

**CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING**  
**(NEW BUSINESS)**  
**May 3, 2021**

*immediately following “Old Business” Agenda at 7pm*

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**OATH OF OFFICE FOR OFFICIALS DULY ELECTED ON APRIL 6, 2021**

The Honorable Elizabeth Flood, Circuit Judge Illinois 16th Judicial Circuit administered the oath of office to:

Ald. Mike Bruno, Ward 1  
Ald. Brad Kosirog, Ward 2  
Ald. Richard Marks, Ward 2  
Ald. Becky Hruby, Ward 3  
Ald. Amy Mayer, Ward 4  
Ald. Robert Swanson, Ward 5  
Mayor Kevin R. Burns

**CALL TO ORDER**

The newly sworn in and previously elected officials took the podium upon conclusion of the oath of office ceremony.

The May 3, 2021 meeting of the new Geneva City Council was called to order at 7:20 p.m. immediately following the “Old Business Agenda” at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Kevin Burns.

Aldermen present: Mike Bruno, Tara Burghart, Becky Hruby, Gabriel Kaven, Dean Kilburg, Brad Kosirog, Craig Maladra, Richard Marks, Amy Mayer, Robert Swanson.

Attending by teleconference:

Aldermen absent:

Also attending: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Benjamin McCready

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Amy Mayer

**PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS**

a. Consider Mayor’s Appointment of Roger Godskesen as City Clerk

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Kilburg to approve the Mayor's appointment of Roger Godskesen as City Clerk.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hraby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

b. Consider Mayor's Appointment of Alderman Craig Maladra as Mayor Pro Tem

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Burghart to approve the Mayor's appointment of Craig Maladra as Mayor Pro Tem.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hraby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0)

ABSTAIN: 1 (Ald. Maladra) MOTION CARRIED

c. Consider Mayor's Reappointment of City Officials

Moved by Ald. Kilburg, seconded by Ald. Swanson to approve the Mayor's reappointment of city officials.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hraby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

d. Proclaim May 2-8, 2021 as Public Service Recognition Week.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Hraby to so proclaim.

Carried unanimously by voice vote 10/0. MOTION CARRIED

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

None

**OMNIBUS AGENDA**

N/A

**APPROVE MINUTES**

N/A

**APPROVE REPORTS**

N/A

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

N/A

**OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

**MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

N/A

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

N/A

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

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC COMMENT**

When asked if anyone had submitted comments through the email system, or if anyone was waiting to speak through the virtual platform, Administrator Dawkins and Asst. Administrator McCready said there were not.

Newly elected Ald. Mayer thanked outgoing Ald. McGowan for her advice and support. Ald. Burghart welcomed Mayer to the council, looked forward to working together, and noted that Mayer's Father was a former 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward alderman for the City of Geneva.

Mayor Burns thanked Judge Flood for graciously appearing to administer the oaths of office.

Burns recognized the members of our community who had lost family and friends to the pandemic, and thanked those who battled the pandemic in the frontlines at hospitals, schools, healthcare facilities and other locations, and noted that history will bestow the recognition they deserve.

Burns talked about the history of the City Council chambers since the building was erected in 1912, how it changed significantly in varied configurations and uses since then, but noted that it has always been the center of decision making and leadership for the City.

Burns then reflected upon beginning his 21<sup>st</sup> year as Mayor of Geneva, his commitment to serve everyone to the best of his ability, regardless of political consequences, adding that his family has always and continues to support him, and recognized those family members present.

Burns commented on what the oath of office entails, and the challenges all elected officials face in this era of rising acrimony both online and in person, and how they must try to prevent seeds of acrimony, threats, accusations and intimidation from taking root in order to serve the community they serve. Commenting further on the responsibilities of elected officials, Burns said they must not respond to social media influences to satisfy the loudest voices, to not take action thinking that the amount of likes or shares fortifies such commentary. Instead, he continued, elected officials, must affirm to the oath of office, consider each and every issue objectively, and take action only after vetting by the city's advisory boards, committees and commissions.

"It's not easy," Burns concluded, "I know".

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, moved by Ald. Kaven, to adjourn the Geneva City Council meeting. Carried unanimously by voice vote 10/0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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Roger Godskesen, City Clerk