

## **CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 6, 2020**

Visitors are welcome to all City meetings; however, pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-43 limiting gatherings of no more than 50 persons (or 50% of room capacity) and a requirement to wear a face covering in public places, physical attendance at public meetings may be limited or restricted. Meetings will be will be 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.

For more information please see the "Notice Regarding Meeting and Public Comment Rule Modification Due to COVID-19".

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Aldermen present: Mike Bruno, Michael Clements, Becky Hruby, Gabriel Kaven, Craig Maladra, Robert Swanson.

Aldermen and Clerk attending by video or teleconference: Dean Kilburg, Richard Marks, Roger Godsken

Aldermen absent: Tara Burghart, Jeanne McGowan

Also attending: City Atty. Ron Sandack, City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Finance Manager Rita Kruse, Economic Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko, Finance Manager Rita Kruse, Community Development Director David DeGroot

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Brian Davids

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

Administrator Dawkins reported that no public comments were received via email, and that no one was waiting to address the council.

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

#### **a. Introduction of City Engineering Associate Brian Davids**

Mayor Burns invited Mr. Davids to the podium, where he spoke about his past experience, education and his family. Burns welcomed Brian to the City.

#### **b. Consider Mayor's Appointment of James Kafer to the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee**

Moved by Ald. Clements, seconded by Ald. Hruby

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

#### **c. Consider Mayor's Reappointments to City Boards & Commissions**

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Swanson

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

**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 Omnibus Agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

**Approve Minutes from the City Council Meeting on June 15, 2020 (Clerk recommends approval)**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve motion as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote with two absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVE REPORTS**

None

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

None

**OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

City of Geneva Expenditures - 7/6/2020	\$ 2,959,117.97
Manual Check(s) -	
Utility Billing Refund(s)	1,632.13
Misc. Refund(s)	4,700.00
Sales Tax Abatement -	
City of Geneva Payroll	710,948.80
Tri-Com Expenditures - 7/6/2020	34,048.68
Tri-Com Payroll	101,490.29
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,811,937.87</u>

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Clements that the bills be approved, and payments prepared.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

None

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

**a. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2020-39 Suspending Special Event Review/Approval for Events Occurring on or Before October 1, 2020**

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Maladra to approve the Motion as presented.

Ald. Kaven, Clements and Bruno asked questions about the modified Festival of the Vine proposed by the Chamber of Commerce, specifics about what space(s) would be used and whether it might be better to delay events until a later date.

Administrator Dawkins described concerns from the City as to how many people would actually attend an event, and how the Police Department would need to verify and enforce measures enacted. Dawkins added that the goal of the City is to be consistent regarding all event applications. There being no further questions or comments, the motion was put to a vote.

Roll Call:

AYES: 7 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 1 (Ald. Kaven)

ABSENT: 2 (Ald. Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

**b. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2020-40 Extending the Preliminary Planned Unit Development Plan Approval Granted by Ord. 2018-25 Related to the Redevelopment of Property Located at the Northeast Corner of W. State Street and Richards Street (commonly known as the Cetron property)**

Moved by Ald. Clements, seconded by Ald. Hruby to approve the Motion as presented.

Jake Finley, representing the proposed developer of the property, described the effort and cost already expended in order to develop a plan for the property. Finley spoke of changing market conditions and how that could affect possible plans including the retail space the City required. Finley added that he was there to get feedback and a level of acceptance from the Council to plans that might be presented.

Mayor Burns cautioned that the normal planning process needed to be followed, and after that was completed, a proposed plan would be reviewed by the Council.

Finley answered questions from Ald. Bruno, Kaven, and Clements regarding the need for senior housing, whether the neighborhood had been polled about acceptance of the project, the reason for the requested extension, if a six-month extension was sufficient and whether a modified plan or a completely new plan would be prepared.

There being no further questions or discussion, the motion was put to a vote.

Roll Call:

AYES: 7 (Ald. Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 1 (Ald. Bruno)

ABSENT: 2 (Ald. Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

**c. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2020-41 Authorizing a Payment in Lieu of Required Parking for the Nobel House Restaurant to be Located at 307 & 309 W. State Street**

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Kaven to approve the Motion as presented.

Dave Cilio, co-owner of Nobel House was present and answered a question from Ald. Bruno about the timeline for completion of construction. There being no further questions or discussion, the motion was put to a vote.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

**d. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2020-42 Authorizing FY2019-2020 Budget Amendments as Presented**

Moved by Ald. Clements, seconded by Ald. Maladra to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

**14. CLOSED SESSION ON THE SETTING OF A PRICE FOR SALE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PUBLIC BODY; AND PENDING LITIGATION**

Mayor Burns announced that in order to accommodate social distancing guidelines under the Governor's Executive Order 202043, and since the conference room is not large enough to allow social distancing, the session would be held in the Council Chamber. Therefore, everyone (other than elected officials and relevant City Staff) would be required to exit the building prior to the closed session. Burns added that no action would be taken following the closed session; however, the public will be permitted back in the building at the conclusion of the closed session.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Kaven to adjourn to closed session.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

**NOTE: (The council adjourned to closed session at 7:47 PM and returned to open session at 8:55 PM.)**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Bruno to return to open session.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Information regarding the Special City Council Meeting scheduled for July 13.**

Administrator Dawkins reviewed plans for the special City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 13. A large number of the public are expected who will wish to address the Council. Dawkins spoke of the necessity to maintain required maximum room capacity and the plan to cycle people in and out of the building in order to do so. Ald. Kilburg expressed concerns about the expected length of the meeting, and what measures, such as plexiglass barriers, could be implemented to reduce exposure to the Council and Staff who would be in the room the entire time. Ald. Bruno, Clements, Marks and Hruby added suggestions and concerns as well. A discussion followed, with input from Mayor Burns, Atty. Sandack and Dawkins regarding what measures could be explored, for instance that the public will be encouraged to submit their questions and comments via email, and whether CARES funds could be used to pay for any additional measures needed. Dawkins stated that city staff would look at what could be done and will inform the Council and public prior to the Monday meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2 (Burghart, McGowan) MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

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City Clerk  
Roger Godskesen