

CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

September 20, 2021

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**MEETING LINK**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7655720661550811659>

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Attending by video or teleconference:

Aldermen absent: Dean Kilburg

Others Present: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, City Clerk Roger Godsken, City Atty. Ron Sandack, Public Works Director Rich Babica, Community Development Director David DeGroot

Staff attending by video or teleconference:

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Gus Apostolopoulos.

A moment of silence was observed for former St. Charles City Administrator Larry Maholland who passed away on Tuesday, September 7. Maholland served as St. Charles' Director of Finance from 1982-1997 and he was then appointed the City's first City Administrator.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS**

a. Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation Agreement by and Among Dara Properties, LLC and the City of Geneva (Parcel No. 12-12-126-003)

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Swanson to open the public hearing.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

There being no comment or questions;

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Kosirog to close the public hearing.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote 9/0 with one absent.

**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. Mayer to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**\*6. Approve Minutes of the Last Regular Meeting on September 7, 2021 (Clerk Recommends Approval)**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Mayer to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote 9/0 with one absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVE REPORTS**

a. Tax Revenue Reports

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

None

**OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**10. MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT**

City of Geneva Expenditures	\$ 3,458,980.82
Manual Check(s)	9,556.89
Utility Billing Refund(s)	2,613.07
Misc. Refund(s) –	
Sales Tax Abatement –	
City of Geneva Payroll	717,243.71
Tri-Com Expenditures	7,664.57
Tri-Com Payroll	103,072.95
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,299,132.01</u>

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

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruba, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**\*a. Approve Resolution No. 2021-79 Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for a Payment In Lieu of Parking for The Walrus Room at 415 W. State Street**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Mayer to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote 9/0 with one absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**\*b. Approve Ordinance No. 2021-25 Authorizing the Extension of Municipal Water Service to the Property Located at 1N533 Peck Road Without Annexation**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Mayer to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote 9/0 with one absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

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

**a. Consider Ordinance No. 2021-26 Amending Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4-2-13 Adding One Class C-1 Liquor License for X-Golf Geneva at 1900 S. Randall Road.**

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

Ald. Burghart, Bruno and Hruba asked for a description of the business, how it compared to competitors and the technology used to simulate golfing practice. The applicant described how the business would operate, adding that with the technology they will be using, a golfer can play virtually on some 150 courses world-wide, and the system projects the route of the ball based upon analysis of millions of actual golf swings.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruba, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**b. Consider Resolution No. 2021-77 Endorsing the 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region**

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

Mayor Burns described the core principals of the plan, and noted that, if approved tonight, Geneva would be the first city to endorse it.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruba, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**c. Consider Ordinance No. 2021-19 Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement by and Amount Dara Properties, LLC and the City of Geneva, Kane County, IL**

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

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**d. Consider Ordinance No. 2021-20 Annexing Certain Territory (Parcel 12-12-126- 003) to the City of Geneva**

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

Roll Call:

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

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**e. Consider Ordinance No. 2021-21 Amending the City's Adopted Comprehensive Plan (Southeast Master Plan) by Changing the Future Land Use Designation of Parcel No. 12-12-126-003 from Commercial/Mixed-Use to Industrial**

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

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruba, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**f. Consider Ordinance No. 2021-23 Granting a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone Parcel No. 12-12-126-003 from the RR Rural Single-Family Residential District to I1 Light Industrial District Upon Annexation**

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

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruba, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**g. Consider Ordinance 2021-24 Granting Site Plan Approval for a Semi-truck Maintenance Facility and a Special Use to Land-bank 45 Off-Street Parking Spaces**

Moved by Ald. Mayer, seconded by Ald. Marks to approve the measure as presented.

Ald. Kosirog and Burghart asked for a description of the land-bank process. Director DeGroot described how land for potential parking spaces is set aside to be used in the future if needed or if ownership of the property changes and results in additional parking needs.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**h. Consider Resolution No. 2021-78 Authorizing Execution of Public Utility Easements for the Water Main Extension Project for Old Kirk Road, Reed Road, Cherry Lane and East Lane with Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. Subject to Final Approval by Legal Counsel**

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

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Koehl, LWVIL Environment Team and Sierra Club - Valley of the Fox Group, gave his comments on the Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region and thanked the council for voting to endorse it this evening. He requested that his email regarding this matter (**attached as Exhibit A**) be included in tonight's minutes.

On other business, Ald. Kosirog commented that he has received complaints from the public on the poor condition of a berm running parallel to Bent Tree Drive, and that over time, the landscaping has been neglected with trees dying and the berm itself eroding. Kosirog followed-up with code enforcement officer Forni, and research showed that the issue is caused when commercial businesses often fail to keep up with landscape maintenance due to neglect or changes in property management. Kosirog suggested that an SSA (Special Services Agreement) be set up where businesses would pay into a common fund that will be used to finance the maintenance.

Ald. Marks also commented on the issue, noting that management company turnovers make it hard to enforce agreements regarding landscape maintenance. Marks added that it was important to be able to tell residents that the city was doing something to improve the situation.

No objection was noted to providing Director DeGroot with direction to move forward with an approach to correct the issue.

On a final note, Mayor Burns said that no other business would be addressed after the council returned to open session. There being no further public comment, the room was cleared and the cameras were turned off in preparation for the Closed Session.

**14. CLOSED SESSION ON COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC BODY AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES**

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

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kilburg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**NOTE: The council adjourned to closed session at 7:33 PM and returned to open session at 7:45 PM.**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Mayer to return to open session.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote 9/0 with one absent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote 9/0 with one absent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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City Clerk  
Roger Godskesen

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**From:** William Koehl <[222koehl@gmail.com](mailto:222koehl@gmail.com)>

**Date:** September 20, 2021 at 12:58:18 PM CDT

**To:** Amy Mayer <[amayer@geneva.il.us](mailto:amayer@geneva.il.us)>, Becky Hruby <[bhruby@geneva.il.us](mailto:bhruby@geneva.il.us)>, Brad Kosirog <[bkosirog@geneva.il.us](mailto:bkosirog@geneva.il.us)>, Craig Maladra <[cmaladra@geneva.il.us](mailto:cmaladra@geneva.il.us)>, Dean Kilburg <[dkilburg@geneva.il.us](mailto:dkilburg@geneva.il.us)>, Gabriel Kaven <[gkaven@geneva.il.us](mailto:gkaven@geneva.il.us)>, Kevin Burns <[kburns@geneva.il.us](mailto:kburns@geneva.il.us)>, Mike Bruno <[mbruno@geneva.il.us](mailto:mbruno@geneva.il.us)>, Richard Marks <[rmarks@geneva.il.us](mailto:rmarks@geneva.il.us)>, Robert Swanson <[rswanson@geneva.il.us](mailto:rswanson@geneva.il.us)>, Tara Burghart <[tburghart@geneva.il.us](mailto:tburghart@geneva.il.us)>

**Subject:** ● [THIS EMAIL MAY BE SPAM] Public Comment in support of 2021 Climate Plan Resolution

**EXTERNAL EMAIL - USE CAUTION**

Dear Council all,

I am writing in support of the *2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region Resolution*. I am preemptively supplying two references in response to the frequent request: "What's the Urgency, we don't see much happening here?"

1.) The Frontline documentary: *Fire in Paradise*  
<https://www.pbs.org/video/fire-in-paradise-ncamrn/>

This is from a couple of years ago, 2018, when the little mountain town in California burned down when the surrounding fires over took the town. It made quite a splash in the news. As I watched this film a couple of months ago, I was receiving news notices of another town in British Columbia, burning down from the surrounding fires. This is still current news, it just doesn't make the headlines anymore.

The fire itself is only half of the story. The other half is about how the town thought they had prepared for such an event. The residents thought the town leaders were on top of this. They had in fact made evacuation plans twice in the last 10 years. But still, they did not see this coming. They underestimated how much and how fast things were changing. That's true both for the fire event and for the larger society. The whole thing is just one huge metaphor that even for areas remote from fire concerns, is getting more real everyday.

2.) An ABC News article about a new report -  
[Youth Experience Psychological Distress over Government Inaction](#)

"Scientists who surveyed 10,000 young people, ages 16 to 25, across 10 countries, found 'widespread psychological distress' among them, and, for the first time, discovered that the anxiety was significantly related to perceived government inaction, according to a study published Tuesday in [Lancet Planetary Health](#).

Of the young people surveyed, 58% said governments are betraying them, while 61% said governments are not protecting them, the planet or future generations."

To finish, we may not see any major damage here, we live with Environmental Privilege.

But there may be damage being done that we don't see. The damage to our children caused by the perception of inaction.

It would be of high value for the residents of our community to see that our leaders are paying attention and trying to do what needs to be done.

Sincerely,

William Koehl

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