

CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

September 21, 2020

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For more information please see the ["Notice Regarding Meeting and Public Comment Rule Due to COVID-19"](#)

Tonight's meeting will be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order. The Mayor or Chairman of the meeting will serve as the Parliamentarian. All Council members may at any time seek advice or counsel of the City Attorney as is deemed necessary to interpret, overrule and/or stay any actions by the Aldermen, Mayor or Chairman.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Aldermen present: Craig Maladra, Jeanne McGowan, Gabriel Kaven, Dean Kilburg, Brad Kosirog, Robert Swanson.

Aldermen and Clerk attending by video or teleconference: Mike Bruno, Tara Burghart, Becky Hruby, Richard Marks, Roger Godskesen.

Aldermen absent:

Also attending: City Atty. Ron Sandack, City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Finance Director Rita Kruse, Community Development Director David DeGroot, Police Chief Eric Passarelli, Superintendent Nate Landers, Director Rich Babica, Superintendent Van Gyseghem, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Rebecca Holoman and Adam Matyskiel

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Burns introduced Jim Skaar, whose mother Lillian had served the City of Geneva as assistant to four mayors, and who recently passed. Mr. Skaar described his mother's friendliness, passion for her job and thanked the assembly for honoring his mother. The assembly observed a moment of silence in Mrs. Skaar's honor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Consider Mayor's Appointments of Rebecca Holoman and Adam Matyskiel to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Kosirog to approve the appointments. Mayor Burns invited both applicants to the podium, where they spoke about their experience and qualifications for the commission and gave their thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

b. Tree City USA 20th Anniversary Recognition

Superintendent Landers described the award, which the city has now received for 20 years from the Arbor Day Foundation. Landers mentioned that the city currently has 14,000 parkway trees, with room for 2,000 more and invited the public to sponsor a tree. Landers then presented a flag and other awards representing the award to the city.

c. Presentation – Sanitary Sewer Evaluation: Geneva East Basin (Deuchler Report)

Public Works Director Babica gave a presentation on the evaluation which was prompted by flooding issues on the East Side following a 7-inch rainfall which occurred over a 48-hour period in May of this year. The study showed areas of concern, and outlined recommendations for remediation. Babica presented a proposed estimate for the necessary work to be done totaling just over \$2,144,000, and described some of the history of construction in the area, causes for the problems and remediation steps which can be taken.

Babica and Superintendent Van Gyseghem answered questions from Ald. Swanson, Kilburg, Bruno, Hrubby and Mayor Burns including whether other neighborhoods might be similarly affected, how much of the funds needed can be covered by the existing department budget, clarification that the rain event caused the flooding and the amounts of resulting volumes of water processed, how private waste line upgrades will be addressed, and how information will be distributed to residents.

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. McGowan to motion as presented.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

Approve Minutes from the City Council Meeting on September 8, 2020. (Clerk recommends approval)

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

APPROVE REPORTS

a. Tax Reports

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

City of Geneva Expenditures - 9/8/2020	\$ 1,213,493.24
Manual Check(s)	876.00
Utility Billing Refund(s)	2,593.73
Misc. Refund(s) –	
Sales Tax Abatement –	
City of Geneva Payroll	1,388,111.53
Tri-Com Expenditures - 9/8/2020	92,054.06
Tri-Com Payroll	209,328.69
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,906,457.25</u>

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

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-28 Providing for the Payment of the Outstanding Parking Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois

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

In response to a question from Ald. Swanson, it was confirmed that \$7,000 was saved by asking the bond holder to waive certain interest fees.

There being no further questions:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

b. Consider Resolution No. 2020-65 Authorizing the Execution of FY2020-2021 Budget Amendment

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

There being no questions:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

***c. Approve Resolution No. 2020-66 Authorizing Acceptance of the 2020 Employee Benefit Plan Renewal Effective November 1, 2020**

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

***d. Approve Resolution No. 2020-67 Amending Section 6.9 of the City of Geneva's Personnel Policy Manual**

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

***e. Approve Resolution No. 2020-68 Authorizing the Purchase of Sixteen (16) Sets of Personal Protective Clothing from W.S. Darley at an Estimated Cost of \$32,000.00**

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

***f. Approve Resolution No. 2020-69 to Waive Competitive Bidding and Accept a Proposal from RLS Landscaping Inc. for State Street Brick Repair Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$24,050.00**

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

***g. Approve Resolution No. 2020-70 Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Edge Landscaping for 2020-21 Commuter Parking Lot Snow Removal in the Amount of \$84.50 Per Hour**

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

***h. Approve Resolution No. 2020-71 Authorizing the City Clerk to Execute a Plat of Easement to Serve the Southeast Master Plan Development Area**

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

***i. Approve Ordinance No. 2020-29 Amending Title 13 (Flood Control), Chapter 1 (Flood Hazard Area Development) and Chapter 2 (Stormwater Management) of the Geneva City Code**

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

***j. Approve Resolution No. 2020-72 Granting a Request for Connection to the Municipal Water Supply Without Annexation for the Property Located at 1721 Western Avenue**

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

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND BID AWARDS

a. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-30 Granting a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone Property Located at 15 Woodlawn Street from the B3E Business District to the R3 Medium to High Density Single-Family Residential District

Moved by Ald. Kilburg, seconded by Ald. Maladra to approve the motion as presented.

In response to a question from Ald. Marks, Director DeGroot responded that if the building on the property were ever torn down, only another single-family home could be built on the property under the new zoning classification.

There being no further questions:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

City Clerk
Roger Godskesen