

## CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

### **October 19, 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 occupancy) and a requirement to wear a face covering in public places, physical attendance at public meetings may be limited or restricted. Meetings 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.

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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: Tara Burghart, Craig Maladra, Gabriel Kaven, Dean Kilburg, Brad Kosirog, Robert Swanson.

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

Aldermen absent:

Also attending: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, City Atty. Ron Sandack, Community Development Director David DeGroot, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, Police Chief Eric Passarelli

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Kieran McCarthy

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

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

GHS senior Kieran McCarthy, president of S.A.D.D., described the goals of the committee, and some of the extra challenges this year due to the pandemic. Ald. Kilburg and Burghart thanked Kieran and also recognized the contributions to the program by Becky Furnish, who recently passed.

#### **a. Proclaim October 25-31, 2020 as Red Ribbon Week**

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

Carried unanimously by voice vote 10/0.

#### **b. Proclaim October 24, 2020 as World Polio Day**

Chuck Miles described the history and meaning of World Polio Day, and noted some of the many contributions the movement has made to world health and the eradication of disease. Miles noted that some of the infrastructure put in place would support vaccination efforts to combat Covid-19.

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

Carried unanimously by voice vote 10/0.

c. Introduce City Planner Chayton True

Chayton answered questions from the Mayor and described his education, experience and growing up in Missouri.

**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. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the motion as presented.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

**Approve Minutes from the City Council Meeting on October 5, 2020. (Clerk recommends approval)**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVE REPORTS**

a. Tax Reports

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure 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 - 10/19/20 | \$ 2,857,526.32 |
| Manual Check(s) –                      |                 |
| Utility Billing Refund(s)              | 702.42          |
| Misc. Refund(s) –                      |                 |
| Sales Tax Abatement –                  |                 |
| City of Geneva Payroll                 | 693,209.57      |
| Tri-Com Expenditures - 10/19/2020      | 146,368.10      |
| Tri-Com Payroll                        | 108,508.87      |
| Total Expenditures                     | \$ 3,806,315.28 |

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

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**\*a. Approve Resolution No. 2020-77 Suspending Special Event Review and Approval Until Phase 4 Gathering Restrictions are Modified or the Region Enters Phase 5**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.  
Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**\*b. Approve Certificate of Completion for River Lane & Fulton Street Improvements**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.  
Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**\*c. Approve Resolution No. 2020-78 Authorizing Execution of a Contract with WBK Engineering in an Amount Not to Exceed \$39,840.90 for 2020 Citywide Culvert/Bridge Inventory Study & Maintenance Plan Project**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.  
Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**\*d. Approve Resolution No. 2020-79 Authorizing Waiver of Bidding Process and Execution of a Contract with HACH in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,703.75 for a Service Partnership Agreement for Analyzer/Probe Services at Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.  
Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**\*e. Approve Resolution No. 2020-80 Endorsing and Authorizing City Administrator to Execute an ITEP Grant Application for Kautz Road Improvements**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.  
Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**\*f. Approve Resolution No. 2020-81 Authorizing Execution of an Engineering Services Agreement in an Amount Not to Exceed \$446,048.00 with TransSystems Engineering for Kautz Road Phase II Design Services**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.  
Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**\*g. Approve Resolution No. 2020-82 Authorizing a Repayment Plan for Past Due Utility Balances and Resumption of Disconnection/Late Payment Penalties Effective November 22, 2020**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.  
Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

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

**13. a. Consider Resolution No. 2020-83 Approving a Preliminary/Final Plat Approval for the Traxler Subdivision – Eric and Valier Traxler AS AMENDED**

Moved by Ald. Burghart, seconded by Ald. Kaven to approve the measure as amended.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 1 (Hruby) Motion Carried

**13.a.1 Motion by Ald. Swanson to relocate two trees and add a third tree to the proposal.**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Maladra to amend the resolution to relocate two trees to a different location on the plat and to add a third tree.

A discussion followed with Director DeGroot answering questions from Ald. Swanson, Bruno, Kosirog, Hruby, McGowan and Kaven.

Property owner Alex Trexler agreed to make the changes and to add a third tree to the proposal.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

**13.b. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-32 Amending Title 7 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 3 (Stopping, Standing and Parking), Section 7 (Daytime Parking Privileges) and Adding Chapter 4 (Traffic Schedules), Section 14 (Schedule IX, Downtown Residential Vehicle Parking Permit Area) of the Geneva City Code AS AMENDED (TWICE)**

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Burghart approve the ordinance.

Mr. Simon was invited to the podium by Ald. Bruno and thanked the city for doing what he asked.

A lengthy discussion followed, resulting in three amendments (one withdrawn) to the proposed permit area.

**13.b.1 Motion by Kosirog to amend the ordinance to remove the area south of the railroad tracks from the proposed parking permit area.**

Moved by Ald. Kosirog, seconded by Ald. Burghart.

A discussion followed regarding the need to clarify the proposed area, whether the tracks or South Street should be the demarcation, with input from Burghart, Bruno, Kosirog, Dawkins.

**13.b.2 Motion to withdraw the motion from Kosirog to remove the area south of the railroad tracks from the proposed parking permit area.**

Moved by Ald. Kosirog, seconded by Ald. Burghart.

Discussion of the original ordinance continued.

Ald. Swanson and Maladra spoke of the importance to meet the immediate need, but that further in-depth discussion of the parking situation was needed.

Chief Passarelli answered questions and described two current permit processes for residents, neither of which meet the need for Mr. Simon's property. The Chief also spoke about potential issues which may arise by granting parking permits to residents, including impacts on commuters, businesses and festivals, and about the complications on enforcement this may cause.

Kaven and Burghart had concerns about the numbers of residents who may seek permits if this is enacted, and how this may impact the downtown area. McGowan and Burghart expressed concerns about the proposed permit area.

**13.b.3 Motion to amend the ordinance to remove the areas East of the Fox River and South of the railroad tracks from the proposed parking permit area.**

Moved by Ald. McGowan, seconded by Ald. Kosirog.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

**13.b.4 Motion to amend the ordinance to remove the area West of 4<sup>th</sup> Street from the proposed parking permit area.**

Moved by Ald. Burghart, seconded by Ald. Kosirog.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hrubby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan)

NAYS: 1 (Swanson) Motion Carried

**There being no further discussion, the original ordinance, as amended twice, was put to a vote.**

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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City Clerk  
Roger Godskesen