

CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

November 2, 2020

Visitors are welcome to all City meetings; however, pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020- 61, (limiting gatherings to the lesser of 25 persons or 25% 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.

For more information please see the "Notice Regarding Meeting and Public Comment Rule Modification 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 7:03 p.m.

Aldermen present: Mike Bruno, Gabriel Kaven, Brad Kosirog, Robert Swanson.

Aldermen and Clerk attending by video or teleconference: Becky Hruby, Tara Burghart, Craig Maladra, Dean Kilburg, 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, Economic Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Heather Collins

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Introduction of Heather Collins, Accounting Supervisor

Heather answered questions from the Mayor and described her education and experience she brought to the position with the City.

b. Proclaim November 28, 2020 as Small Business Saturday

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the proclamation.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

c. Presentation of FY2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Finance Director Kruse introduced Jason Coyle, with Baker Tilly auditors, to report on the fiscal year 2020 audit report. Coyle noted that the City goes above and beyond what is required and gives a high level of transparency, and also described some changes this year due to pension account reporting rules.

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. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Marks to approve the 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 October 19, 2020 and Special Meeting on October 26, 2020. (Clerk recommends approval)

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

APPROVE REPORTS

None

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

City of Geneva Expenditures - 11/2/2020	\$ 1,359,719.70
Manual Check(s) –	
Utility Billing Refund(s) –	
Misc. Refund(s) –	
Sales Tax Abatement –	
City of Geneva Payroll	712,574.75
Tri-Com Expenditures - 11/2/2020	175,165.77
Tri-Com Payroll	108,694.51
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,356,154.73</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. Approve Resolution No. 2020-84 Authorizing Declaration of Fire Department Surplus Property**

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

***b. Approve "Certificate of Acceptance" for Lincoln Square Subdivision Improvements**

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

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND BID AWARDS

a. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-34 Amending Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4-2-13 (Liquor License Fees and Number) Adding One Class C-3 Liquor License for Hammars East Side Liquors at 1439 E. State Street (Chintan J. Patel and Hitesh J. Patel, applicants)

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Kaven to approve the measure.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

b. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-35 Granting a Variation to Increase the Allowable Fence Height in the Street Yard from 42" to 48" and a Variation to Increase the Allowable Lot Coverage from 30% to 40% for the Expansion of Accessory Uses at the Property Located at 502 S. Fourth Street.

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

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

c. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-36 Granting an Amendment to an Existing Special Use (Ord. 2013-22) to Allow for the Addition of a Permanent Outdoor Seating Area for Penrose Brewing at 509 Stevens Street.

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

In response to concerns from Ald. Burghart about the potential for noise, Director DeGroot noted the hours of operation for the business, that there had been no issues raised by the public during hearings and described the nature of the business. There being no further questions or comment:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

d. Consider Resolution No. 2020-85 Authorizing Use of Personnel Services, Closure of Parking Spaces, Electric Infrastructure and Electricity at No Cost to the Geneva Chamber of Commerce for Decorative and Fundraising Opportunities at the Un-manned Santa House.

Moved by Kilburg, seconded by Marks.

Ald. Hruby questioned the reason for having the Santa House on display, because it would not be open (due to COVID-19 restrictions) and how this might disappoint children. Mayor Burns gave his understanding that this was a fund-raising opportunity by the Chamber through the use of sponsors. Ald. McGowan voiced her opposition to sponsorship signs on the house impacting the Holiday spirit of the attraction. Ald. Kaven gave his support for the measure in order to allow fund-raising for the Chamber. There being no further questions or comment:

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: 1 (McGowan) Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Ald. Kosirog 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 7:42 PM.

City Clerk
Roger Godskesen