



**Committee of the Whole Meeting – Nov. 6, 2023  
Staff Responses to Council Questions**

**3. Items of Business**

**a. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Axon Body Worn Cameras, Vehicle Cameras, and Supporting Software at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$404,703.34 Over a Five-Year Term Utilizing the Sourcewell Contract.**

*Q: Will the Geneva Police Department be making use of the My90 software that appears to come with the purchase or is that an additional cost?*

A: The My90 is an additional \$4,300/year to the contract. Currently, the Police Department sends a paper survey to those who they interact with to ensure the interaction was professional and met the needs of the individual who had a contact.

**b. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Two X10 Unmanned Aerial Systems at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$58,654.12 from Skydio, Inc. Through GSA Contract.**

*Q: How many drones does the City have now?*

A: None.

*Q: How many certified drone pilots are employed?*

A: Two Public Works Department employees are also licensed drone pilots. The Police Department is planning to send someone to a training class in December.

*Q: How many events or inspections are anticipated each year that would require a drone to be utilized?*

A: The Police Department would primarily use the drone for pre-event security checks during large special events such as Swedish Days (specifically the parade), the Concours d'Elegance, Geneva Arts Fair, Fox Valley Marathon, Christmas Walk, Ooh La La 5K, and more. It is also anticipated to be utilized to assist with missing persons cases. We have utilized a drone from the Kane County Sheriff's Office to search for missing persons twice within the past two weeks. If they had been unable to assist due to their own police activity, the search would have been much more difficult.

Public Works anticipates the ability to inspect a variety of infrastructure, including but not limited to 34 miles of primary overhead conductor, 300+ overhead transformers, 300+ overhead protection devices (switches/fuses), 2,000+ utility poles, 40

stormwater discharge points along the river, and 80+ stormwater detention basins. They can also be used in support of design and construction oversight during infrastructure projects and in a worse case scenario, post-severe weather damage assessments. As this is a new capability and some variables affect each flight, it is difficult to estimate how many days or individual flights will be conducted. Flight logs will be kept and as the program progresses, City staff will be able to estimate the annual number of flights/flight time and inspections.

*Q: Could one drone be sufficient to handle the needs of both the Police and Public Works departments?*

A: Based on the anticipated Public Works drone workload, it would be more efficient for each department to have its own. Police drone use, with the exception of static planned events such as festivals, is frequently time-sensitive. Having the drone in the possession of a trained pilot allows for immediate deployment. It avoids situations where an officer needs to leave a scene, drive to another facility, locate the drone, and drive back to the scene. There are times, especially due to limited manpower in critical incidents, and depending on the time of use (usually midnight shift), drone use would not be feasible if it were not already on the scene. Each drone is configured with different software to meet the specific needs of each department. It could be challenging to coordinate drone use availability for the Police Department on short notice without interfering with Public Works operations.

**c. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Development Economic Incentive Agreement Between the City of Geneva and Woodmont Tapville Geneva LLC for 101-105 W. State St., Geneva, IL.**

*Q: The executive summary states the contract purchaser was unable to secure financing. Why? Is this a red flag?*

A: In November 2022, the property went under contract with the Tapville business partners. These partners were unable to secure conventional financing for their defined terms. The City did not propose an incentive to solve that financing problem. The contract purchaser secured an investor to provide additional capital to purchase the property and fund some of the renovation work. The City's proposed incentive is focused on the historic preservation of the structure.

*Q: Where is the clawback provision for the \$138,000 grant delineated in the event the owner closes soon after the certificate of occupancy is granted?*

A: A clawback provision is not needed because the grant is proposed to fund historic preservation work related to the rehabilitation of the significant architectural and structural components of the front façade of the building. No money is being given to fund interior business improvements. The façade work will be completed prior to the occupancy of the business. The sales tax rebate is proposed for the work to the east elevation that will be completed within 24 months of occupancy.

*Q: Why is the number of Geneva jobs blank? The contract references the owner will be reasonably projected to meet the sales figures and employment figures in schedule "D".*

A: This is a draft document; however, we just confirmed today there will be 48 employees.

*Q: Why are reimbursable costs separated into two phases? What is the timeline for completing these phases?*

A: Phase 1 includes improvements to the front elevation. These are needed to secure the building and to allow for first-floor tenancy. Phase 2 includes work to the east elevation that will be completed within 24 months of occupancy.

*Q: The sales tax rebate program is contingent on Phase 2 being completed. Is the timing of phase 2 work being deferred until after the store opens?*

A: Yes.

*Q: There is a reference in section B to \$151,200 of rebates on Exhibit C. Where on Exhibit C is this figure shown?*

A: The reference should be to Exhibit E. This exhibit is between Exhibit D and F and is unlabeled in the draft. The \$151,200 is 80% of the \$189,000 total costs shown.

*Q: Page 90 – in reference to Sales Tax Distribution - What is MT and what is NHR?*

A: MT – Municipal Tax (the share of state sales tax that is distributed to the City);  
NHR – Non-Home Rule Sales tax (the additional sales tax collected pursuant to referendums)

*Q: Phase 1 of this proposed agreement has a cost of \$44,650. What deliverables will the City receive for this phase of the project?*

A: The \$44,650 is the amount of estimated sales tax the City will receive annually if the agreement is approved after the incentive is paid. Deliverables in both phases include historic preservation architectural and structural upgrades to the south/front elevation (Phase 1) and to the east elevation (Phase 2).

**e. Consider Draft Ordinance Amending Title 4 (Business and License Regulations), Chapter 2 (Liquor Control) of the Geneva City Code.**

*Q: When were the license fees and the renewal fees last adjusted? Are these fees adequate to cover City costs?*

A: License fees and renewal fees were last adjusted during a complete rewrite of the Code in 2011. Since that time, license and renewal fees have been reviewed for new classifications of licenses. The item for consideration this evening is minor housekeeping, whereas a review of fees would take considerably more time and should be done in concert with other updates and/or the budget process to ensure the fees are adequate to cover City costs.