



Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 2, 2025 Staff Responses to Council Questions

Before each Committee of the Whole, questions posed by the City Council relating to the agenda for that evening will be posted to the City's website. Below are the responses to this week's questions.

3. Items of Business

b. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for Social Worker Services with the Association of Individual Development (AID).

Q: Has the city considered/explored expanding the number of days that the AID social worker is on site at the Police Station?

A: Yes. The City of Geneva has utilized the services of the Association for Individual Development (AID) since 2014, who provides a social worker on-call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. In addition, the social worker provides services from the police facility one day per week. In FY 2024, the City was able to use grant funding to add an additional day on site. In FY 2026, the City budgeted to continue with 2 days on site even though grant funding has expired.

Q: What would the additional cost be, in case that is something the city wanted to explore in future years' budgets?

A: In FY 2024, the cost was \$17,500 to add an additional day per week in the office.

d. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing FY26 and FY27 Electric Tree Trimming Contract to Asplundh Tree Specialist.

Q: In relation to the Notification to Residents regarding tree trimming for electrical line clearance, does the City ever provide such notices in languages other than English - or provide any kind of translation service for residents that speak a language other than English?

A: Currently, no. The City's Engagement and Inclusion Analyst, however, is working on enhancing access to existing resources for translation services when interacting with city staff.

Q: Whose responsibility is it to ensure the English proficiency of the foreman?

A: In the Instruction to Bidders Section 1, Description of Project states that the foreman of each crew must be able to speak and understand English to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Electric Services. The provision has been part of the tree trimming contracts for some time. This is the contractors responsibility due to the critical safety nature of the work, but the Superintendent has the final decision. In the event of an emergency, the foreman of the tree crew must be able to communicate with Division staff or other Department personnel concerning the nature and severity of the issue.