



City Council Meeting – July 21, 2025

Council Questions & Staff Responses

Before each City Council meeting, 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.

Agenda Item 10. Presentation of Ordinances and Resolutions

a. Consider Resolution No. 2025-85 Authorizing Budget Amendment for FY2024-2025.

Q: Are the changes in the budget amendment for the General Fund related to insurance and wages the result of personnel changes (hiring, separation, retirement, etc.)?

A: In part, the decrease is due to personnel changes and in part due to the fact that budgeting for insurance involves estimating the potential increase in the plan (renewal year begins Nov. 1) and any changes employees may make in coverage (due to life events). It should also be noted, any vacancies at time of budgeting, are budgeted at the highest cost coverage (i.e., Family PPO).

Q: Are there specific significant capital projects that are to be funded by the \$2,650,000 increase?

A: No, the transfer is to start building a fund balance in the General Capital Fund that can be used towards completing larger projects identified in the Facilities Master Plan. Specific projects will be identified with each future budget process.

Q: How many months of reserve remains in the General Fund after the \$2,650,000 transfer to the General Capital Projects Fund?

A: Following the transfer, General Fund reserves are projected to close with approximately six months' worth of FY 2026 expenditures.

b. Consider Resolution No. 2025-86 Adopting the City of Geneva Facilities Master Plan.

Q: Regarding Fire Station #2, under the "should-do" items – what would trigger the addition of a fourth double-down apparatus bay?

A: Should-do items (as they relate to any facility) are not based upon something occurring in the future. Rather, should-do items are items that would be "best practices" now with respect to program requirements and are recommended based upon available funding.

Q: A "nice-to-do" items would be exterior training to support state mandated training requirements. Are there any detrimental effects or consequences for us as a city if we do not meet these state mandates?

A: Nice-to-do items (as they relate to any facility) are betterments or additional programmatic elements that would only be recommended if there was available funding. In regards the Fire

Station #2, the nice-to-do addition of training space would allow firefighters to train in place rather than to travel to another location (i.e., Fire Station #1). This would provide an opportunity for firefighters the ability to train on shift. Regardless, the city is required to meet the state mandates regardless of where the training occurs.

Q: Are there specific examples of how the FMP has the potential to support other development within the City?

A: While there are no specific examples, there was discussion about the potential for redevelopment opportunities that could be freed up with the Police Station moving to a new location (i.e., sold for private development).