



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENEVA**

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Geneva shall conduct a special meeting on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 7pm. The special meeting will be held at City Hall Council Chamber, 109 James Street, Geneva, Illinois for the purpose of the following items:

1. Call to Order
2. Items of Business
 - a. Consider Ordinance No. 2025-31 Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing General Obligation Bonds to the Voters of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, at the General Primary Election to be Held on the 17th Day of March, 2026.
 - b. Consider Resolution No. 2025-140 Supporting Comprehensive Home Rule Education Efforts
3. Public Comment

When recognized by the Chair, proceed to the podium, state your name for the record, and provide your public comments. Please understand this is your time to be heard and the public body's time to listen. No discussion or debate will follow.

4. New Business
5. Adjournment

ADA Compliance: Any individual with a disability requesting a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in a public meeting should contact the City at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting in person at 22 S First Street, Geneva, IL or by telephone at 630.232.7494. Every effort will be made to allow for meeting participation. Notice of this meeting was posted consistent with the requirements of 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq. (Open Meetings Act).

Wicki Kellick

City Clerk

This notice has been posted at City Hall, City of Geneva, 22 South First Street, Geneva, Illinois on December 4, 2025 and has been tendered to members of the media requesting notices of public meetings.



AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item:	An Ordinance providing for the proposition of issuing General Obligation Bonds to the voters of the City of Geneva.		
Presenter & Title:	Alex Voigt, City Administrator		
Date:	December 4, 2025		
Please Check Appropriate Box:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Committee of the Whole Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/>	City Council Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special City Council Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other -
Associated Strategic Plan Goal/Objective: SG-III, QIS-II, QIS-III			
Estimated Cost: \$59.4M	Budgeted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Other Funding? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<i>If "Other Funding," please explain how the item will be funded:</i>			
Executive Summary:			
<p>The City Council has discussed options to support the implementation of the Facilities Master Plan, starting with the police facility over the past month plus. On Monday, December 1, 2025 the City Council opted to move forward a bond proposition for public safety. The Council utilized data previously collected as part of the Facilities Master Plan process, including prioritization of facilities to be addressed, as well as the community's general input. This bond is to be used exclusively for Geneva's public safety facilities.</p> <p>In order to place a question on the March 17, 2026 primary election ballot, the City Council must vote to affirm the question no later than December 29, 2025. Following the City Council's vote, a community engagement process will commence including (but not limited to) tours of the current police department, informational sessions and website updates.</p> <p>This bond will not address all of the items outlined in the Facilities Master Plan, conversations about future plans will be ongoing and will include additional community engagement and input.</p>			
Attachments: <i>(please list)</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance 			
Voting Requirements:			
<p><i>This motion requires choose an item affirmative votes for passage. (Mayor and City Council)</i></p> <p><i>The Mayor may vote on three occasions: (a) when the vote of the alderpersons has resulted in a tie; (b) when one half of the alderpersons elected have voted in favor of an ordinance, resolution, or motion even though there is no tie vote; or (c) when a vote greater than a majority of the corporate authorities is required by state statute or local ordinance to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or motion.</i></p>			
Recommendation / Suggested Action: <i>(how the item should be listed on agenda)</i>			
Consider Ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing General Obligation Bonds to the voters of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 17 th day of March, 2026.			

EXTRACT OF MINUTES of a special public meeting of the City Council of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, held in the City Hall Council Chamber, 109 James Street, Geneva, Illinois, in said City, at 7:00 p.m., on the 8th day of December, 2025.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and directed that the roll be called.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, and upon the roll being called, Kevin Burns, the Mayor, and the following Alderpersons were physically present at said location: _____

The following Alderpersons were allowed by a majority of the City Council in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the City Council to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: _____

No Alderperson was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following Alderpersons were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: _____

The Mayor announced that the City Council would next consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing General Obligation Bonds to the voters of the City at the general primary election to be held on the 17th day of March, 2026.

The Mayor presented, and the City Clerk read by title an ordinance as follows, a copy of which was provided to each Alderperson prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-31

AN ORDINANCE providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing General Obligation Bonds to the voters of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 17th day of March, 2026.

* * *

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois (the “*City*”), is a duly incorporated and existing municipality created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code and the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

WHEREAS, the needs of the City require the expenditure of not to exceed \$59,400,000 for the purpose of improving the City’s public safety facilities and the sites thereof, including, but not limited to, constructing and equipping a new police station (collectively, the “*Project*”), all in accordance with the estimate of cost heretofore provided to the City Council of the City (the “*Corporate Authorities*”); and

WHEREAS, before the Corporate Authorities can undertake the Project and borrow money and issue bonds for such purpose, a proposition therefor must be submitted to the voters of the City and be approved by a majority of the voters of the City voting on such proposition at an election to be held in and for the City, and it is deemed advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the City that a proposition therefor be submitted to the voters of the City at an election to be held and conducted in accordance with the general election law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. That the Corporate Authorities hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Need for Projects. That it is necessary and in the best interests of the City that the Corporate Authorities be authorized to undertake the Project, and that it is necessary and in the best interests of the City that money be borrowed and in evidence thereof bonds of the City be issued therefor in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$59,400,000.

Section 3. Submission to Voters. That the proposition hereinabove referred to be submitted to the voters of the City in accordance with the general election law at the general primary election to be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. on said day (the "*Election*").

Section 4. Voting Precincts and Polling Places. That the Election shall be held in the voting precincts and at the polling places established by the County Board (the "*County Board*") of The County of Kane, Illinois (the "*County*"), for voters of the City at the Election.

Section 5. Election Notice. That the County Clerk of the County (the "*County Clerk*") shall give notice of the Election, including the Spanish translation thereof, as deemed required by law by the County Clerk (the "*Notice*") in accordance with the general election law by (i) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the City, and (ii) posting a copy of the Notice at least 10 days before the date of the Election at the principal office of the County Clerk.

Section 6. Local Notice. That the City Clerk shall post a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the City.

Section 7. Newspaper of General Circulation. That it is hereby found and determined that the *Daily Herald* is a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the City as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “*Election Code*”).

Section 8. Form of Notice. That the Notice shall appear over the name or title of the County Clerk and shall be substantially in the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the general primary election be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 2026, the following a proposition will be submitted to the voters of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois:

Shall the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, improve the City’s public safety facilities and the sites thereof, including, but not limited to, constructing and equipping a new police station, and issue its bonds to the amount of \$59,400,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

The maximum rate of interest on the bonds to be issued pursuant to said proposition is 7% per annum.

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o’clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o’clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

County Clerk, The County of Kane,
Illinois

Section 9. Form of Ballot. That the ballot to be used at the Election, including the Spanish translation thereof, as deemed required by law by the County Clerk, shall be in substantially the following form, with such necessary alterations, changes, deletions and insertions as may be required by Articles 24A, 24B or 24C of the Election Code if an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system is used at the Election:

(Face of Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

QUESTION TO ISSUE \$59,400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

(INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Mark a cross
(X) in the space opposite the word indicating the way you desire to vote.)

Shall the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, improve the City’s public safety facilities and the sites thereof, including, but not limited to, constructing and equipping a new police station, and issue its bonds to the amount of \$59,400,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?	YES	
	No	

(Back of Paper Ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Official ballot for voting on the questions to issue \$59,400,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, at the general primary election held on March 17, 2026.

Precinct Number: _____

Polling Place: _____

(Facsimile Signature)

County Clerk of The County of Kane,
Illinois

Section 10. Election Judges. That the Election shall be conducted by the election judges appointed by the County Board to act in the precincts at which said proposition will be submitted to the voters of the City.

Section 11. Filing of Ordinance. That after the adoption hereof and not less than 68 days prior to the date of the Election, the City Clerk shall certify a copy hereof to the County Clerk in order that the proposition set forth herein may be submitted to the voters of the City at the Election.

Section 12. Canvass of Election. That the Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and time as provided by the general election law.

Section 13. Severability. That if any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 14. Repealer and Effective Date. That all ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Ordinance be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

PASSED by the Corporate Authorities on December 8, 2025.

APPROVED: December 8, 2025.

Mayor

AYE: _____

NAY: _____

ABSENT: _____

RECORDED in the City Records on December 8, 2025.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

[SEAL]

Aldersperson _____ moved and Aldersperson _____ seconded the motion that said ordinance as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full and complete discussion thereof, including a public recital of the nature of the matter being considered and such other information as would inform the public of the business being conducted, the Mayor directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the ordinance as read by title.

Upon the roll being called, the Mayor and Alderspersons voted as follows:

AYE: _____

NAY: _____

ABSENT: _____

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted, and henceforth did approve and sign the same in open meeting and did direct the City Clerk to record the same in full in the records of the Corporate Authorities.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said ordinance was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
 COUNTY OF KANE)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois (the “City”), and as such officer I am the keeper of the books, records, files, and journal of proceedings of the City and of the Mayor and City Council thereof (the “Corporate Authorities”).

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete transcript of that portion of the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on the 8th day of December, 2025, insofar as the same relates to the adoption of Ordinance No. ___ entitled:

AN ORDINANCE providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing General Obligation Bonds to the voters of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 17th day of March, 2026.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said ordinance as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Corporate Authorities on the adoption of said ordinance were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said ordinance was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Corporate Authorities at least 72 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that said agenda remained continuously posted during the entirety of said 72-hour period, that said agenda contained a separate specific item concerning the proposed adoption of the ordinance, a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted being attached to this certificate as *Exhibit A*, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended, and the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Corporate Authorities has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Codes and with all of the procedural rules of the Corporate Authorities.

There is hereby certified to the County Clerk of The County of Kane, Illinois for submitting to the voters of the City at the general primary election to be held on the 17th day of March, 2026, the proposition set forth in said ordinance, which said ordinance was duly adopted by the Corporate Authorities on the 8th day of December, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the City, this 8th day of December, 2025.

City Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
 COUNTY OF KANE)

FILING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of The County of Kane, Illinois (the “*County*”), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on the ___ day of _____, 20___, there was filed in my office a duly certified copy of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing General Obligation Bonds to the voters of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 17th day of March, 2026.

duly adopted by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, on the 8th day of December, 2025, and that the same has been deposited in the official files and records of my office.

2. That included in said certification was the form of public question (the “*Question*”), which ballot shall be prepared in English and to the extent required by law in Spanish, to be placed on the ballot at the general primary election to be held on the 17th day of March, 2026 (the “*Election*”), and the date on which the Question was initiated by the adoption of said ordinance.

3. That the Question will be submitted to the voters of the City at the Election.

4. That notice that the Question will be submitted to the voters of the City at the Election (the “*Notice*”) will be given as required by Section 12-5 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, by (a) publishing the Notice once not more than 60 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Election in the *Daily Herald*, being a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the City, or, at the option of the County Clerk, in another community newspaper having general circulation in the City, and

(b) posting a copy of the Notice at my principal office at least 10 days before the date of the Election, as set forth in Section 5 of said ordinance, and that the Notice will be substantially in the form set forth in Section 8 of said ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the County, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

County Clerk, The County of Kane,
Illinois

(SEAL)

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the general primary election to be held on Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 2026, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois:

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The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__.

County Clerk, The County of Kane,
Illinois



AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item:	Resolution Supporting Home Rule Education Efforts		
Presenter & Title:	Alex Voigt, City Administrator		
Date:	December 8, 2025		
Please Check Appropriate Box:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Committee of the Whole Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Committee of the Whole Meeting
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City Council Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special City Council Meeting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other -
Associated Strategic Plan Goal/Objective: SG-II			
Estimated Cost: \$ N/A	Budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Other Funding? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<i>If "Other Funding," please explain how the item will be funded:</i>			
Executive Summary:			
<p>The City Council has explored the topic of Home Rule for the City of Geneva at a number of recent meetings as part of the discussions related to the implementation of the Facilities Master Plan. The Council has explored the concept of Home Rule on more than one occasion, with recent data indicating support for it. The Council determined the best course of action would be to undergo a comprehensive, community-wide education process following the March 2026 referendum on the merits of Home Rule for Geneva.</p> <p>The community response will inform next steps as it relates to Home Rule.</p>			
Attachments: <i>(please list)</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution 			
Voting Requirements:			
<p><i>This motion requires choose an item affirmative votes for passage. (Mayor and City Council)</i></p> <p><i>The Mayor may vote on three occasions: (a) when the vote of the alderpersons has resulted in a tie; (b) when one half of the alderpersons elected have voted in favor of an ordinance, resolution, or motion even though there is no tie vote; or (c) when a vote greater than a majority of the corporate authorities is required by state statute or local ordinance to adopt an ordinance, resolution, or motion.</i></p>			
Recommendation / Suggested Action: <i>(how the item should be listed on agenda)</i>			
Consider Resolution No. 2025-140 Supporting Comprehensive Home Rule Education Efforts			



Resolution No. 2025-140

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE HOME RULE EDUCATION EFFORTS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Geneva has undertaken due consideration of the efforts to pursue facilities improvements for its core business duties, including police, fire, public works, administration, water and wastewater management; and,

WHEREAS, such consideration has yielded significant funding needs to address shortfalls and deficiencies in such specific areas of the City of Geneva including police, fire, public works and administration; and,

WHEREAS, improvements and enhancements to the City of Geneva’s police department, fire department, public works department and administration are required to meet current and future building codes as well as efficient delivery of services and provide for appropriate working environments for the City of Geneva’s professional staff; and,

WHEREAS, elevating the delivery of services and working environments will require a consistent, equitable and responsible revenue stream to meet the needs of the City of Geneva for the foreseeable future: and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Geneva City Council hereby resolves to initiate a City Council, citizen, and business education effort on the merits of pursuing Home Rule status as defined by the Illinois home rule statute established under Article VII of the Illinois Constitution granting municipalities the authority to govern themselves and exercise certain powers related to their local affairs, including taxation, regulation and governance; and, based on said comprehensive educational efforts, schedule a vote by the Geneva City Council to effectuate a ballot question asking for the voters of Geneva to approve home rule status no later than the 2028 general election to be held on November 7, 2028.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois, this ___ day of _____, 2025.

AYES: ___ **NAYS:** ___ **ABSENT:** ___ **ABSTAINING:** ___ **HOLDING OFFICE:** ___

APPROVED by me this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk