



City Council Meeting – Feb. 7, 2022 Council Questions & Staff Responses

Before each Committee of the Whole or City Council meeting, questions that have been 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 9. Reports

a.) Fiscal Year 2021-22 Third Quarter Goals Status Report

Q: Page 25, How many lead service lines have been replaced in the last two years?

A: 66

Agenda Item 10. Municipal Bills for Payment

1) City of St. Charles, \$53,081.30

Q: What is the sanitary sewer agreement 2021?

A: This is the agreement where 70 Geneva residents are serviced by the City of St. Charles sewer. The residents pay the City of Geneva, and the City pays the City of St. Charles on a calendar year basis.

Agenda Item 12. Presentation of Ordinances, Resolutions, Petitions Bids

d.) Consider Resolution No. 2022-04 Ratifying the Assignment and Assumption of the Master Purchase and Sale Agreement By and Between the City of Geneva and Metra.

Q: Has any due diligence on the Metra parking lot been performed?

A: No, the City could not begin its due diligence until this final agreement had been executed. Pursuant to Section 4 (d) of the agreement the City has until Sept. 28, 2022 to perform any feasibility studies that are deemed necessary.

Q: When will a more accurate land survey be available?

A: Pursuant to Section 4 of the agreement, the City has until Oct. 22, 2022 to obtain at its sole cost and expense a survey of the particular location covered under the agreement.

f.) Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-06 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 City of Geneva and Tri-Com Central Dispatch Budgets.

Page 267 – Estimated Change in Fund Balance

Q: Special Service Area #1 - Will the City continue incurring expenses if the SSA is not renewed?

A: The intent was to spend down the fund balance to as close to zero as possible for FY 2023 (the SSA #1 final year). FY 2024 was forecasted without property tax revenue due to the expiration of SSA #1. Should the SSA not be renewed, any expenses attributed to this area would be expensed to the general fund. Ultimately, the City Council would need to determine what services remain and what services would be excluded.

Q: Water/Wastewater – Why does this fund show a negative fund balance in FY 2024 and is the 90-day reserve requirement still being met?

A: While there is no rate increase anticipated for FY 2023, the rate structure will need to be reviewed for out years. A large portion of the projected increase in FY 2024 is in engineering fees for the river crossing and solids handling improvements that are anticipated to be covered by IEPA loan proceeds.

Page 321 – Tax Increment Financing District #2

Q: When will the property tax increment be returned to the tax rolls and be available to other taxing bodies?

A: Property tax levy year 2024.

Q: Is FY 2024 the last year the TIF will receive revenue?

A: No, FY 2025 (begins May 1, 2024).

Q: What was the first year of revenue for this 23-year TIF?

A: 2001

Page 357 – Garden Park Improvements, \$150,000

Q: What will be done?

A: The Geneva Park District (in cooperation with the Garden Club) have been working together on a plan to completely renovate and reimagine the Garden Club Park to open the view to the river, add shade structures, landscaping, etc.

Q: How did the 50/50 agreement come to be and is there a history of financial support from the City?

A: In 2018, an intergovernmental agreement was approved for the City to lease Garden Club Park to the Park District for park and recreational purposes and to maintain, operate and repair the park. This was codifying a long-standing relationship the City had with the Park District in regards to this particular parcel of land owned by the City. Late last year, the Park District approached the City with a plan to improve and renovate the park. As the City owns the land, a 50/50 cost-share was recommended. The City and the Park District have a long history of entering into intergovernmental agreements for various properties owned by the City but used by the Park District.