

GENEVA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 2, 2026

City Hall Council Chambers
109 James St., Geneva, IL 60134

Elected Officials Present: Ald. Bowring, Ald. Kilburg, Ald. Kosirog, Ald. Malecki, Ald. Marks, Ald. Mayer, Ald. Palmquist, Ald. Paschke, Ald. Reinecke, Mayor Burns, Clerk Kellick.

Elected Officials Attending by Teleconference: None.

Elected Officials Absent: Ald. Furnish.

Others Present: Asst. City Admin. McCreedy, City Attny. Sandack, Supt. VanGyseghem, Dir. Babica, Dir. DeGroot, Dir. Milewski, Dir. Tymoszenko, Planner Buesing, Eng. Davids, Chief Antenore, Chief Pasarelli.

Others attending by video or teleconference: City Admin. Voigt.

Call to Order

Ald. Palmquist, serving as chair, called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM.

Approve Committee of the Whole Minutes from January 5, 2026.

Moved by Ald. Reinecke, seconded by Ald. Kilburg.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote of those present 9-0.

Items of Business

Consider Draft Resolution Adopting a Complete Streets Policy.

Moved by Ald. Bowring, seconded by Ald. Paschke.

AYES: 9 (Bowring, Kilburg, Kosirog, Malecki, Marks, Mayer, Palmquist, Paschke, Reinecke)

ABSENT: 1 (Furnish)

NAYS: 0

Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a License Agreement with Metro Fibernet, LLC, of Evansville, Indiana.

Moved by Ald. Mayer, seconded by Ald. Paschke.

AYES: 9 (Bowring, Kilburg, Kosirog, Malecki, Marks, Mayer, Palmquist, Paschke, Reinecke)

ABSENT: 1 (Furnish)

NAYS: 0

Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing a License Agreement Between City of Geneva and Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of Regional Transportation Authority Relating to the VanGo Pilot Vehicle Program.

Moved by Ald. Paschke, seconded by Ald. Bowring.

AYES: 9 (Bowring, Kilburg, Kosirog, Malecki, Marks, Mayer, Palmquist, Paschke, Reinecke)

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Presentation Regarding FY 2027 Budget and FY 2028 Budget Projections

City Admin. Voigt noted that the municipal budget comes from the framework provided by the City's strategic plan. City departments distinguish between needs and wants aligned with that plan. The budget is reviewed and adopted by the City Council and throughout the fiscal year, plans are revised and reviewed, and budgets are adjusted as necessary. In November, the City Council identified the FY2027 Tier 1 priority objectives to include Strong Governance – III: facilities meeting community needs, and Infrastructure and Services – III: dependable infrastructure. These priorities are being expressed through the police station referendum on the March ballot, as well as through other funding outlined in the budget. The Tier 2 priority objectives include purposeful growth and economic vitality – II: a diverse and resilient economy, and inform and engage residents – II: effectively engage the community.

The City Council review of the recommended budget will be ongoing until the public hearing and adoption on February 17. The new fiscal year will begin in May.

Dir. Milewski provided a budget overview, noting that Geneva's budget is comprised of 38 funds. There are 29 governmental funds typically sourced from taxes. There are seven proprietary funds, and two fiduciary funds for police and fire pensions.

A FY2027 proposed budget of just under \$121 million is a decrease from the amended FY2026 budget of just over \$140 million. The primary funding sources are property taxes of 27% and sales taxes of 28%. There are 3 major funds: the General Fund which is the main operating account, the Electric Fund which has

85% of revenues from electric sales, and the Water Fund which has 50% of its revenue from other financing.

Dir. Milewski noted that only \$7 million of the \$14 million in capital funds are used for projects that the community can see including \$2.8 million for general capital projects including 48% for a downtown pavilion, \$3.8 million for infrastructure capital projects, and \$0.7 million for capital equipment.

The next step in the budget approval process is a February 9 Special Committee of the Whole meeting if desired by Committee members, to further discuss the proposed budget. A public hearing on the budget and recommended adoption of the budget will then take place at the February 17 City Council meeting.

Based on feedback at the meeting, there was a consensus to hold a Special Committee of the Whole meeting on February 9 to ask questions and get more information about the proposed budget. Admin. McCready asked the Committee to send in specific questions in advance of that meeting.

Public Comment

Admin. McCready stated that there have been over 450 views of the virtual tours of the Geneva Police Department as it exists. More than 100 individuals have participated in tours of the station, and more tours will be available in February and March. SPAC will also host open houses regarding the referendum. He also highlighted the recent NBC 5 news story about the referendum.

SPAC chairperson Melanie Manon noted that the SPAC open house goal is for the public to ask questions in person. There will be open houses held at the Geneva Public Library on February 4 from 6:30-8:30 pm, February 18 from 10 am-noon, and February 25 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Attendees can stay for part or all of the allotted time.

New Business

Ald. Paschke stated that there will be a presentation about community solar at the library on February 9 from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ald. Kosirog, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:37 PM.

- Submitted by Clerk Kellick