

CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2020

(COVID-19 Update)

The Mayor's Executive Order 2020-08 enacted Temporary Meeting Rules for the June 15, 2020 City Council Meeting. Due to the limitations on gatherings of 10 or fewer persons, 5 Aldermen volunteered to attend this meeting virtually, and 5 volunteered to attend the meeting in person. Those attending in person will be required to practice social distancing and wear a face covering. Please note, all business will be conducted under the City Council meeting. There will be no Committee of the Whole meeting. The public will be able to comment in advance using email or the drop box. Those wishing to provide comment at the meeting will be admitted into the meeting one at a time at the appropriate time and then will be asked to leave after providing comment. The meeting will be livestreamed on all the usual channels.

Beginning July 6, 2020, the plan is to reconvene City Council meetings with all City Council members present utilizing the CC meeting followed by COW meeting format, conditioned upon entering Phase IV of the Restore Illinois Plan on June 26, 2020.

CALL TO ORDER

The Geneva City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kevin Burns. Burns opened by giving an overview on the protocols for meetings under the current rules. Burns also added his compliments to the Council and City staff for their assistance and efforts during the pandemic.

Aldermen present: Michael Clements, Becky Hruby, Gabriel Kaven, Craig Maladra, Robert Swanson.

Aldermen attending by video or teleconference: Mike Bruno, Tara Burghart, Dean Kilburg, Jeanne McGowan, Richard Marks.

Absent: None

Also attending: City Atty. Ron Sandack, City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Finance Manager Rita Kruse, Economic Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Gabriel Kaven

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC COMMENT

Ald. Clements thanked Mayor Burns for his leadership to the City during the pandemic.

Administrator Dawkins reported that no public comments were received, and that no one was waiting to address the council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Public Hearing on Proposed Resolution No. 2020-34 Authorizing Submittal to the State of Illinois for Rebuild Illinois Program Grant Application

Moved by Ald. Clements, seconded by Maladra to open the public hearing.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 (McGowan) (Tele-Communication Issue)

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Director Tymoszenko described the purpose of the grant application, which was to request \$5,000,000 from a fund of \$79,500,000 available from the state to help finance the construction of a new electrical sub-station in the city. The budget for the station is \$13,500,000, and the remainder will be financed through bond issues and equity funds. Tymoszenko described the reason the new substation is needed, the budget and the grant application process. Ald. Hruby and Bruno asked about the impact of diversity of housing and about past plans for this project. No public comments were received on this matter. There being no further questions or comments from the Council:

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Marks to close the public hearing.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

b. Presentation on the Fiscal Impacts of COVID-19

Administrator Dawkins gave an introduction, noting that the financial estimates were based on what was currently known, as of this moment in time. Finance Manager Rita Kruse described estimated variances to the General Fund due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Revenue sources comprised of property tax, sales tax and state income tax will be affected differently and some collections by the City will be delayed. For example, property tax will not vary, but sales and income taxes are expected to be significantly impacted. Kruse gave details on how the City is managing and when possible, reducing expenses. Kruse concluded by describing proposed actions the City may take to assist citizens and business owners by suspending certain taxes and waiving certain fees, and the resulting financial impact to the City.

Ald. Swanson, Burghart, Kaven, Kilburg asked for clarification on how estimates were developed, whether furloughs of City employees would be implemented, whether cuts to expenditures would be made if and as needed, and if the total expenditures by the City to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic were known.

Kilburg inquired if it was known how much has been expended specific to the pandemic and is there any discussion regarding reimbursement from the County from CARES Act distributions. Burns added details regarding how the Mayors in Kane County will be presenting to the County a request for a portion of the CARES act money. Any funds received would be accounted for, and noted that strict protocols would be implemented on a county/state-wide level to ensure that funds were legitimately used to address the impact of the pandemic. Dawkins explained that the US Department of Treasury has stated that public safety expenses (including payroll) are a presumed expense of COVID. Geneva's expenses for the period from March 15 – June 5 total approximately \$2.4 million.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Moved by Ald. Maladra, seconded by Ald. Clements to amend Bills for Payment for 05/18/2020 to the corrected total figure as reported by Administrator Dawkins, and which was in the updated council packet and agenda.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

OMNIBUS AGENDA

All Items listed on the Omnibus Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member so requests in which event the item will be removed from the Omnibus (Consent) Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Hruby to approve the Omnibus Agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Approve Minutes from the City Council Meeting on April 20, 2020 and Special Committee of the Whole Minutes from February 24, 202 (Clerk recommends approval)

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Hruby to approve motion as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE REPORTS

- a. Tax Reports
- b. April Financials

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Hruby to approve motion as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Recommend Acceptance of FY2019-2020 4th Quarter Goals Status Report as Presented

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Swanson to approve the Report as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

b. Recommend FY2020-21 Appointment of City Officials

Moved by Ald. Hruby, seconded by Ald. Clements to approve the Appointments as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Mayor Burns noted that one vote would be taken to approve all the bills as presented.

May 4, 2020 A/P: \$2,365,470.22
May 18, 2020 A/P: \$ 3,758,288.65 as amended
June 1, 2020 A/P: \$1,880,403.44
June 15, 2020 A/P: \$2,465,359.75

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Swanson that the bills be approved, and payments prepared.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND BID AWARDS

a. Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-15 Ratifying Actions Taken During Local Disaster Emergency.

Moved by Ald. Hruby, seconded by Ald. McGowan to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

b. Consider Resolution No. 2020-34 Authorizing Submittal to the State of Illinois Rebuild Illinois Program Grant Application.

Moved by Ald. Hruby, seconded by Ald. McGowan to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

c. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-16 Amending Title 4, Chapter 2 (Liquor Control), Section 4-213 (License Fees and Number Adding One Class B-3 Liquor License for Oberweis/That Burger Joint/Woodgrain Located at 2100 S. Randall Road – Subject to Background Checks.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Clements to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

d. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-17 Amending Title 4, Chapter 2 (Liquor Control), Section 4-213 (License Fees and Number Adding Two Class A-5 Liquor Licenses for Aurelio's Pizza at 330 W. State and Eagle Brook Country Club at 2288 Fargo Blvd.

Moved by Ald. Kaven, seconded by Ald. Burghart to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

e. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-18 Waiving Renewal Fees for License Holders for Current License Holders for the Period May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

Moved by Ald. Hruby, seconded by Ald. Maladra to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

f. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-19 Temporarily Suspending the Municipal Utility Tax on Water in the City of Geneva.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. McGowan to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

g. Consider Ordinance No. 2020-20 Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the City (Fire Engine No. 209).

Moved by Ald. Kilburg, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

h. Consider Resolution No. 2020-35 Awarding Bid and Contract to Lewis Tree Service in the Amount of \$360,000 for FY2021 & FY2022 Tree Trimming Contract.

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Hruby to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

i. Consider Resolution No. 2020-36 Authorizing Execution of a License Agreement with Level 3 Communications, LLC for Installation of Facilities in City Right-of-Way.

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Clements to approve the Motion as presented.
Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

j. Consider Acceptance of Certificate of Completion for Greenhouse Pointe of Geneva.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. McGowan to approve the Motion as presented.
Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Burghart left the meeting due to technical difficulties (power failure). Under the temporary rules of conduct this is an excused absence.

k. Consider Resolution No. 2020-37 Adopting IDOT Forms BLR 14220 and 14222 for Use of Funds for Maintenance of Streets and Highways.

Moved by Ald. Clements, seconded by Maladra open the public hearing.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

l. Consider Resolution No. 2020-38 Authorizing the Assistant City Administrator/Director of Administrative Services to Serve as the Authorized Agent to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Burns added his compliments and thanks to the citizens and business owners of the City for their assistance and support during the pandemic.

Ald. Bruno asked for clarification about guidance for the Boards and Commissions necessary to resume safe meetings.

There being no further business, moved by Ald. Swanson to adjourn the Geneva City Council meeting.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hraby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Jeanne Fornari
Deputy City Clerk

Transcribed by City Clerk
Roger Godskesen