

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Council President: Rich Hedlund

Alderpersons: Tim Dunn, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, John Halverson, Ken Howell, Shari Straube, Cindy Yager, and Joan Yunker

Council President Hedlund call the meeting to order

Council President Hedlund called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Alderperson Hedlund

Council President Hedlund led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Hedlund, Dunn, Fesenmaier, Halverson, Howell, Straube, Yager, Yunker

Absent: none

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from October 3, 2022 as prepared and distributed

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Yager.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion regarding the Premier Resort Area Tax (PRAT)

Becky Haines from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue provided detailed background information on the Premier Resort Area Tax.

Questions from the Committee are entertained.

Committee members asked questions covering topics such as online sales, applicable sales, steps after the advisory referendum, process and timeline for implementation, and post collection steps,

Motion by Hedlund to suspend the rules to allow limited questions from members of the public, second by Fesenmaier. No Discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Sherri Ames; asked if the tax is imposed on the entire 53147 zip code, or just within the City.

Ms. Haines clarified that the tax is imposed just within the City limits.

Gary Milliette, asked for specifications on whether the tax would apply to automobile, boat, and RV sales.

Ms. Haines clarified that in her experience, automobile dealers would not be charged the tax.

Andrea Christian; asked about the qualifying list of retailers; requesting that Ms. Haines read the full list.

Ms. Haines recommended that members of the public with questions should reference the Department of Revenue's website and reach out to the Department with any further questions.

Presentation from the YMCA

Steven Lois, President of the YMCA Board of Directors, introduced Mike Cramp, CEO, who gave a presentation on the YMCA's proposal for a new facility at Hillmoor.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Kramp welcomed questions from the Committee.

Discussion followed between the Committee and Mr. Kramp, covering topics such as project timeline, traffic concerns on Hwy 50, acreage needed for the proposed project, sustainable building materials, community usability, and availability of the proposal for viewing on the City's website.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion and consideration.

Dimitri Anagnos, 811 Wrigley Dr & 148 Cass St, spoke on the issue of the price of parking. He stressed that people will pay for convenience, and showed his support for the Mayor and \$4.00/hour parking on the weekend.

Andrea Christian, 250 Havenwood Dr; discussed email correspondence; and lack of ADA accessibility regarding

sidewalks, streets, businesses, and other establishments. She stressed the importance of listening to people with disabilities.

Peg Esposito, thanked the Committee for meeting tonight. She congratulated the YMCA on their presentation, and spoke about the sidewalk assessment plan that was discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting. She further stressed the importance of ADA compliance and accessibility to paths and sidewalks in the winter.

Frank Guske, W3470 World Line Ct, Lake Geneva Lanes, thanked the City for hearing the business owners' concerns, and for reconsidering the proposed Gateway Ordinance.

Sherri Ames, 603 Center St, thanked the Police Department for their work at Winterfest. She suggested backing off on building anything in Hillmoor until the work on Hwy 50 is done, but is pleased about the new YMCA proposal. She spoke on parking issues; suggested a parking structure where the Geneva St lot is located, indicated that residents should not be providing parking for the employees, and discussed Winterfest parking and the \$4/hour parking rate. She thanked the Committee for holding the meeting.

Gary Milliette, Wrigley Dr, states that it is shameful that there is not a permanent solution to the unsafe sidewalk conditions on hwy 50. He further spoke on the issue of parking, and the solution is addressing human behavior. He suggested hiring a firm to design a program of variable pricing, and using the current technology available to implement it.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Howell, second by Yager.

No discussion.

Motion carried 8-0. The Committee adjourned at 7:19pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy Clerk