

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 – 6:00 PM

LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members: Council President: Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Council Vice President: Cindy Yager

Alderpersons: Joan Yunker, Shari Straube, Linda Frame, Peg Esposito, Tim Dunn, Ken Howell

Aldersperson Howell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Aldersperson Howell led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Dunn to appoint Aldersperson Howell as Chair for the meeting, Second by Frame.

No Discussion, Motion Carries 6-0.

Roll Call

Present: Yager, Yunker, Frame, Esposito, Dunn, Howell

Absent: Fesenmaier, Straube

Motion by Howell to move up Agenda Item 7, second by Frame.

No Discussion, motion carried 6-0.

Comments from Council President and Vice-President

Council Vice-President Yager announced that Council President Fesenmaier was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to death in the family. Aldersperson Yager expressed how important it was, and how hard both she and Aldersperson Fesenmaier had worked for this meeting to continue as scheduled tonight so that everyone's voice could be heard. Aldersperson Yager ended by asking that everyone keep Aldersperson Fesenmaier and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from February 6, 2023, as prepared and distributed

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Esposito. No discussion. Motion carried 6-0.

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.

Bill Huntress; 1015 Pleasant St, spoke on Impact Fees and the Impact Fee study and corrected numbers from his comments at the last Council meeting pertaining to water costs in the future. He spoke on parking in the City, the proposed parking lot by the Library, and expressed that the Park space should be left alone.

Alexandria Binanti, Executive Director of the Business Improvement District, spoke on the beautification efforts downtown regarding electrical cords for the Christmas lights, especially concerning safety concerns and code violations.

Stacey Smith, 1486 Rock Ridge Ln, congratulated the new Alders, spoke on the inequality of district representation in the Committee and Board appointments, expressed concern with school enrollment due to the rising cost of living in Lake Geneva, and spoke on the Stone Ridge & Interchange N safety issue, stressing the need for something at that intersection, a stop light, stop sign, or a crosswalk.

Sherri Ames, 603 Center St, appreciated the change in podium location. She echoed Stacey Smith's ideas

and safety concerns, stressed the need for the City and Businesses to work together, and asked everyone to keep Alderperson Fesenmaier and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

Dennis Loeser, 336 W Laurie St, thanked the Council for listening to the public, asked everyone to keep Alderperson Fesenmaier in their prayer. He also spoke on the need to look ahead to the future, on fiscal responsibility, lake damage, and tree health.

Pete Peterson, 1601 Evergreen Ln, thanked the Committee for meeting and spoke on the Hillmoor ad hoc committee. He expressed displeasure that nonresidents sit on that Committee, and that the City is already spending money on Hillmoor. He suggested that the City slow down on considering any projects, developments, or grants for Hillmoor, and stressed that any project should be for the residents and not for the tourists. He also suggested the City stop annexing property, encouraged the City stop allowing so much development, and asked for \$50 parking fine to be rescinded.

Introduction of New Alders

Alderperson Peg Esposito thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight, welcomed participation, introduced herself, and gave information on her background in marketing.

Alderperson Linda Frame introduced herself, welcomed public input, and thanked everyone for attending tonight.

Parking Ad Hoc Committee Report-Mayor Klein

Mayor Klein started by welcoming everyone to come speak with her; encouraging making an appointment first.

Mayor Klein reported on recent committee discussions including potential parking spots and advanced reserved parking at Parking Lot I this summer, possible future discussion topics including senior citizen parking stickers and summer parking passes; and invited the public to attend the meetings.

Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee Report-Mayor Klein

Mayor Klein spoke on recent activities of the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee, highlighted the varied members, and invited everyone to attend the meetings.

The Committee has been developing their vision and will be presenting their ideas to the Council. They have been going through the comments from the public input meetings; taking their time to explore all of the proposed ideas.

Committee Reports

Alderperson Howell stated that since none of the Committees, Boards, and Commissions have been meeting, each Alderperson will be given a chance to give updates on the last meetings they attended.

Alderperson Howell began and had no recent updates to give.

Alderperson Yager also did not have recent updates to give.

Alderperson Yunker reported that the Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee did not meet in March due to lack of quorum, but that Lagoon slips and Lagoon dredging are likely to be addressed at the next meeting. Alderperson Yunker announced the news from the Police and Fire Commission that Lieutenant Way will be retiring at the end of this year.

Alderperson Dunn reported on news and activity from the Geneva Lake Museum including the success of the Parade of Trees; the Dungeons & Dragons Exhibit: The Wizard of Lake Geneva, which will be

opening this year; the Museum's participation in GaryCon to promote the exhibit; fundraising efforts for a lift in the Museum; membership and attendance; and the opening of the new Barbershop Exhibit.

Alderson Esposito had no recent updates to give.

Alderson Frame had no recent updates from committees but thanked Alex Binanti for the information from the BID.

Adjourn

Motion by Yunker to adjourn, second by Frame.

No Discussion. Motion carried 6-0. The Committee adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy Clerk