

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Council President: Mary Jo Fesenmaier
Council Vice-President: Cindy Yager
Alderspersons: Joan Yunker, Shari Straube, Linda Frame, Peg Esposito, Tim Dunn, Ken Howell

Call to order-Council President Fesenmaier
Council President Fesenmaier called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Aldersperson Howell
Aldersperson Dunn led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call
Present: Fesenmaier, Yager, Yunker, Frame, Esposito, Dunn,
Absent: Straube, Howell

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from May 1, 2023 as prepared and distributed
Motion by Esposito to approve, second by Yager.
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 process for getting them into effect. He stressed the importance of getting the Ordinances into place as soon as possible, highlighting the costs pertaining to water service. He also spoke in opposition to the proposed Library parking lot.

Antony LaPorte, 213 Capella Way; spoke in opposition to adding another 170 homes in Symphony Bay and the changes in the site plan.

Andrea Christian, 250 Havenwood Dr; spoke about the postings for the meeting agendas being too high on the bulletin boards at City Hall, the policy for processing Citizen Action Request Forms, the state of sidewalks throughout downtown, and stressed the importance of fixing the sidewalks, as many in high traffic areas are in disrepair.

Sherri Ames, 603 Center St; spoke on the Committee and Board appointments, and correspondence with the Mayor. She states she will no longer meet with the Mayor in private, everything will be said at public meetings. She expressed displeasure with some of the Committee appointments and the absent Council Members, and thanked the Committee for meeting tonight.

Judy Dara, 414 Gallant; spoke of her displeasure with Committee and Board appointments, specifically District 2 not being represented on the Plan Commission. She spoke on development in Symphony Bay, the planned clubhouse with additional units with regards to the additional 140 homes in the subdivision that are part of the annexation from Bloomfield. She thanked the Committee for meeting and congratulated Aldersperson Fesenmaier on her retirement.

Pete Peterson, 1601 Evergreen Ln; spoke regarding the speeding problem in the Manor. He suggested applying for a grant for speedbumps, and requested it be added to the Public Works Agenda. He discussed options for Hillmoor,

and stated that so far no plans have met the threshold. He also discouraged annexing the subdivision by Symphony Bay.

Parking Ad Hoc Committee Report - Mayor Klein

Mayor Klein gave a report on Parking Ad Hoc Committee activities, highlighting an employee parking survey distributed to the BID, increased usage of Lot I through an advanced daily parking reservation program for half of the lot, a Walworth County Senior Citizen parking sticker, and paying with quarters for incremental time at the kiosks.

Follow-up questions were entertained; and general discussion followed between Mayor Klein and Committee members regarding topics including the Lot I reservation program, the Senior Citizen sticker, and the idea of metering the City Hall and Museum parking lots on weekends.

Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee Report - Mayor Klein

Mayor Klein gave an update on the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee activities. She stressed that the Committee is being very methodical with their process, considering public input carefully. The Committee is also refining their Vision Statement. She spoke on public access to the property, discussing repairs that need to be made, including an open well that needs to be capped.

Questions and general discussion between Mayor Klein and the Committee members followed regarding topics including, the well capping in Hillmoor, meeting details, the YMCA survey, Friends of Hillmoor concept plan, goats, emergency vehicle access, and the status of public access to the property.

Presentation and Discussion/Possible Recommendation regarding referral of Dark Skies Project, Adam McCulloch, Education and Outreach Manager, Geneva Lakes Astrophysics and STEAM

Adam McCulloch from GLAS gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the Dark Skies Project and discussed GLAS's goal to help local municipalities improve lighting ordinances and standards.

General discussion and questions followed between Mr. McCulloch and the Committee regarding topics such as how the City can help with the project, a timeline for the draft ordinances, and getting tonight's presentation posted on the City's website.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS. The following Aldermen will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. It is not contemplated that these matters will be discussed or acted on but referrals to the appropriate committees and/or individuals will be made.

Finance, License, and Regulation Committee

Alderman Fesenmaier gave an update on upcoming agenda items including the proposed Holiday Parking rate.

Personnel Committee

Alderman Dunn stated that the Committee meeting was canceled for this month. Alderman Fesenmaier discussed the Park Manager position and requested the Personnel Committee convene sometime soon to address it.

Public Works Committee

Alderman Straube was absent.

Alderman Fesenmaier announced the City's electronic recycling event on Saturday, September 30th, and that the Impact fees will be on the Council Agenda for June 12th.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee

Alderman Yunker reported on future agenda items including the lagoon slips, dredging, and the dam.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS. The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

Utility Commission

Alderman Frame reports they have not met since she was appointed.

Tree Board

Aldersperson Esposito reported the Board has not met since she was appointed, but the meeting is tomorrow.

Police and Fire Commission

Aldersperson Yunker reported there is a new commissioner, and the Commission will be meeting Thursday.

Plan Commission

Aldersperson Dunn reported the Commission has not met yet. General comments followed on the Dark Skies Project starting with the Plan Commission when a draft ordinance exists.

Board of Park Commissioners

Aldersperson Frame reports the Board has not met since her appointment.

Aldersperson Yager announced the Board planted at least 40 trees at the Nature Preserve.

Library Board

Aldersperson Fesenmaier reports that the Board has not met since the appointments were made.

Historic Preservation Commission

Aldersperson Dunn reported that the Commission has been working with the State historical society and neighboring cities in order to adopt a historical preservation ordinance.

Avian Committee

Aldersperson Yager reported on the both the Storybook Trail at the Four Seasons Nature Preserve presented by the St Frances 5th grade class, and the Purple Martin egg count.

Tourism Commission

Aldersperson Fesenmaier reports that the Commission did not meet last month but there is a meeting next Monday.

Cemetery Board

Aldersperson Fesenmaier reported that the Board will be meeting this month and has an item on the FLR agenda tomorrow.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Aldersperson Fesenmaier announced that past meeting minutes are in tonight's packet for the public to view.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

VISIT Lake Geneva

Aldersperson Yager reported that there has not been a meeting since her appointment.

Geneva Lake Museum

Aldersperson Dunn reported on Museum activities, including the parade of trees, fundraising events, the Tuesdays at 2 program, the Dungeons & Dragons exhibit, and the Barbershop exhibit.

Aldersperson Frame asked about the possibility of an exhibit for Buddy Melges. General discussion followed regarding an improved exhibit or special event.

Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation

Aldersperson Yager reported that the office park has sold either all of the lots or has only one lot left.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency

Aldersperson Dunn reported on Agency topics and concerns including combatting invasive species on the lake, a permanent CD3 unit in the staging area by the boat launch, CD3 units in other municipalities, security and compliance at boat launches, pollution and gravel from running into the lake from creeks, locating a new permanent location, and obtaining a boat.

Aldersperson Frame discussed concerns about testing water quality at Big Foot Beach.

Geneva Lakes Family YMCA

Alderson Straube was absent, no report was given.

Geneva Lake Use

Alderson Esposito had no report, no meeting had taken place since her appointment.

Business Improvement District

Alderson Straube was absent, no report was given, but the next meeting is this Wednesday.

Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency

Mayor Klein reported that the GLLEA had not met for the past couple of months, and announced that she had been selected as the new chairman.

Adjournment

Motion by Yager to adjourn, second by Dunn.

No discussion. Motion carried 6-0.

The Committee adjourned at 7:27pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee.

Vanessa Jahns

Deputy Clerk