

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Council President: Mary Jo Fesenmaier
Council Vice-President: Cindy Yager
Alderpersons: 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 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Alderperson Straube
Alderperson Straube led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from July 5, 2023 as prepared and distributed
Motion by Frame to approve, second by Yager
No discussion.
Motion carried 7-0.

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.
Emily Huml, Madison St, Maple Park homeowners; spoke to the issues of Short Term Rentals regarding regulation compared to the City of Madison's regulation policy.

Sherri Ames, 603 Center St; spoke about trash collection issues at the Riviera, the Center St alley, short-term rentals and how they affect taxes and school registration, the South Street Trail project, and sidewalk repairs.

Spyro Condos, Business Improvement District, spoke about recent developments and how they affect the schools, impact fees, school finances, enrollment decreases, and stressed the need for Mixed Use developments.

Alex Binanti, Executive Director-Business Improvement District; spoke on community growth and talent acquisition, workforce housing funds and initiatives, and proposed that the City needs a Housing Commission.

Parking Ad Hoc Committee Report-Mayor Klein
Sherri Ames spoke in the Mayor's Absence. The Parking Committee will be holding its last meeting this week, and will summarize and finalize findings and suggestions into a final report that will be presented to the Council soon.

Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee Report-Mayor Klein
Paula Porubcan spoke in Mayor Klein's absence. The Committee will be presenting Vision Statements and Objectives at the next Council meeting. Task groups are being assigned to delve into the feasibility of different potential uses, with a possible timeline of 6 weeks of research.
Questions followed between the Committee and Ms Porubcan regarding the different ideas for potential uses.

Presentation and Discussion/Recommendation regarding Historic Preservation Ordinance: Jason Tish, State Historical Society
Jason Tish from the WI Historical Society gave a presentation regarding Historic Preservation Ordinances and the Certified Local Government Program within the National Parks service.

General questions between the Committee and Mr. Tish followed regarding the specifics of grant applications, ordinance changes, the Certified Local Government planning grant, and other available register designations.

Presentation by Paul Stormberg, Gygap Memorial Fund, regarding Gygap initiatives

Paul Stormberg President of the Gygap Memorial Fund gave a presentation regarding the Gygap Memorial Fund initiatives.

Discussion and questions between the Committee and Mr Stormberg followed regarding specifics of the monument and other initiatives. Full details can be found on the Gygap Memorial Fund's website

www.gygaxmemorialfund.org.

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-Chair Howell

Aldersperson Howell gave an update regarding recent Committee action including bills payment, event permits, and the budget timeline.

Committee members requested items on future agendas pertaining to the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, the Historic Preservation Ordinance, and moving location of the 30mph speed limit on Edwards Blvd south past Bloomfield Rd.

Personnel Committee-Chair Dunn

Aldersperson Dunn gave a report on recent activity, including establishing a parks department and the employee evaluation form modifications.

Clarification is requested and discussed regarding the route of the parks manager/director position.

Public Works Committee-Chair Straube

Aldersperson Straube gave an update regarding not continuing with the TAP Grant, and the safety of the intersection of North and Center St.

Discussion followed between Committee members on the specifics of the TAP Grant, the Hwy 50 construction project, construction project reports on the website, the sidewalk section from Park Dr to Townline, and pedestrian safety at Sheridan Springs & Center St intersection regarding sidewalks and crosswalks.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Yunker

Aldersperson Esposito spoke on recent committee activity including the approval of the aerators at the Riviera and the Kayak launch fee.

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-Frame and Howell

No report given.

Tree Board-Esposito

Aldersperson Esposito spoke on the damage to the trees on Main Street, the idea of switching to larger trees, and spraying for gypsy moths.

Discussion followed regarding gypsy moth mitigation via wrapping tree trunks instead of spraying.

Police and Fire Commission-Yunker

Aldersperson Yunker was absent, Aldersperson Fesenmaier announced that the neighborhood watch teams are being formed and the Police Department will provide training and more information.

Plan Commission-Yunker

Alderson Yunker absent, no report given.

General discussion between Committee members followed regarding the proposed development near Lake Shore and Somerset Drives.

Board of Park Commissioners-Frame

Alderson Frame gave an update on recent Board discussions regarding the Gygax Memorial Fund initiatives and the park manager position.

Discussion followed regarding the use of park impact fees.

Library Board-Fesenmaier

Alderson Fesenmaier reported on the possibility of a Book Bike, Library strategic planning, Library newsletter, and the Badger Talks program for dementia communication strategies that will take place on August 29th.

Historic Preservation Commission-Dunn

Alderson Dunn spoke regarding the Certified Local Government status and the Historic Preservation Ordinance changes.

Avian Committee-Yager

Alderson Yager spoke about the details of the Swift Night Out event planned for September 7th.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Howell

Alderson Howell expressed interest in seeing the Donald Driver commercials.

Alderson Fesenmaier spoke about the policy for waiving fees for parking and the Riviera, and complimented the reports included in the packets for the Tourism Commission meetings.

Cemetery Board-Fesenmaier

No report given.

REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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*No meeting or materials posted on the City website.

*VISIT Lake Geneva-Yager

Alderson Yager reported on the Donald Driver commercial.

*Geneva Lake Museum-Dunn

Alderson Dunn reported on the progress of the Gary Gygax and barbershop exhibits and Museum attendance.

*Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Howell and Yager

Alderson Yager reported that the Tennis Club is adding a pickleball court building.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Dunn

Alderson Dunn spoke about the aerator near the beach, pollution by BigFoot Beach, and local citations for invasive species on water craft.

*Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Straube

Alderson Straube announced the next meeting is this week.

General Discussion followed regarding the YMCA survey.

*Geneva Lake Use-Esposito

Committee has not met, no report given.

Business Improvement District-Straube

Alderperson Straube reported on the Tourism Grant application for Oktoberfest and other planning details, workforce development with local schools, and school enrollment issues.

Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency-Mayor Klein

Mayor Klein was absent, no report given.

Adjournment

Motion by Yager to adjourn, second by Frame.

No discussion.

Motion carried 7-0.

The Committee adjourned at 7:36 pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee.

Vanessa Jahns

Deputy Clerk