

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA FINANCE, LICENSING, AND REGULATION
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023 - 4:30 PM

LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Committee Members: Chairperson Ken Howell, Alderpersons: Joan Yunker, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Cindy Yager, and Tim Dunn

Call to Order by Chairperson Howell

Chairperson Howell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Howell, Fesenmaier, Yunker, and Dunn

Absent: Yager (excused)

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda

Peg Esposito; 124 Darwin St; Spoke in favor of the proposed Historical Preservation ordinance in the packet. Spoke in favor of the volunteer form being approved. Asked that someone with a disability review the Riviera Beach ADA compliance project prior to work being completed.

Ken Etten; 1109 Wisconsin St; Spoke in favor of the proposed Historical Preservation ordinance in the packet. Denise Scheur; 701 Joshua Ln; Spoke in opposition to the Short Term Rentals being allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Penny Fro; 736 Andria St; Spoke in opposition to the Short Term Rentals being allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Hannah Rusch; 729 Joshua Ln ; Spoke in opposition to the Short Term Rentals being allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Sue Glomski; 741 Joshua Ln; Spoke in opposition to the Short Term Rentals being allowed in residential neighborhoods.

Harold Johnson; 315 Haskins St; Spoke in favor of the approval of the Tier I Event permit application for the Dragon Days Festival.

Approval of the August 1, 2023 Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee minutes as prepared and distributed

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Fesenmaier. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Fesenmaier to move up agenda item: Discussion/Recommendation regarding reducing the speed limit on Edwards Blvd, south of the Bloomfield Road Intersection, to 30 mph, second by Howell. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding reducing the speed limit on Edwards Blvd, south of the Bloomfield Road Intersection, to 30 mph

Lt. Way noted that the police are completely in favor of this change and that it would require a letter of support to be sent to the County.

Motion by Yunker to reduce the speed limit and the City Administrator send the support letter, for the speed reduction second by Fesenmaier. Motion carried 4-0.

Licenses & Permits

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a Taxi Company License Application filed by Cruzin Transportation LLC, Cynthia Hansen, Agent for the term to expire June 30, 2024

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Dunn. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a Tier I Event Permit application filed by Gygax Memorial Fund for the event of Dragon Days Festival of Fantasy to take place October 13, 2023 through October 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m to

6:00 p.m daily, located in Library Park

Motion by Dunn to approve, second by Fesenmaier.

Motion by Howell to suspend the rules to have Harold Johnson to address the committee, second by Dunn. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Johnson stated that most of the event will take place in Library Park with some events occurring in private businesses/locations. Johnson stated that the event will not interfere the already approved Homecoming parade.

Motion to approve carried 4-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding **Ordinance 23-08** an ordinance amending Chapter 34, Historic Preservation, of the City of Lake Geneva Municipal Code

Motion by Dunn to approve, second by Yunker.

Motion by Howell to suspend the rules to allow the Historic Preservation Commission to address the committee, second by Fesenmaier. Motion carried 4-0.

Chris Brookes with the Historic Preservation Commission addressed the committee regarding the proposed changes to the ordinance. She explained that this had been discussed by the commission for some time and would add the capabilities to designate homes as landmarks. These changes would also allow the commission to apply for grants as necessary.

Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Task Order #29 by Kapur Engineering for design, management, and assessment of new sidewalk along Lake Geneva Blvd. and Edwards Blvd. as requested by the Public Works Committee

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Fesenmaier.

Naomi Rausch addressed the committee regarding the task order and explained that this would fill in the gaps of the sidewalks on Lake Geneva Blvd as well as Edwards Blvd. Rausch explained that construction would more than likely be completed in the Spring 2024.

Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding options for the Lake Geneva Riviera/Beach ADA Access Project

City Administrator Nord stated that the task order for this had already approved, but that there had been two options to be considered. The task order would include a rendering of the options in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

Concerns were mentioned about the rendering not depicting what is being sought, including slopes and grades.

Fesenmaier stated that there have been concerns that ADA-compliant is not necessarily accessible.

Motion by Fesenmaier to continue to the next FLR meeting, second by Dunn. Howell stated that he doesn't want to spend the money on something that won't be able to answer those questions.

Motion to continue carried 4-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Short Term Rental code Enforcement and possible ordinance changes

Fesenmaier stated that this issue had come before the Committee of the Whole and that it was brought on by the state. She referenced that the City of Madison passed an ordinance that would require a host to be onsite to be able to rent.

Howell stated that the problem has always been enforcement on this issue. Attorney Draper will be meeting with the City of Madison to learn their program.

Motion by Fesenmaier to refer to the City Administrator and Staff to review the ordinance for changes, and to include Fesenmaier and Howell for the discussion, second by Dunn.

Dunn questioned the cost of the enforcement and wondered why the cost to run these rentals was changed from \$2,000 to \$400. Yunker added that the citizens need to contact their legislators as well.

Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the City of Lake Geneva Volunteer Liability Waiver form

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Fesenmaier. Fesenmaier questioned the timeline of the volunteer form and if someone would need to complete one each time they wish to volunteer. Motion carried 4-0.

Presentation of Accounts

Pre-paid Check Report: \$58,817.23

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Dunn. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Regular Check Report: \$188,977.51

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Dunn. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Yunker to adjourn, second by Dunn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.