

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Mayor Charlene Klein, Council President, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Council Vice President, Cindy Yager, Alderpersons: Tim Dunn, Peg Esposito, Linda Frame, Ken Howell, Shari Straube, and Joan Yunker

Mayor Klein call the meeting to order
Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Ald. Frame
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Roll Call
Present: Fesenmaier, Yager, Dunn, Esposito, Frame, Howell, Straube, Yunker
Absent: none

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements
None

Re-consider business from previous meeting
None

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes
Mayor Klein announced that the YMCA would like to postpone item 15 for further consideration.

Bill Henry, Kehoe, Henry, & Associates; spoke in support of items 16f and 16i, encouraging the Council to support both items.

Steve Schroeder, 7057 Bay Rd, Delavan, owner Lake City Social, Lake Geneva Jaycees; spoke to agenda item 16a, and asked the Council to approve option 4, no fees for non-profits.

Alexandria Binanti; Lake Geneva Business Improvement District; spoke on item 16a, encouraged considering a flat rate fee that is attainable and able to be planned for.

John Trione, 311 S Wells, VISIT Lake Geneva; spoke on agenda item 16a, and asked the Council to waive fees for non-profits.

Jim Straus, N1517 Meadowridge Cir; spoke in opposition to agenda item 15.

Janet Happ, Geneva Lake Conservancy; spoke in opposition to agenda item 15.

Leigh Ann Meyers, 420 S Lake Shore Dr, Kisses from Keegan; spoke to agenda item 16a and asked the Council to waive fees for non-profits.

Sean Payne, Clearwater Outdoor; spoke to item 16a, and asked the Council to waive fees for non-profits.

Sherri Ames, 603 Center St; apologized to Alderman Straube for comments made at the most recent Committee of the Whole meeting, and spoke to agenda item 16a, and asked the Council to waive fees for the City. She also spoke to item 16f, encouraging working with the state.

Ryan Laash, N1643 Center Dr, Genoa City; spoke to item 16a, and asked the Council to waive fees for non-profits.

Cathy Stoodley, 919 Carey St; spoke to item 16a, and asked the Council to waived fees for non-profits.

Nancy Douglass, general manager WLKG 96.1; spoke to item 16a, and thanked alderman Mary Jo for tabling the item at the last meeting. She asked the Council to grandfather in the existing events or waive all fees for non-profits.

Doug Bartz, 1150 Park Dr; spoke to item 16a, and requested the Council waive fees for non-profits.

Jeanne Sezane, W1383 Alley Blvd, Pell Lake; co-founder of Pell Lake Food Pantry; spoke to option 16a, and requested the Council waive fees for non-profits.

Matt Steinbrink, N3298 Cherry Rd, Lake Como; spoke to agenda item 16a, and asked the Council to waive fees for non-profits.

Jim Gaugert, N3121 Center St, YMCA; spoke to item 16a in support of local non-profits, and item 15, and explained the postponement of the letter of intent is due to respecting wishes that the City wait for the Ad Hoc Committee to finish their review.

Nate Love, W3246 McDonald Rd; spoke to item 16a and asked the Council to waive fees for non-profits.

Ryan Boyle, 1244 S Lakeshore, Fontana, Jaycees; spoke to item 16a, and asked the Council to waive fees for non-profits.

Maureen Marks, 834 Dodge St; spoke in opposition to item 15.

Sarah McConnell, 21 Lakeview; spoke to item 16a, and asked the City to waive fees for non-profits.

Steve Loyce, 203 S Wells St, YMCA; spoke to item 15, and respectfully postponed consideration of their letter of intent, and asked the City to act with purpose, resolve, and respect. He also spoke to item 16a, and asked the Council to waive fees for non-profits.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

Items were received of Anthony DeStefano, Cathy Pomaranski, and Mayor Charlene Klein Chair of the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee, speaking in opposition of the Geneva Lakes YMCA moving to the Hillmoor Property. All items were sent to the members of the Common Council and the City Leadership Team.

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of November 27, 2023 as prepared and distributed

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Straube.

Esposito requests that the record of the vote to approve be included on page 3 for the Police contracts.

Motion carried 8-0.

CONSENT AGENDA– Any item listed on the consent agenda may be removed at the request of any member of the Council. The request requires no second, is not discussed, and is not voted upon.

Tier II Event Permit Application filed by VISIT Lake Geneva for the event of Lake Geneva Winterfest & U.S. National Snow Sculpting Championship, to take place on January 31, 2024 through February 4, 2024, located at the Riviera, Driehaus Plaza, Riviera Beach, Flat Iron park, Wigley Drive (Broad & Center Streets)

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Straube.

No discussion.

Motion carried 8-0.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 23-R55** a resolution authorizing acceptance of dedication of road, rights-of-way, and public improvements shown on the existing plat for Symphony Bay Development for Phase III

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Frame.
No discussion.
Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 23-R56** a resolution proclaiming Saturday, May 11, 2024 as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Lake Geneva

Motion by Frame to approve, second by Yager.
No discussion.
Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 23-R57** a resolution appointing City of Lake Geneva Election Inspectors for the Election term of 2024-2025

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.
No discussion.
Motion carried 7-1 with Fesenmaier voting no.

Discussion/Action regarding approval and adoption of the Walworth County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for 2022-2026

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.
No discussion.
Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding YMCA Letter of Intent to purchase a portion of the Hillmoor Property

Mayor Klein noted that the YMCA requested this item be removed from the agenda.
Fesenmaier requested procedural clarification on the different terms, postpone, table, or continue.
City Attorney Draper offered clarification on the different postponement options available to the Council.
Motion by Fesenmaier to continue to the last Council meeting in January 2024, second by Straube.
General discussion and apologies offered regarding the YMCA proposal and its consideration by the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee. Requests were made by multiple Alders that the three Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee members assigned to the research team not already have opinions on the YMCA project and that they be open-minded and unbiased.
Further discussion followed on the makeup of the Ad Hoc Committee members and the processes of the research gathering groups.
Motion carried 8-0.

Recommendation of the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee- Ald. Howell

Discussion/Action regarding updated fees related to special events (*Continued from the November 27, 2023 Common Council meeting*)

Motion by Yunker to waive parking and event permit fees for City of Lake Geneva based non-profits, second by Straube.
Fesenmaier noted the need for a set policy, stated her support for option 4 in Chart 2 pertaining to non-profits, and stated the need to address Chart 1 regarding fees for individuals and businesses.
Frame expressed support for option 4 in Chart 2 pertaining to non-profits, and thanked the non-profit representatives present.
Clarification requested on Shelter Reservation Facilities listed, and on option 4 in Chart 2 regarding limitation of waivers and discounts to the 53147 zip code.
Deputy Clerk Jahns offered clarification regarding the listed facilities and on proposed fees set forth in option 4 of Chart 2 pertaining to restriction of fee waivers to the 53147 zip code, stating that the stipulation applies to Private Events, not Public Events.
Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.
Motion by Fesenmaier to approve proposed fees from Chart 1 for individuals and businesses for private and public events, second by Yager.
Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action regarding an Original Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class C" Wine license application filed by Medusa Grill & Bistro LLC d/b/a Medusa Gelato, Gregory Anagnos, Agent, located at 272

Broad St, Unit A, Lake Geneva, WI

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

No discussion.

Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding increasing the outside catering fee for Riviera Ballroom Events

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

No discussion.

Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding the Complimentary Riviera Ballroom Event Request form

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Fesenmaier.

Fesenmaier noted this was raised by the Tourism Commission, and addresses the issue of Council being able to approve waiver of Riviera rental fees.

Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding awarding Riviera Concourse Space "M" lease to Cathy Griffith and Paul Ochalek, d/b/a Geneva Lake Mini Donut Company

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Frame.

No discussion.

Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding WisDOT Proposal for Center Turn Lane on Main St Between Edwards and Curtis Street

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Straube.

Fesenmaier requests clarification on cost responsibility and notes that the proposal originated from the City and Public Works, and is not a WisDOT proposal.

Motion by Fesenmaier to continue to one of the Council meetings in January 2024, second by Esposito.

Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding Pay Request #2 filed by Wolf Paving Co, Inc for work completed on the 2023 Lake Geneva Street Program in an amount not to exceed \$202,983.21

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Straube.

Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action regarding Pay Request #5 filed by Asphalt Contractors via MSA Professional Services Inc, for work completed on the 2023 Marianne Terrace and Pine Tree Lane Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$14,521.44

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

No discussion.

Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action regarding City cost share of 25% to conduct a study for a possible placement of a traffic signal on Main St, between Wells St and Edwards Blvd

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

Motion by Fesenmaier to continue to the same meeting in January 2024 as item 16f, second by Esposito.

Discussion followed on a number of topics regarding the study including public safety concerns, the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee review, DOT presence at a meeting to address questions, as well as clarification regarding cost responsibility of the City and possible locations for the signal.

Howell clarified the DOT is not going to discuss traffic in the area until this study is done.

Motion to continue fails 2-6 on a roll call vote with Yunker, Dunn, Yager, Straube, Frame, and Howell voting no.

Original motion passes 6-2 on a roll call vote with Esposito and Fesenmaier voting no.

Discussion/Acceptance of the Prepaid and Regular Check reports approved by the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee on December 5, 2023

Motion by Howell to accept, second by Yunker.

No discussion.
Motion carried 8-0.

Mayoral Appointments

Confirming the appointment of Julie Mulligan to the Board of Park Commissioners with a term to expire May 1, 2026 and Rachel Allen to the Board of Park Commissioners with a term to expire May 1, 2024

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

Discussion followed on the applications received and qualifications of the different applicants.

Motion carried 8-0.

Confirming the appointments to the Downtown Business Improvement District with terms to expire on January 1, 2026 of Spyro Condos, Beth Tumas, Anthony Silvestri, and Angela Carlson

Motion by Straube to approve, second by Frame.

No discussion.

Motion carried 8-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Esposito to adjourn, second by Yager

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approve by the Common Council.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy Clerk