

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Alderperson Dunn

Roll Call

Present: Fesenmaier, Yager, Dunn, Esposito, Frame, **Straube (arrived at 6:18pm)**

Absent: Howell (excused), **Straube**, and Yunker

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from November 6, 2023, as prepared and distributed
Motion by Frame to approve, second by Esposito. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

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.

Mark Roads; N3319 State Rd 67; Spoke in favor of the YMCA purchasing land within Hillmoor for a new YMCA facility.

Clancy Green; 1303 Links Rd; Authored the Letter of Intent for the YMCA to purchase land within Hillmoor and offered some clarification to the letter.

Jim Gogert; N3121 Center St; Congratulated Badger High School on their recent State Championship Football win. Spoke in favor of the YMCA purchasing land within Hillmoor for a new YMCA facility.

Sherri Ames; 603 Center St; Congratulated an unnamed swimmer for their State Championship win. Spoke in regard to her disappointment with the absence of the District #1 Alderpersons. She spoke in opposition to Mr. Earle's comments regarding leaf pickup. She also spoke in opposition to the short-term rental software discussion being delayed. She questioned why the ideas and initiatives of the Parking Ad Hoc Committee were never brought to the Common Council for a vote.

Steve Weiss; 546 Pheasant Ridge Ave; Spoke in favor of the YMCA purchasing land within Hillmoor for a new YMCA facility.

Brigitte Kutschma; N2239 Wilmot Blvd; Spoke in favor of the YMCA purchasing land within Hillmoor for a new YMCA facility. She spoke about the outlet and sense of community that the YMCA offers to people with different cultural backgrounds and ethnicities.

Straube joined the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

David Quickel; 424 Country Club Dr; Spoke in favor of the YMCA purchasing land within Hillmoor for a new YMCA facility.

Fred Gahl; 661 S Lakeshore Dr; Spoke in opposition of the YMCA purchasing land within Hillmoor for a new YMCA facility, as it was originally presented to the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee. He added that selling the Hillmoor land would be a disservice to the City of Lake Geneva and its residents.

Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee Report-Mayor Klein

Mayor Klein presented to the Committee of the Whole the most recent work of the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee. She noted that this group has had many conversations about how the property should be used, many of them based on community input. She explained that many groups have given presentations for use of the space and that recently an archaeological grant was applied for. Esposito encouraged the Mayor to continue exploration of the

Knowles-Nelson grant for the property. She would like to have the opportunity to review the application before it submitted. No action taken.

Presentation regarding Winter Public Works Program; Tom Earle, Director of Public Works
Public Works Director Tom Earle

Presentation from Lake Geneva Public Library; Emily Kornak, Executive Director

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

Fesenmaier: recommendation to purchase Avenu software
approved a task order for the traffic control on Center St

Personnel Committee-Chair Dunn

Dunn noted that the committee has not met, but will be potentially meeting in January 2024. Esposito mentioned that the Parks Superintendent was officially hired as of today. No action taken.

Public Works Committee-Chair Straube

Straube explained that the committee did meet last month, but that December's meeting will more than likely be canceled. She added the committee explored adding a center turn lane on Highway 50. The committee also discussed a possible signal at Townline Rd/Edwards Blvd. Fesenmaier asked that the letter to the WI DOT concerning the speed reduction to that intersection status be explored. No action taken.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Yunker

Alderperson Yunker was asked if she wished to approach the podium to give her report.
Alderperson Fesenmaier restated Yunker's response that she had no report.
No report given.

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

Tree Board-Esposito

Esposito stated that the Council did approve the materials for the Spongy Month Eradication issue. They are also working on the tree rings for the downtown trees. No action taken.

Police and Fire Commission-Yunker

Yunker stated that the parade went fine and the meeting is on Thursday. No action taken.

Plan Commission-Yunker

Board of Park Commissioners-Frame

Frame noted that the Park Board met last week to discuss the use of park impact fees. They also discussed the new Park Superintendent position and reiterated that the position has been filled. Frame added that there was a discussion regarding the current park rules, more specific to the Hillmoor property. No action taken.

Library Board-Fesenmaier

Fesenmaier noted that most of her report was covered during the Library presentation. No action taken.

Historic Preservation Commission-Dunn

Avian Committee-Yager

Yager stated that the committee is working towards their grants for 2024 and the Bird City application. They have their tree at the museum up and to go explore it. No action taken.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Howell

Cemetery Board-Fesenmaier

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.

*No meeting or materials posted on the City website.

*VISIT Lake Geneva-Yager

Yager stated that there is not too much to report other than they keep accepting new partners. They are currently in negotiations with the Tourism Commission concerning their contract.

*Geneva Lake Museum-Dunn

Dunn stated that the Parade of Trees is up at the museum and goes until the first week of January, 2024. He encouraged everyone to visit to enjoy the spectacular. The museum continues to work on indoor accessibility to the second floor, as the only current path is outdoors. He noted that there continues to be work done for the exhibit for Dungeons & Dragons and hopes that Gary-Con will bring more guests to the museum. No action taken.

*Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Howell and Yager

Yager noted there was not a meeting held. No action taken.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Dunn

Dunn stated that the agency will need to move physical locations, as their lease is ending. There will not be a meeting in December 2023. No action taken.

*Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Straube

Straube explained that the YMCA auction will be February 17, 2024 and the theme is Via Lake Geneva. They recently purchased the Montessori school and hired a new pre-school director. No action taken.

*Geneva Lake Use-Esposito

No report given.

Business Improvement District-Straube

Straube stated that Oktoberfest and Fall Wine Walk were great successes. Two new BID members were approved by the board, but still need Council approval. No action taken.

Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency-Mayor Klein

Mayor Klein stated that they have not met, but will be meeting next week with the

Adjournment

Motion by Frame to adjourn, second by Yager. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.