CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members:
Mayor Todd Krause, Council President, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Council Vice President, Cindy Yager, Alderpersons: Sherri Ames, Peg Esposito, Linda Frame, Joel Hoiland, Ken Howell, and Shari Straube.

Mayor Krause called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Alderperson Howell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Present: Ames, Esposito, Fesenmaier, Frame, Hoiland, Howell, Straube, and Yager.
Absent: None

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements
2024 Poppy Month Proclamation; Mayor Krause read the 2024 Poppy Month Proclamation. Eiley Schultz, junior member of the American Auxiliary Unit 24 in Lake Geneva addressed the Council on the history of the Poppy and how revenues from donations go to assist veterans who need help.

Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process Announcement.
Attorney Draper addressed the Council explaining the purpose of the Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process and outlined the upcoming process.

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

Bill Huntress, 1215 Pleasant Street, Lake Geneva spoke against agenda item 13.

Sharon Larson, resident of Symphony Bay, spoke against agenda item 13 and her grievances against the developer involved.

Kathy Ronji, 402 Cadence Circle, Lake Geneva, spoke in favor of agenda item 13 to avoid development under Town of Bloomfield jurisdiction.

Anthony LaPort, resident of Symphony Bay, spoke in favor of agenda item 13 and expressed concern over lack of communication with area residents by the developer.

Judy Derra, 414 Gallant Drive, spoke in support of agenda item 13 to avoid development under Town of Bloomfield jurisdiction.

Bill Meyerhofer, N2394 North Road, Bloomfield Township spoke concerning agenda item 13.Expressing concern over entrances / exists being placed on North Road, and request they be relocated to Bloomfield and /or Townline Road. Also requesting a six-foot-high berm be installed on the east side of the Symphony Bay subdivision along North Road.

Jack Clauserman, 304 Rosini Drive, Lake Geneva spoke in support of agenda item13.

Tom Hager, 204 Cappella Way, Lake Geneva spoke in support of agenda item 13.

Cheryl Borowiec, 421 Lauren Drive, Lake Geneva spoke in support of agenda item 13.

Pete Peterson, 1601 Evergreen Lane, spoke against agenda item 13 and expressed his support for the dissolution of the Hillmoor Ad hoc committee.

Fred Gahl, 661 S. Lakeshore Drive addressed the Council requesting that the dissolution of the Hillmoor Ad hoc Committee be postponed until August when the committee is set to expire.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

City Administrator Nord reported the City Clerk received a total of five pieces of correspondence, all related to Symphony Bay Phase 8. The City Clerk has forwarded all correspondence received to the Mayor and City Council.

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of April 22, 2024, as prepared and distributed

Hoiland moved to approve. Second by Frame. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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.

Public Event & Street Use/Closure Permit filed by Badger High School for the event of Badger High School Graduation Ceremony to take place on June 9, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., located on Wells St between South St and Highway 120

Public Event Permit with Street Use filed St. Francis de Sales Parish School for the event of Roadrunner 5K to take place on May 25, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, located on various City streets

Motion by Howell to approve the consent agenda. Second by Frame. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda.
None.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R39 a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of $8,960,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes Series 2024A.

Motion by Ames to suspend the rules to allow Joe Murray of Ehlers to address the Council. Second by Hoiland. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Murray stated that six bids were received with an interest rate significantly lower than was expected. As a result, the total amount of the issuance has been reduced from $8,960,000 to $8,845,000. This will result in a savings of debt service of over $1,000,000.
After additional discussion, Motion by Howell to approve Resolution 24-R39 with an amended amount of $8,845,000. Second by Frame, Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R38 a resolution dissolving the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee
Motion by Frame to approve. Second by Ames Mayor Krause stated his intention to create a permanent, standing committee to address Hillmoor in the next few months. General discussion among the Council members. Mayor Krause stated that Hillmoor will open this coming Saturday at 10am after a brief ceremony with a walking tour afterwards (weather permitting). Motion carried by majority voice vote with Howell voting no.

Discussion/Action regarding referral to the Plan Commission of an Annexation Petition filed by Bloomfield Holdings LLC and Pre-annexation and Development Agreement for a parcel of land identified as Tax key # MB 500003 for recommendation and assignment of temporary zoning
Motion by Hoiland to approve. Second by Frame. Extensive discussion among the Council members. Alder Fesenmaier outlined a list of topics she would like addressed by the Planning Commission. Alder Yager stated topics she would like addressed as well. Attorney Draper stated this is a motion to refer the topic to the Planning Commission and that a public hearing for the property would be held at a later date. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R34 a resolution authorizing carryover of Lakefront Fund budget amounts from 2023 to 2024
Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Hoiland. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R35 a resolution authorizing carryover of General Fund budget amounts from 2023 to 2024
Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Frame. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R37 a preliminary resolution declaring intent to exercise Special Assessment Powers for the City of Lake Geneva 2024 Street Improvement Project
Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Hoiland. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action for approval of the Lagoon Seawall Repairs construction contract to CK Contractors
Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Frame. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding the bid approval and recommendation for 2024 Street Paving Program to Wolf Paving Co Inc
Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Straube. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action authorizing the City of Lake Geneva Comptroller/Finance Director as the signor to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office
Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Yager. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding the revised and updated Cemetery Rules and Regulations
Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Frame. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding the Veteran's Park Programming Agreement with the Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, Inc
Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Straube. Some discussion among the Council members noting that the Park Board had approved a two-year agreement. Mayor Krause stated that YMCA had been contacted about the change and expressed no issue with a one-year contract. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Acceptance of the pre-paid and regular bill reports approved by the Finance, License, and Regulation on May 7, 2024.
Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Ames. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Recommendation of Plan Commission- Ald. Esposito

Discussion/Action regarding a General Development Plan (GDP) of a proposed development by Geneva Square – GS Out lot 3, LL.2737 Central Street, Evanston. IL 60201 for the property currently located on the Geneva Square Property zoned Planned Development (PD) at 80 East Geneva Square Tax Key No. ZYUP00137C1

Motion by Hoiland to approve. Second by Esposito. General discussion was held. Hoiland provided an overview of the proposed development. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. State. 19.85(1)(c)for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility regarding: City Clerk

At 7:17 p.m. Motion by Hoiland to go into closed session with the addition of the City Administrator, City Attorney, and the Comptroller. Second by Frame. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to return to open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(2) and take action on any items discussed in closed session

At 7:28 p.m., Motion by Howell to return to open session. Second by Frame. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

At 7:29 p.m. Yager moved to adjourn. Second by Howell. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

David Nord
City Administrator