

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
October 24, 2022
6:12 p.m.

Mr. Butera opened the Council Meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Roll Call – Mario Butera, Philip Cordova, Robert Rosebrugh, Jeffrey Griffiths, William Baker, James Baehr, and John Barbo

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Clerk of Council, Phyllis Dunlap.

Motion was made by James Baehr to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 council meeting, seconded by John Barbo. Roll call, 4 yeas, (Butera, Rosebrugh, Baehr, Barbo), 3 abstentions (Cordova, Griffiths, Baker). Motion duly passed.

Presentation – Cassandra Clevenger, Power a Clean Future Ohio

Ms. Cassandra Clevenger is the Deputy Director of the non-profit, Power a Clean Future Ohio, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The non-profit was launched in February of 2020. It is free to join and access resources. In order to join, Council will need to pass a resolution as an official commitment to reducing greenhouse gases. Climate change is costing money; an increase of \$1.8 billion to \$5.9 billion in municipal spending due to climate change. Challenges include air conditioning, cooling centers, road repair, drinking water treatment, storm recovery, power lines and storm management. Ms. Clevenger went over resources available to municipalities that join.

Mr. Butera referred the Resolution to the Planning Committee. John Barbo, Chair will schedule.

Citizens – None.

City Manager Report:

Mr. Varquette reviewed the Revenue and Expenses Snapshot for September.

West Main Street – no bids were received at the second bid opening. After the first bid, the City reached out to contactors. The City has again reached out to contractors. Supply chain issues, commodity pricing, size and length of the project, ongoing economic volatility and labor issues were all cited as reasons contractors could not bid within the engineer’s estimated cost. The City is evaluating. Contractors indicated that they are bidding on other projects a second and third time. Timing and the economy are factors. The City may hold off and see what is happening in the spring.

The Pleasant Ave widening project has continually dealt with materials issues. Supplies have started to come in. The project is expected to be completed within the next two weeks.

Mr. Varcquette will be meeting with the Project Manager on the Gardiner Project this Thursday to walk through the process.

The Planning Commission is holding a work session on the Zoning Code Update on October 31st.

The City is submitted a Coastal Management Assistance Grant for the Storm Water Study estimated at \$50,000. The City share if funded would be 50% or \$25,000. The original deadline for the pre-application was October 16th. It has been extended to November.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Items for Consideration of Council:

Ordinance No. 3314. An Ordinance to Amend the 2022 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, Attached Hereto and Marked Exhibit “A,” and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Jeffrey Griffiths, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3314 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Motion by William Baker to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3314 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Ordinance No. 3314 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3552. A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Third Reading. Motion by James Baehr to declare and pass Resolution No. 3552 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo).

Resolution No. 3553. A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of “Then and Now” Certificates by the Interim Director of Finance for Purchases, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by John Barbo, seconded by James Baehr that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3553 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo). Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Resolution No. 3553 as an emergency measure, seconded by John Barbo. Roll call, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Resolution No. 3553 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3554. A Resolution Authorizing Consent for the City Of Geneva to Participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Bridge Inspection Program, Authorizing the City Manager to Provide Written Authorization to the Director of Transportation, and declaring an emergency

Motion by William Baker, seconded by James Baehr that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3554 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo). Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Resolution No. 3554 as an emergency measure, seconded by James Baehr. Roll call, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Resolution No. 3554 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3555. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with the Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners for Non-emergency and Emergency Shared Services, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by James Baehr, seconded by John Barbo that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3555 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo). Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Resolution No. 3555 as an emergency measure, seconded by Jeffrey Griffiths. Roll call, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Resolution No. 3555 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3556. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with the Huntington National Bank for Financing of the Gardiner Conservation Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Jeffrey Griffiths, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3556 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo), 1 nay (Rosebrugh). Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Resolution No. 3556 as an emergency measure, seconded by John Barbo. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo), 1 nay (Rosebrugh). Roll call on passage, 6 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo), 1 nay (Rosebrugh). Resolution No. 3556 duly passed.

Unfinished Business:

Centennial Street is high on the list to pave next year if there are funds.

New Business:

Mr. Barbo – A Planning Committee meeting will be held on November 14, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. to discuss Power a Clean Future Ohio Resolution.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports:

Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

Sustainability Commission meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Citizen:

Gary Hayes
WKKY

WKKY has been in the City twenty-two years. WKKY is trying to get the tower built or they will need to move.

Mr. Pasqualone stated that he has prepared a Resolution to be approved by Council. The City still needs to do a public hearing before the next meeting.

Philip Cordova made a motion to approve an executive session to discuss personnel, the employment of a public employee, at 7:04 p.m. John Barbo seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Motion duly passed.

Jeffrey Griffiths made a motion to reconvene at 7:35 p.m. John Barbo seconded. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas (Butera, Cordova, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Motion duly passed.

William Baker made a motion to adjourn.

James Baehr seconded the motion

Council meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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