

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
December 12, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Mr. Butera opened the Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Philip Cordova

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

Motion was made by Jeffrey Griffiths to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2022 council meeting, seconded by John Barbo. Roll call, 6 yeas, (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo). Motion duly passed.

Presentation – None.

Citizens - None.

City Manager Report:

The City welcomes back Ms. Myke Dowd as the new full-time Recreation Coordinator. Myke has previous significant experience in all phases of recreation planning and oversight. Ms. Dowd is working on getting the Bitty Ball Program up and running. The City has added six sign-up sessions to involve as many children as possible.

The intersection widening at Pleasant Ave. and SR 534 continues to have supply chain issues. The contractor has committed to starting in March. The grant requires the project be completed by May.

The 2023 Property and Casualty Insurance renewal quote showed an increase to \$130,700. The City paid \$170,107 in 2021-2022 and \$92,673 in 2020-2021. The City also looked at a Public Employee Pool endorsed by the Ohio Municipal League managed by Callender Insurance Company. The premium quoted for the Public Employee Pool is \$78,398. The City after review will go with the Public Employee Pool.

The asbestos survey for the Benson Property has been completed and the demolition can move forward in the spring.

An investor in town has shown an interest in acquiring the Warner building. The City plans to meet with the investor to review the city's proposed terms of agreement for acquisition and renovation of the property.

The City's Ohio Coastal Management Assistance Grant (CMAG) application for a Comprehensive Storm Water Study is due at the end of the week. The estimated cost for the study is \$50,000. The City is seeking \$25,000 in grant funding.

Items for Consideration of Council:

Ordinance No. 3316. An Ordinance Amending the Compensation of Officers and Employees of the City of Geneva Effective January 1, 2023 Amending Chapter 250 of the Codified Ordinances, Repealing Ordinance No 3306, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by William Baker to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3316 as an emergency measure, seconded by John Barbo. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Ordinance No. 3316 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3317. Making Appropriations for Current Expenses of the City of Geneva, State of Ohio, from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Jeffrey Griffiths to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3317 as an emergency measure, seconded by James Baehr. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 7 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Ordinance No. 3317 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3318. An Ordinance Amending Geneva Codified Ordinances Section 1040.09(b) and (c) Rates and Charges for the Geneva Water System, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by William Baker, seconded by Jeffrey Griffiths that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3318 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Motion by John Barbo to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3318 as an emergency measure, seconded by James Baehr. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Ordinance No. 3318 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3319. An Ordinance Amending Geneva Codified Ordinances §1042.325 Rates and Charges for the Geneva Wastewater System, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Robert Rosebrugh, seconded by Jeffrey Griffiths that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3319 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Motion by John Barbo to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3319 as an emergency measure, seconded by William Baker. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Ordinance No. 3319 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3321. An Ordinance to Amend the 2022 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, attached hereto and Marked Exhibit "A", and declaring an emergency.

Motion by William Baker, seconded by James Baehr that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3321 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Motion by James Baehr to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3321 as an emergency measure, seconded by John Barbo. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Roll call on

passage, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Ordinance No. 3321 duly passed.

Resolution No 3560. A Resolution Authorizing the City of Geneva, Ohio to Become a Power A Clean Future Ohio (“PCFO”) Community.

Roll call on passage, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo)

Resolution No. 3561. A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of “Then and Now” Certificates by the Interim Director of Finance for Purchases, 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 3561 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Motion by William Baker to declare and pass Resolution No. 3561 as an emergency measure, seconded by Jeffrey Griffiths. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Resolution No. 3561 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3562. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for an Ohio Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Assistance Grant, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Jeffrey Griffiths, seconded by John Barbo that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3562 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Motion by William Baker to declare and pass Resolution No. 3562 as an emergency measure, seconded by Jeffrey Griffiths. Roll call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Roll call on passage, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo). Resolution No. 3562 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3563. A Resolution to Grant a Bonus to City Manager Joseph A. Varckette for his exemplary performance for 2022 and to declare an emergency.

Motion by Jeffrey Griffiths, seconded by John Barbo that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3563 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas (Butera, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo), 1 nay (Rosebrugh). Motion by Jeffrey Griffiths to declare and pass Resolution No. 3563 as an emergency measure, seconded by James Baehr. Roll call, 5 yeas (Butera, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo), 1 nay (Rosebrugh). Roll call on passage, 5 yeas (Butera, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Barbo), 1 nay (Rosebrugh). Resolution No. 3563 duly passed.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Rosebrugh noted that the previous City Manager created the HR Position with a department heads salary. A work session to discuss the organizational chart and the compensation of offices with the Mr. Varckette was requested.

Mr. Griffiths would like to have a Street Committee meeting to discuss sidewalk funding.

New Business:

Mr. Griffiths met with Yeny Ramos. There is an interest in holding a Puerto Rican Day Festival. Mr. Griffiths would like to put together an advisory board or look to have this topic go to a committee, possibly Service Committee. Ms. Ramos would like to be included.

William Baker made a motion to cancel the December 26, 2022 council meeting due to the Christmas Day holiday. Rosebrugh seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo).

The next Council meeting will be held on January 9, 2023.

Payment of Bills.

Committee Reports:

The last Sustainability and Shade Tree Committee will be held on Monday.

Citizen – None.

Executive Session:

William Baker made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss personnel, the employment of a public employee. John Barbo seconded the motion. Roll Call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo).

William Baker made a motion to reconvene at 6:58 p.m. John Barbo seconded. Roll Call, 6 yeas (Butera, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Barbo).

James Baehr made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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