

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
November 13, 2023 Council Meeting

1. Last Week's Finance Meeting with Council to Review the 2024 Operating Budget: I'd would again like to thank all members of council who participated in the finance meeting last Tuesday, as well as our Finance Director and all Department Heads for their time and effort in getting the 2024 operating budget to its current form. As a result of that discussion with council members, there are a few adjustments I'd like to present for consideration prior to the first reading, which is on tonight's agenda. If without objection, we can add as an addendum to the Ordinance.

2. Fire Services Protection Contract Between Geneva City and Geneva Township: On tonight's agenda is the renewal of the 5-year, Fire Services Protection Contract between the city and Geneva Township. Key points to note, there are no changes in the terms of service for the City or Township in relation to the current contract and under the annual amount, the \$5,000 annual increase is the same increase as was in the current contract. I respectfully request authorization to enter into this contract with the Township.

3. Use of NOPEC Funds for CIC Project: As a follow up to our discussion last month, the CIC purchased a new electric sign at the cost of approximately \$25,000 and has been actively raising money to pay for it. At present, they're still about \$11,100 short of their goal. Because this is a great asset for the city, I'd like to commit \$10,000 of our uncommitted NOPEC funds (of which we have approximately \$27,000 available) to help reduce the CIC's funding gap for this project. As a reminder, these funds are intended to be used for energy efficiency projects and this CIC project qualifies for funding.

4. ODNR (Round 29) NatureWorks Grant Application update: FYI- The application we submitted back in May seeking approximately \$16,000 in funding for bollards and bike racks at Memorial Field has been declined (for the second time). The bollards are needed to keep vehicles off the track, which was paved in 2022. With the need still present, we'll need to find another source of revenue to get this done.

5. Keep Ohio Beautiful Paint Program update: FYI- As you may recall, back in May, we learned that we were successful in getting our Keep Ohio Beautiful Paint Program application funded, which included receiving up to 40 gallons of stain to re-stain our playground at Memorial Field. Thanks to the leadership of our Rec. Coordinator, Myke Dowd, and some very generous employees within the Fire Department, I'm pleased to report that that project has now been completed. If you haven't yet seen it, please go check it out. It looks great!

Additionally, we were also very fortunate to have a local business person donate lights and the labor to install the lights at the playground. As a result of the generosity of Joe Ortiz of American Electric, the playground is now lit up, thus greatly enhancing the safety of all the kids and families utilizing the playground.