

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 5, 2019 – 7:00 PM

Presiding – Ronald Alcock, Mayor

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Hagerman, Clr. Camera, Clr. Marino, Clr. Valentino, Clr. Gramling, Clr. Eddington and Clr. D'Amico (via phone)

2. FOUNDRY UPDATE

I. NYSDEC Neighborhood Remediation Update

Remedial Design

- Continued development of design plans for the block of properties along the south side of Middle Street, east of Wadsworth Street. This included additional sampling and test pit excavation the week of May 20th. Construction is expected to begin on this group of properties in mid to late summer.
- Continued to develop preliminary designs for properties on the east side of Genesee Street and on Genesee Park Place that abut the railroad tracks. The Department anticipates additional sampling will be required this summer.
- Conducted two structural inspections of future remedial construction properties.

Remedial Construction

- Remaining excavation in the rear of 46 and 50 State Street (Geneva Peeps) was completed in May. Restoration activities at these properties occurred throughout May.
- Completed excavation at 110 Exchange Street, the former St. Francis de Sales school building, and parts of 94 Exchange Street (Catholic Charities) and 130-140 Exchange Street (the church and rectory). The remaining excavation and restoration of the properties will occur after completion of activities at the former school building by the Geneva CESF Limited Partnership.
- Excavation and backfill activities began in May and are currently ongoing at the properties in the area bounded by Genesee, Lafayette and John Streets. Performed excavation and backfill on portions of 15 properties in this area through May 24th. The remaining excavation required in this area is expected to be completed in June. Restoration activities are ongoing and will be completed in the coming months.

- Landscaping restoration activities for 2018 construction properties in the areas of Middle/Herbert/Wadsworth Streets and State/Center Streets resumed in May and will continue through June and July.

II. Foundry Remediation

Foundry remediation and restoration is complete. The City is maintaining the grass and trees.

Resident outreach – City of Geneva

Jessica Avila is working with residents throughout the design and construction phases and is available to all residents. She encourages anyone with concerns or ideas to contact her at City Hall on the first floor, at gnrc@geneva.ny.us or 315-759-7354.

Residents waiting for remediation continue to utilize the Friday FoodLink Curbside voucher program for weekly fresh vegetables and fruits. Residents with dogs waiting for remediation can use the Dog Park voucher program by registering at the City Clerk's office at City Hall.

3. APPROVED MINUTES OF MAY 1 AND 7, 2019 MEETINGS

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Eddington; seconded by Clr. Valentino

**MOVED THAT the minutes of the May 1, 2019 Council meeting be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Eddington; seconded by Clr. Valentino

**MOVED THAT the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Council meeting be approved
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Hagerman, Clr. Valentino, Clr. Eddington, Clr. D'Amico,
Clr. Gramling, and Mayor Alcock
Abstain - Clr. Camera and Clr. Marino
MOTION CARRIED**

4. CLAIMS/CORRESPONDENCE

The City Clerk reported there were no claims filed against the City during the month of May 2019.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. DISCUSSION ABOUT 6TH WARD COUNCILOR VACANCY

ACTION TAKEN by Mayor Alcock: seconded by Clr. Eddington

MOVED THAT Council appoint Lisa Salotti to fill the 6th Ward Council vacancy

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Valentino; seconded by Clr. Hagerman

MOVED THAT council table this matter

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Hagerman, Clr. Valentino, Clr. Eddington, Clr. D’Amico,
Clr. Gramling, Clr. Camera and Clr. Marino**

Nay - Mayor Alcock

MOTION CARRIED

7. DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE STREETScape (E. CASTLE ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT PLAN; GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE COSTS; AND BACK-IN PARKING)

8. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 335 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CITY OF GENEVA MUNICIPAL CODE

City Manager Gerling presented the following ordinance for first reading:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York that Chapter 335, entitled “Vehicles & Traffic” of the City of Geneva Municipal Code be amended as follows:

That Section 335.17, entitled “Parking, Standing and Stopping Restrictions” is hereby amended to read as follows:

Highland Avenue:

On the east side:

No parking

On the west side:

No parking from the north curblineline of Castle Street to a point 50 feet northerly

No parking from the south curblineline of West North Street to a point 50 feet southerly

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Eddington: seconded by Clr. Valentino
MOVED THAT this ordinance be approved for first reading
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NEW YORK STATE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

City Manager Gerling presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Geneva City Council supports programs and projects that align with the 2016 City of Geneva Comprehensive, and

WHEREAS, the City intends to apply to New York State for funding under the federal Community Development Block Grant Program in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City may apply for funding for the following programs and activities: Infrastructure, Community Planning, Microenterprise, Housing, Small Business and Economic Development activities; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is held as part of the process to solicit public input with respect to the application and to develop program activities and seeks feedback from the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geneva City Council establishes a public hearing for July 10, 2019 to hear public feedback on the intent to apply to New York State for funding under the federal Community Development Block Grant Program in 2019.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Eddington: seconded by Clr. Valentino
MOVED THAT this resolution be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10. RESOLUTION PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN A LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE ONTARIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FIRING RANGE

City Manager Gerling presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ontario County authorized a contract with T.Y. Lin International Engineering, Architecture & Land Surveying, P.C. to study the current condition of the Sheriff's Office Firing Range develop recommendations for its improvement to meet the training needs of the Ontario County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, The County has budgeted in its Capital Improvement Plan to upgrade its Firing Range located on County Road 48 in the Town of Hopewell to meet the firearm training and qualification needs of the Ontario County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, The firearm training and qualification needs of the City of Geneva's Police Department can be met at said Ontario County Sheriff's Firing Range after it is upgraded as called for in the County's Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, In addition to firearm training and qualification, the use of the Ontario County Sheriff's Firing Range by the Geneva Police Department will provide additional opportunities for collaboration and training with the Ontario County Sheriff's Office and other local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has announced the availability of Local Governmental Efficiency Grants for 2019; and

WHEREAS, these grants provide up to 50% funding for projects at a level of up to \$200,000 per participating municipality; and

WHEREAS, Ontario County has asked the City of Geneva to participate in the Local Government Efficiency Grant as a co-applicant; and

WHEREAS, The City of Geneva owns and operates its own firing range to serve the needs of the City's Police Department; and

WHEREAS, The City of Geneva is interested in closing its firing range, using the County's firing range, and consolidating its firearm training and qualification to the extent practical with the County Sheriff's Office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Geneva hereby pledges its support for and participation as a co-applicant in Local Government Efficiency Grant for the purposes of improving the Ontario County Sheriff's Office Firing Range, said grant to be prepared and submitted by Ontario County; and further

RESOLVED, That upon completion of the upgrade of the Ontario County Sheriff's Firing Range to meet the training needs of the Ontario County Sheriff's Office, the City of Geneva will close its Firing Range and conduct its firearm training and qualification at the Ontario County Sheriff's Firing Range; and further

RESOLVED, That the County and the City of Geneva administration will develop and bring back to Geneva City Council and the Ontario County Board of Supervisors an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement specifying the County's commitment to provide access to said firing range to meet the City of Geneva Police Departments firearm training and qualification needs, providing for up to 300 cubic feet of storage space, and specifying a pro-rated user fee to be implemented after five years to build a reserve for the cleaning of bullet traps and maintenance of targetry at the Ontario County Sheriff's Firing Range.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Eddington: seconded by Clr. Valentino

MOVED THAT this resolution be approved

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION – CANALWAY GRANTS PROGRAM – DOCK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

City Manager Gerling presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva's Comprehensive Plan initiatives includes boosting access to the City's lakefront and providing attractive amenities that draw residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Policies on Lakefront and Downtown Development adopted in 2009 by the City of Geneva, identified improvements to the Seneca Lakefront as critical to the success of tourism-driven and economic development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geneva City Council, hereby and in due form, does direct and authorize Sage Gerling, as City Manager of the City of Geneva, to file an application for funds from the Canalway Grants Program, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the Canal Corporation for such financial assistance to the City of Geneva, to provide the required City cash match for the construction of docks at the Seneca Lakefront and that the Geneva City Council fully supports this project.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Camera: seconded by Clr. Eddington

MOVED THAT this resolution be approved

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

14. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Valentino: seconded by Clr. Gramling

MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:13pm

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lori Guinan _____

City Clerk