

AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF GENEVA, NEW YORK

September 21, 2022

**Cornell AgriTech Campus, Jordan Hall
630 W. North Street
Geneva, NY 14456**

COUNCIL MEETING STARTS AT 6:00PM

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor, Steve Valentino
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION TO THE NYS OFFICE OF EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT FOR RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE FUNDING # 42-2022
- V. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE 2023 BUDGET # 43-2022
- VI. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE PROPERTY TAX CAP #44-2022
- VII. PRESENTATION OF 2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT



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Agenda Item Briefing

To: Geneva City Council
From: Amie Hendrix, City Manager
Meeting Date: September 21, 2022
Item Title: Resolution Scheduling a Public Hearing in Connection with an Application to the New York State Office of Empire State Development for Restore NY Communities Initiative Funding

Action Required:

Majority vote of council to submit grant application

Background:

As approved by City Council on August 3, 2022, in Resolution 33-2022 the City of Geneva, with assistance from the developers of 36 Middle Street, is planning to submit an application for funding from Restore NY Communities Initiative administered by the New York State Empire State Development (ESD) in the 2022 funding year. As one of the biggest hurdles is the economic viability of the project at 36 Middle Street is due to the size of the building and extent of the deterioration due to years of neglect resulting in the anticipated construction costs far exceeding what can be borne by the anticipated rents from the 9 apartments that are proposed, the City will apply with the hopes to receive Restore NY funding to allow the propose project to come to fruition providing nine housing units to be created from a vacant property.

Financial Impact:

N/A – some staff capacity

Office of the City Manager, Amie Hendrix

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RESOLUTION # 42 – 2022

**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION
TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT FOR
RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE FUNDING**

WHEREAS, economic development, the creation of economic opportunity and housing are key priorities of the City of Geneva and the Geneva City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the citizens of Geneva to enhance housing, business and economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2022 the City Manager was authorized to submit the intention to apply for the 2022 Restore NY funding in anticipation of supporting the project on 36 Middle Street; and

WHEREAS, the funding agency requires a Public Hearing be held to collect citizen feedback on the community and needs of the City of Geneva and the proposed project prior to submission of said application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on October 5, 2022 at 7pm pursuant to New York State Open Meetings Law and the requirements concerning the proposed application for NYSED Restore New Your Communities Initiative.

RESOLUTION # 43 – 2022

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING—ADOPTION OF 2023 BUDGET

WHEREAS, City Council has received the City Manager's budget proposal for 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter calls for the scheduling of a Public Hearing to hear comment on the budget proposal in advance of budget adoption; and

WHEREAS, City Council anticipates adopting the 2023 budget at a special meeting on or before October 26, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geneva City Council, hereby and in due form does set a Public Hearing on the City Manager's Budget proposal for 2023 for 7:00 p.m. on October 5, 2022 at Jordan Hall, 630 W. North Street, Geneva.



Geneva City Council

Agenda Item Briefing

To: Geneva City Council
From: Amie Hendrix, City Manager
Meeting Date: September 21, 2022
Item Title: Resolution Establishing a Public Hearing for a Local Law Overriding the Property Tax Cap

Action Required:

State law requires City Council to enact a local law if the adopted tax levy will exceed the amount prescribed by the statutory formula. Ultimately the action will require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Council. The action requested for this meeting is to establish a public hearing in advance of that vote. That requires a simple majority vote on the attached resolution.

Background:

Effective for 2013 and subsequent years, the state legislature has approved a statute that caps the annual property tax levy, according to a prescribed formula that takes into account multiple items, including PILOT activity, state retirement impacts, and other items. In order to override the cap, Council will need to pass a local law, which requires a Public Hearing. The hearing is proposed to be set for October 5, 2022.

Alternatives:

Council may elect not to pursue an override and lower the tax levy.

Financial Impact:

N/A

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RESOLUTION # 44 – 2022

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE
PROPERTY TAX CAP**

WHEREAS, City Council has identified "Beautification", "Upgrades and Maintenance", and "Lakefront Enhancement" as their priorities for the next twelve months; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 budget calls for an investment plan to address each of these priorities; and

WHEREAS, revenues necessary to fund these investments include property tax revenues that may exceed a statutory cap set by the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, override of the property tax cap will require adoption of a local law, and holding of a corresponding public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneva City Council, hereby and in due form, does establish a public hearing to receive comment on the property tax cap and use of the override mechanism, and directs the City Manager to schedule the hearing for October 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.