

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
June 8, 2009
7:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Beckwith, Buskirk, Ebersole, Fuller, Latimer, and Piotrowski.

Cordova absent.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Rev. Robert Cunningham of the United Church.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Piotrowski to accept the minutes of the May 11th, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 6 years.

Citizens – Citizens were present along with representatives from the Star Beacon and Gazette.

Department Presentation – CIC – Tony Long

- The Interchange Project is moving forward.
- The Retail Revolving Loan Fund is assisting a number of businesses within the downtown and adjacent areas. Mr. Long stated that will be extremely important as the economy continues to change.
- A resolution was signed today to hire Mr. Szeman to continue the ORCO Property sale.
- A piece of property adjacent to the Villas on the east side has been offered at no cost. CIC will bear the cost of appraisals and things of that nature.

Crystal Latimer asked Mr. Long to explain the interchange project at Rt. 90.

Mr. Long explained that there have been erosion problems from day one. They are now removing the bricks, pouring a concrete circle, and reinstalling the bricks to complete that project. Stone may be laid to create a fresh drain along with topsoil and ground cover.

Crystal Latimer asked if the CIC plans to do the same on the opposite side.

Mr. Long replied that the CIC has not discussed proceeding on the opposite side at this time.

Margie Trax with the Star Beacon asked what the cost would be to fix the interchange project and what the initial cost was.

Tony Long replied that it will cost \$2,500.00 to complete and the initial cost was \$14,000.00.

Bill Buskirk asked how long the CIC has been working on this project.

Tony Long replied that they have been working on the Interchange Project for five years. Progress has been very slow working with the State and erosion issues.

Rodger Fuller asked if they plan to install lighting.

Mr. Long explained that they have pursued lighting and received an estimate of \$4,000.00, but they would need permission from the State which is a lengthy process.

Bill Buskirk stated that he appreciates the tenacity of the CIC to continue with this project.

Citizens - None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2993 was read, third reading. (AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SELECTED SUBSECTIONS OF THE GENEVA CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATING TO WASTEWATER OPERATIONS). Roll call on passage, 6 years. Ordinance 2993 duly passed.

Ordinance 2995 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE FOR STATE FUNDS FOR RESURFACING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF NORTH EAGLE STREET, GENEVA, AND DECALRING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Ordinance 2995 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2995 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas.

Bill Buskirk affirmed that the North Eagle resurfacing and reconstruction work will be done with stimulus dollars received from the federal government.

Jim Pearson explained that the state asked that this necessary legislation be passed so that they can begin the design work and move this project forward. Mr. Pearson affirmed that the City is very fortunate that the State agreed to pick up the design which would have cost another \$60,000 to \$80,000.

Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 2995 duly passed.

Ordinance 2996 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 1282 CHILD DAY-CARE HOMES INTO THE GENEVA CODIFIED ORDINANCES).

Ordinance 2997 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “265 – WEST LIBERTY BRIDGE ISSUE I”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 2997 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2997 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 2997 duly passed.

Ordinance 2998 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “279 – DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 2998 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2998 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 2998 duly passed.

Ordinance 2999 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT “A”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 2999 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Buskirk that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2999 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 2999 duly passed.

Resolution 3097 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE EXCLUSIVE SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM EARL AND SHARON BEZOSKI, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3097 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3097 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3097 duly passed.

Resolution 3098 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INCLUSION OF ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO IN THE PROPOSED HIGH-SPEED RAIL ROUTES THROUGH THE GREAT LAKES REGION).

Resolution 3099 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE STREETS IN THE CITY OF GENEVA BY SUPPLYING ELECTRIC LIGHTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3099 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3099 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3099 duly passed.

Resolution 3100 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SUBRECIPIENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole to declare Resolution 3100 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3100 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3100 duly passed.

Resolution 3101 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO HIRE CT CONSULTANTS FOR SOUTH EAGLE STREET IMPROVEMENT DESIGN AND EXECUTION SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3101 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3101 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3101 duly passed.

Resolution 3102 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE/PURCHASE FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH KEYBANK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Rodger Fuller affirmed that this resolution is for the Wastewater Department's camera truck.

Bill Buskirk asked when they anticipate delivery of the truck.

Gary Hydingier replied that they will receive the truck 30 to 45 days after the contract is signed.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Resolution 3102 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3102 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3102 duly passed.

Resolution 3103 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO HIRE CT CONSULTANTS FOR NORTH BROADWAY ELECTRICAL STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bill Buskirk affirmed that this resolution is to acquire electrical street lighting improvements.

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3103 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3103 be

placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3103 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Mr. Pearson explained that at the last regular Council Meeting, property owners on Ansel Rd. approached City Council with water drainage issues. Rodger Fuller, Jim Pearson, and Tim Bittner walked the whole length of the drainage area in question starting behind the high school and ending at Rt. 20 near Deerfield Apartments. It was discovered that there was a clear waterway which disappeared due to tile that is in disrepair. Mr. Pearson stated that the City Engineer also walked that property with Mr. Bittner. A preliminary report was put in Council's packets which explained the possibility of retiling the area in question, ditching it to create a waterway and/or redoing storm water calculations for the school to see if there could be some help derived by restricting some of the water in the retention basin. A decision can be made after receiving those calculations. Historically there is no control of private property. Mr. Pearson stated that the waterway bends east into the Township and he spoke with a Township Trustee regarding a ditching program that may be of some assistance. Mr. Pearson stated that storm water issues are the majority of complaints that come into the City and he suggested that the Utility Committee meet to begin to address some of these concerns. Mr. Pearson will report to Council once he receives the storm water calculations from the high school.
- The new city parking lot is being prepared for asphalt and should be complete by Wednesday if the weather cooperates.
- City crews will be operating the Dura Patcher most of the summer to seal cracks in the city streets.
- Demolition of the 51/53 East Main properties has been scheduled for Monday, June 22nd by Union Industrial Contractors.
- An e-mail was received from the Federal Government announcing that the City received two EPA Wastewater Projects: 1) A laboratory building which is a 50% grant 50% low interest loan and 2) the Elm Street Lift Station area which was a 90% grant. All projects were reevaluated and the Elm Street Lift Station area was reduced from a 90% grant to a 50% grant 50% low interest loan.
- Bruce Beckwith, Rodger Fuller, and Mr. Pearson had the opportunity and pleasure to attend Senior Appreciation Day on May 27th. Mr. Pearson stated that this is a great event and the number of people attending seems to grow every year.
- Mr. Pearson requested an executive session to discuss labor negotiations if Council so desires.

Crystal Latimer asked where the Ohio Heritage Conference was held.

Jim Pearson replied that conference was held in downtown Cleveland.

Bruce Beckwith asked if the City has examples of what other communities are doing regarding storm water issue costs and funding.

Mr. Pearson replied that the majority of communities have formed storm water utilities. The City is not under any mandates at this time, but once that occurs, the City will have to inventory all storm water areas which will be an extensive project. Mr. Pearson believes the City should get ahead and begin to address some of the issues before being mandated to do so, and added that identifying, listing, and prioritizing these areas would be very helpful to the residents of the community.

Mr. Beckwith asked if the City is still holding off on purchasing the GIS Unit which he feels would be invaluable for inventory.

Jim Pearson explained that the Department Heads are working together and starting to meet with the County – this project is moving forward.

Bruce Beckwith asked if the Utilities Committee should meet to begin discussions of a Storm Water Utility.

Mr. Pearson stated that there are many funding variations and suggested that the Utilities Committee begin to study what the best option for the City would be and come back to Council with a recommendation.

Bill Buskirk stated that the Utilities Committee has discussed this in the past and it has always come down to a funding source. The two most common sources of funding are 1) a surcharge or 2) property tax levy. Mr. Buskirk affirmed that this is something the Utilities Committee will address.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Citizens

Greg Strnisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Strnisa asked if the street lights are being replaced with something more historic and also how far north are they going down Broadway.

Jim Pearson explained that when the initial historic lights were installed in the mid 90's a part of North Broadway was not completed. Mr. Pearson feels that they ran into electrical issues and abandoned that project. The City has been studying what to do to resolve that situation for two years and has come up with a solution to address it. The project location is the North Broadway area on the east side from the center of town (Rt. 20) to Broadway Breakfast and also includes wiring for downtown traffic signals.

Bill Buskirk added that the Street Lighting Assessment Fee pays the electrical bill for all street lights in town.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Piotrowski for Council to adjourn to executive session to discuss labor negotiations. Roll Call, 6 yeas. Council adjourned to executive session at 8:09 p.m.

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Buskirk to re-convene the June 8th, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 6 yeas. The meeting re-convened at 8:54 p.m.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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