

# THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 17, 2025 – 5:30 PM

City Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

47 Castle Street

Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – Steve Valentino, Mayor

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Whitfield (arrived at 6:03), Clr. Moracco, Clr Petropoulos (exited executive session at 6:08, returned at 6:17), Clr. Gillotte, Clr. Grimaldi (arrived at 5:33), Clr. Pealer (arrived at 5:44), Clr Lavin, Clr. Brennan

Absent:

#### 2. RESOLUTION – Establishing a Public Hearing for the NYS 2025 Consolidated Funding Application

City Manager Hendrix presented the following resolution:

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

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) and 2025 CDBG funding opportunities were announced in May 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Geneva desires to pursue appropriate funding for projects that implement the City's Comprehensive Plan and other adopted plans and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, these applications require a public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on the City of Geneva's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and NYS CFA applications for the 2025 program year; and

**WHEREAS**, CDBG applications will include submission to the CDBG Community Facilities Program, the Community Infrastructure Program, and the Microenterprise Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City may apply for funding for the following CDBG programs and activities: Community Planning, Imminent Threat Program, and Stand-Alone Business Assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City may apply for funding for the following programs and activities through the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application: Regional Council Capital Funds, Strategic Planning & Feasibility Studies, Pro Housing Supply Funds, Environmental Protection Fund Grants Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage (EPF), Recreational Trails Program (RTP), Canalway Grant Program, Smart Growth Community Planning Program, and Climate Smart Communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Geneva City Council establishes a public hearing on the 2025 CDBG and 2025 NYS CFA funding applications for July 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk and Grant Coordinator are directed to publish the appropriate required notifications advertising the public hearing and application plans as required by the various funding agencies.

City Manager Hendrix reviewed all of the funding opportunities related to the Consolidated Funding Application. Councilor Petropoulos wondered about the availability of federal funds for this program year. City Manager Hendrix explained that the funds for this program are federal, passed to New York State, then passed to local governments. New York State has the funds for this program year; however, funding may be reduced next year at the federal level; discussion followed. Mayor Valentino reminded Council that an application doesn't mean the city will win the funding applied for. City Manager Hendrix added that the funds being applied for will be for activities the City wants to do, in development for next year.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Lavin; seconded by Clr. Gillotte**  
**MOVED THAT this resolution be approved**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-2 absent)**

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Moracco**  
**MOVED THAT Council move to executive session at 5:35pm to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation, and to discuss the employment history of a particular person.**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Moracco**  
**MOVED THAT Council exit executive session at 6:45pm.**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gillotte; seconded by Clr. Whitfield**  
**MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:46pm**  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Nicole Tillotson*  
City Clerk