AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF GENEVA, NEW YORK

OCTOBER 1, 2025

City Hall
2nd Floor Council Chambers
47 Castle Street
Geneva NY 14456

EXECUTIVE SESSION STARTS AT 6:00PM
To discuss the proposed sale of real property

COUNCIL MEETING STARTS AT 7:00PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor, Steve Valentino

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. PUBLIC HEARING
A. Property Tax Cap Override
B. Amending the City Charter – City Manager Residency Requirement

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

VI. PROCLAMATIONS
A. Fire Prevention Month 2025

VII. PRESENTATION
A. Geneva BID Update

VIII. DISCUSSION
A. Sidewalk Moratorium

IX. SUPERVISOR UPDATE

X. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES
This portion of the meeting is dedicated to correction of meeting minutes for the following Council session.
A. September 3, 2025 *(Regular Council Meeting) (p.3)*
B. September 9, 2025 *(Special Council Meeting) (p.23)*

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is dedicated to receiving comments on any topics. The standard time limit for public comment is three (3) minutes.

XII. CITY MANAGER REPORT –*This portion of the meeting is dedicated to presentation of a report by the City Manager on non-action matters that have not been addressed elsewhere on the agenda.*

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

This portion of the meeting is dedicated to consideration of matters that have been previously considered by City Council. These include:

A. Ordinance – First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 277, Sanitary Sewers, Sump Pumps - *Superintendent Braman (p.120)*
B. Local Law – Overriding the Property Tax Cap Limit – *Comptroller Blowers (p.126)*
C. Local Law – Amending Charter Regarding City Manager Residency Requirements - *Mayor Valentino (p.128)*

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

This portion of the meeting is dedicated to consideration of matters that have not been previously considered by City Council. These include:

A. Ordinance – First Reading of an Amendment to Chapter 350-7.10 Fences, Hedges, and Walls - *Superintendent Braman (p.131)*
B. Ordinance – First Reading Modifying Chapter 350, Designating St. Stephens Church Property as Historic on the State Registry and National Register of Historic Places – *Superintendent Braman (p.142)*
C. Resolution – Urging Improved Electric Infrastructure to Support Housing and Economic Development in the City of Geneva and Ontario County - *City Manager Hendrix (p.149)*
D. Ethics Board Findings – *Mayor Valentino*

XV. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

This portion of the meeting is dedicated to presentation of reports by the Mayor and City Councilors on non-action matters that have not been addressed elsewhere on the agenda

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 – 7:00 PM
City Hall – 2nd Floor Council Chambers
47 Castle Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – Steve Valentino, Mayor

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Gillotte
MOVED THAT council move to executive session at 6:02pm to discuss the employment of a particular person
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-2 absent)

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Pealer; seconded by Clr. Gillotte
MOVED THAT council exit executive session at 6:55pm
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-1 absent)

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Whitfield, Clr. Moracco, Clr. Petropoulos, Clr. Gillotte, Clr. Grimaldi, Clr, Pealer, Clr. Lavin, Clr, Brennan

Absent:

3. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN by Clr, Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Moracco
MOVED THAT the agenda be amended to add a presentation by the Parks Collective and a resolution to place a moratorium on sidewalk code violation enforcement.
ROLL CALL VOTE: **Aye - Clr. Whitfield, Clr, Moracco, Clr. Petropoulos, Clr. Gillotte, Clr. Lavin, Clr. Brennan, Mayor Valentino**
Nay - Clr. Grimaldi, Clr, Pealer
MOTION CARRIED (7-2)

4. PRESENTATION - United Way ALICE Data

Kari Buch of the United Way explained ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households. These households earn more than the Federal Poverty Leve, but less than the basic cost of living for the County. Households below the ALICE threshold, plus those in poverty, can't afford the essentials. Ms. Busch explained

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that in Ontario County 38% of households are below the ALICE threshold, as of 2023. A single adult in Ontario county needs to earn $32,820 just to make ends meet, while the federal poverty level is $14,580. Leaving a $70,000 gap for families who need to make ends meet. Ms. Busch explained that out of the City of Geneva's 4,878 households, 42% below ALICE poverty threshold. She explained that a goal of the ALICE work is to inform decision makers, who can learn how to make differences for people who face financial hardship. She acknowledged that employers can't always raise wages, however, they can help reduce turnover in workplace by building other opportunities to support the workforce.
Ms. Busch closed by sharing that ALICE information can be found at UnitedforALICE.org, where all information is free, and local information by county can be found. There is also information about the CPI and how it's diluting inflation especially on basic items.

5. PRESENTATION - City Debt Overview

Comptroller Blowers explained that debt service is a way for a municipality to take on large capital projects like waste water treatment improvements and road construction. He explained that many municipalities don't have cash on hand to fund large projects, and pay back bonds over probable period of usefulness of the project, usually 15 – 30 years. Bonding is a very useful tool if managed appropriately, and often the only way for municipalities to upgrade and improve infrastructure. Comptroller Blowers reviewed the City's debt to revenue. He then reviewed financing options including Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), General Obligation Bond, Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, and Installment Purchase Debt. He also explained that Geneva is considered no designation for fiscal stress. Bond ratings were reviewed, noting the City's current bond rating is AA with a stable outlook. Comptroller Blowers explained that this better rating reflects better interest rates when borrowing, similar to personal credit score, and considers the municipality's debt to revenue ratio, for repayment ability, and the ability to generate revenue. He explained that the City's Constitutional Debt Limit is $39.8 million over all three funds. Comptroller Blowers then explained Capital Planning which includes an asset inventory and needs assessment, identifying resources, and development and implementation of a plan. He then explored the benefits of a strong capital and debt planning reviewed.
Councilor Pealer recalled attending the City's Budget Academy seven years ago, where he learned about intelligent borrowing. He also mentioned the rate of inflation being prohibitive now, and wondered if Comptroller Blowers sees any relief coming in interest rates. Comptroller Blowers believes that it's improving, explaining the that the City works with Municipal Solutions. They advise on when is a good time to borrow, when not to, and that the City's strong bond rating also helps. He explained that the highest bond the city is paying interest on is just over 3%, while the highest CD the City is receiving interest on is 4.1%, explaining that the city is making more money earning interest than it's paying on debt interest. Councilor Pealer wondered if a policy would give staff less micromanagement from council. Comptroller Blowers explained that a policy would act more as a guide, a self-imposed internal policy, and when there is a situation that it needs to not be followed in an emergency, Council has approved spending in the past. Discussion followed around long term project planning. Councilor Lavin noted that he appreciates Comptroller Blower's transparency. He noted that NYS will let the City borrow more, and borrowing can save 5-6%, and explained that he believes that the City is in a very dire situation. A few years away from not being able to use taxes to cover water, sewer, police and fire. He expressed concerns that the City is sitting on $2 million for a marina it doesn't want to build, and another $1 million approved for that project. Councilor Lavin would like to give that money back and hold off on capital programs for a few years, so the city will have the $900,000 he's looking to have removed from the budget. He sees a need to use every tool in the book to lower debt, hence his recommendation to hold off on capital improvements, to lower taxes for seniors and the poor. Councilor Grimaldi explained that council has to remember that borrowing for assistance today leads to citizens will have to keep paying. He wants debt projects to hold up as long as residents can benefit from it.

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Mayor Valentino wondered if the five-year CIP prioritizes the highest needs for projects first. Director Venuti explained that DPW tries to work on the worst first, explaining that a street may not look like the worst street on top, but infrastructure below may be bad, prioritizing the project. Councilor Lavin wants to be more aggressive about how much we're paying for admin to do work in the water and sewer funds, paying for hours, and expertise. He reiterated that he wants unilateral rate increase for outside entities. Comptroller Blowers explained that council will see transfers from water and sewer to cover the cost of general fund employees in the budget when it's presented next week.

6. PRESENTATION - Geneva Parks Collective

Gabriella D'Angelo and Geoff Geiger shared information about a resident action group dedicated to betterment and improvement of Geneva's parks, and developing recreational opportunities for residents. They explained that the group has been meeting monthly since January, looking at all 13 neighborhood parks. There is a focus on looking at 11 nestled parks in neighborhoods that service the residents of our community. They noted that parks haven't been updated, the city still has 20th century parks. The Collective is advocating for inclusive spaces that service residents in their neighborhoods, explaining that Geneva's pocket parks are super unique in that there are so many parks to share. The Collective has taken time to work through surveys, outreach and workshops to collect information, and created a book that contains history of park architecture and programs. They would like to collect more information from residents, and are asking the city to include neighborhood parks in 2026 budget conversations, including considering updates to the parks. They recognize that park updates and improvements can't happen all at once, with over 30 acres of property, and shared their commitment to work with neighbors to make the parks better. They shared recently updates made to Richards Park with donations and shared that they are looking into grants to fund more improvements. Mr. Geiger offered a special thank you to Councilors Petropoulos, Moracco, and Brennan who have participated in meetings. Councilor Lavin wondered why The Collective is not mentioning Loomis Woods on Carter Road, noting that it is overgrown. City Manager Hendrix explained that the School District has long term lease on that land. Mayor Valentino thanked Ms. D'Angelo, Mr. Geiger, and the entire Geneva Parks Collective for efforts.

7. DISCUSSION - ATAD Bids Next Steps

Comptroller Blowers explained that several years ago council and staff worked with the Town of Geneva, the Town of Waterloo and consultants. The group determined that the ATAD system at the Waste Water Treatment Plant needs upgrades, as it's very close to capacity. Bids came in recently, higher than projected seven years ago. Director Venuti explained that the ongoing project's preliminary engineering report was completed in 2021. The Marsh Creek Pump Station was upgraded about two years ago, which helps tremendously with flows. Director Venuti explained that MRB Group, the City's consulting engineering firm, designed the existing ATAD expansion project at the Marsh Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant and recalled a grant funding strategy for the project that was presented to council in April 2024. He explained that efforts over the past year towards the project include engineering design, technical specifications writing, preparing bid documents, and advertising and following the competitive bid process. Director Venuti reminded council that this plant provides waste water treatment for the City of Geneva, Town of Geneva, and portions of the Town of Waterloo. Director Venuti explained that the city owns and maintains an extensive sanitary sewer collection system, a Waste Water Treatment Plant, and a High Flow Facility which treats the very high flows generated during heavy snow melt periods and large rainstorms, and several in-line pumping stations. He reminded everyone that it's important to understand that volume capacity for both liquids and solids is very different. Solids capacity is where the ATAD Expansion Project comes in. Current 6 million gallons a day hydraulic capacity is 5,000 pounds per day of solids,

while the project would double solids capacity to 10,000 per day. This is important for growth within the City limits, around us, and development of the communities we service.
Lavin wondered where in project the demand calculation is, including salaries and efforts, noting that much of the new need is coming from outside the city. Director Venuti explained that capacity can't grow beyond 500 units of single-family housing without upgrading capacity. He recalled that the Town of Geneva has projects, the City of Geneva has projects, and the Town of Waterloo has projects. Director Venuti explained that we are currently pushing 95% capacity, putting crew close to pushing regulatory limits because we don't have reserve capacity. Councilor Lavin wondered where is the growth coming from, noting that the City of Geneva won't be adding 500 units. Director Venuti explained that on average 14% of the treatment capacity goes to the Town of Geneva, and about 3% for the Town of Waterloo. City Manager Hendrix reminded council that the City used these percentages to develop the sharing structure for this project. Councilor Pealer agreed that Councilor Lavin is right be thorough. There is a need to expand, but it looks like upwards of 3/5 of treatment plant expansion is to cover out-of-town demand, he doesn't see this as a fair agreement for City tax payers. We should be charging for a high-quality service, but we're covering costs and not paying a fair rate. Comptroller Blowers explained that this issue is being addressed with the ongoing rate study. He acknowledged that it's taking longer than the city had hoped, but it is thorough. They hear council and the community, and know that council doesn't want city residents to be taking the hit for out-of-town development. Councilor Lavin wondered if the study group can come in and hear from council. Comptroller Blowers shared that there is a plan to have them come in, as it's standard for this consultant to present to councils, and that the presentation can include questions and answers. City Manager Hendrix shared that they are watching this meeting and that they have been watching other meetings. She reassured council that the consultant is very thorough and going line by line. Mayor Valentino wondered if there is a way to understand usage outside of city limits. Director Venuti explained that their usage is measured every eight minutes. Mayor Valentino recalled the planned landfill closing in 2028, and wondered how much solid waste the Waste Water Treatment Plant sends to landfill. Director Venuti explained that the plant currently produce class A biosolid, so there is no waste sent to the landfill. He explained that the plant used to produce a B solid that the city had to dispose of, and that the solid produced now is a biosolid that is spreadable. Chief Waste Operator DeMaria explained the driving force of ATAD, not sending solid waste to the landfill. He further explained that this has created a significant savings, noting that the City of Geneva was the first in New York State to put this in place. Councilor Moracco wondered if upgrades will be financed by outside entities. Comptroller Blowers explained that there are agreements with the Town of Geneva and Town of Waterloo to pay an annual amount, just over $800,000, noting that there is also a grant, and Intermunicipal Agreements addressing upfront costs. City Manager Hendrix explained that whatever the total cost of the project is, they will pay based on their usage. She shared that there is the potential for another municipality to be added on as well. Discussion followed around the Town of Geneva selling water to other municipalities.

8. <u>DISCUSSION</u> - Clark Street Park Alienation

Councilor Petropoulos shared that Councilor Moracco noticed a large area of land in Ward 6 that never gets used, that he feels would be a nice place to build starter homes. Councilor Petropoulos explained that Assemblyman Gallahan's office gave him information explaining how to take park and turn it into housing. He explained that the first step would be to pass a resolution, and then write a pitch to state to make the effort look favorable for the state. He explained that Assemblyman Gallahan and Senator Helming would then carry the legislation in Albany. Councilor Petropoulos did acknowledge that the Geneva Parks Collective doesn't think the park should be alienated, and he wonders what the neighbors say. He explained that it will cost money to maintain a park, and the city needs revenue. He went onto explain that starter homes will fit in with the neighborhood. Councilor Petropoulos shared that there will be a block party at Clark Park on September 28 at 1pm, and said that If neighbors want a park, the city should give it to them. He also acknowledged that it is

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difficult to alienate parks. He sees this as a decision between housing or a park, that Ward six needs to decide. He wants neighbors to commit to using the park regularly if that's what they want the space used for. Need to weigh park vs starter home as a council.
Councilor Pealer shared that he is not in favor of alienating any park land. He recalled Clark St., Gulvin and Ridgewood ballparks that were once used for adult softball. He acknowledged that Clark is less kept up, and not used for practices anymore, and that any other park with an upkept ballfield is usually partially maintained with the help of residents. Councilor Pealer explained that if council choses to alienate a park, they will have to designate new land as park space. Councilor Petropoulos said that is only if the park has state and federal money into it. City Manager Hendrix explained that if council goes through this, the city will work with legal, as there will have to be some reconciliation if parkland is taken away.

9. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Grimaldi; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos
MOVED THAT the minutes of the August 6, 2025 Council Meeting be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anne Hoyt, of the Geneva Green Committee shared that they will be holding their Native Plant Sale on Saturday, September 27 at Lakefront Park. The Committee will also kick off the rain garden initiative on that day. Residents will have access to a perk test, and there will be composting bins given away at the event. Ms. Hoyt voiced support for the Trash and Recycling options at the Recourse Recovery Park, hoping Council funds it in 2026. Ms. Hoyt shared a brief history of the Resource Recovery Park, built in 2020, and opened in 2021 with Jacob Fox running it. She explained that the agreement fell apart, and Resource Recovery Park wasn't being used and developed until the City stepped in. Through shared services with the Town of Geneva, services were expanded this year to add trash and recycling options for City and Town residents at the Doran Ave. facility. For $20 residents can purchase an annual recycling pass, and $75 buys a 52-punch card where each punch is good for two trash bags. With eventual closure of the landfill, and trash pickup rates going up for residents, this will be a big cost savings. Food waste and scrap metal are also accepted for recycling at no charge at the Resource Recovery Park. Ms. Hoyt also shared that the Recourse Recovery Park employee is getting the vermiculture trench going which will turn out a sellable product next year. She then raised concerns about increased heavy truck traffic damaging City roads and recommend the city do a traffic study to assess the local impact of heavy trucks.

Josh Decker, owner of Monaco's Coffee shared serious issue with neighbor John Cordovani who harasses staff, customers and himself. Mr. Decker explained that Mr. Cordovani creates a hostile environment, which he was warned about by previous owner of the property, of his decade's long harassment. Mr. Decker explained that a few years ago the same problems existed, and he eventually got a restraining order against his neighbor who has directed his anger at pedestrians and legally parked vehicles on the street. Mr. Decker recalled the former City attorney confirming that the parking in question is city owned property. Mr. Decker reports that Mr. Cordovani has attempted to sabotage his business. He's received input on social media of others who have experienced the same behavior, with his post garnering over 100 comments. Mr. Decker raised concerns about people like this damaging the image of Geneva, explaining that he needs help form city enforcing public parking. He is asking council to protect residents.

Ashley Brooks gave thanks to staff for choosing a profession of helping create change. She shared that in September 2024 she filed for permanent disability. When she became disabled, she learned how food stamps are calculated, sharing that snap doesn't count car payments, insurance, any bill over $1000, utilities and trash in a household budget. She explained that she's suffering from high cholesterol now that she's eating out of food pantries, which need fresh foods, and lamented seeing so much food waste. She sees empty churches with kitchens to put to work getting the food waste home to families. Ms. Brooks volunteers to give food out twice per month where there are lines down the road, and run out each time. She says that Wegmans throws out a lot of food as well. Ms. Brooks believes that the City needs food services coordinator, and sees a barrier to this being everyone being so scared of liability; afraid they'll get sued. She'd like the city to come up with waivers and use the churches, bring unity to community. She also spoke on empowering kids to be providers, teaching them to be considerate of others. Ms. Brooks also explained that people on disability can't afford dairy or gluten free food options, leading them to be unable to afford to eat around her disorders.

Wendy Marsh recalled Lakeview Health Services appearing before City Council on March 11, explaining that the community found out about supportive project a month later. She explained that the community is against the project. The Planning Board narrowly approved it with a 3/2 vote, and the Zoning Board of Appeals denied it with a 0-4 vote on the variances. She explained that their application has not been withdrawn from the IDA, who will hear their PILOT application on Friday, with a September 11 state funding application deadline for the project. She explained that Lakeview will have to submit a letter of support with the application. Ms. Marsh explained that City Council could be in a position to make a decision, could pass resolution in opposition to project, ensuring city staff doesn't provide any support to this project.

Jonathan Taylor wants to know what homeless people are going to do, and what about people that are losing homes at Garden Apartments. He raised concerns about an Ethics Board complaint, and is speaking up for the people who can't defend themselves. Mr. Taylor would like to know what the plan for the homeless from the Garden Apartments.

MA Goodman thanked everyone for their time and consideration, sharing that she's speaking in reference to sidewalks. Ms. Goodman explained that she is disabled, and on a fixed income. She wondered what protocol was used to decide which sidewalks would be marked, sharing that a letter was sent saying that the cost for repairs would be charged back to taxes if they were not taken care of in 60 days by the homeowner. She wondered what makes the city think residents can pay for sidewalk cracks. She shared that she had to drain her retirement to pay taxes last year and wondered if the city has ever stopped to think about what its residents are going through. She referred to marked sidewalks in her neighborhood as being hand selected, and can be misconstrued as discrimination. Ms. Goodman explained that she's speaking for people besides herself, speaking for neighbors who don't know how they'll absorb unreasonable costs.

11. CITY MANAGER REPORT

- This month, we welcomed several new staff members and advanced important projects, including awarding the Castle Street Reconstruction Project and preparing for the Wastewater Plant ATAD Expansion.
- August brought positive momentum for business and development in Geneva. The Goodwill Store officially opened on August 8, employing approximately 35 people, and construction has resumed at Dunkin' Donuts located on North Street, following environmental cleanup.
- Housing development projects are moving forward at multiple sites throughout the City.

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    - 585 S. Exchange (Former OEO Site): Public meetings are being scheduled for September and October to review preliminary site designs. A charette is being planned for an October Farmer's Market event.
    - Middle Street & Hallenbeck Ave.: Cook Properties have secured funding for phase 2 environmental review on their site.
    - Crystal Street: The Habitat for Humanity Crystal Street project is seeking variance approval for their housing site.
- The Business Improvement District will welcome Sydney Schumacher as the new Executive Director on September 8.
- City staff joined other City businesses in welcoming ~500 students from Hobart and William Smith Colleges for the Love Geneva Tour. Gave an opportunity to welcome students as well as talk about their responsibility as Genevans.
- Geneva partnered with Ontario County to distribute composting kits to residents. The Resource Recovery Park remains open on Thursdays and Saturdays for composting needs.
- Community conversations remain a priority. On August 14, we hosted a discussion at the Welcome Center, and the next session is planned for September 16 at 6pm at the Bozzuto Center with ACM Taylor Youngs.
- The Budget Community Forum was held on August 18, giving residents an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. The 2026 Budget will be presented to City Council on September 9, with a public hearing on October 1.
- Street Improvements are actively underway. Milling and paving will begin on September 2 and continue through September 15. Thank you for your patience as you move through these work zones.
- Crews also completed targeted weeding along Route 5&20, repaired five catch basins, and cleared the Castle Creek outlet into Seneca Lake to improve water flow. In addition, the Department of Public Works is addressing 47 reported streetlight outages, with repairs ongoing across the city.
- At the Recreation Complex, the Preliminary Design Draft Report has been released, providing cost estimates and outlining scenarios for future improvements.
- Public safety and community improvements remain priorities as well. Safety features were added to the Exchange Street Bus Hub, and vandalism at the Lakefront was quickly addressed by DPW and GPD. Code Enforcement is actively monitoring problems, while demolition of the Madias property moves forward with either final quotes and timeline received by the property owner or a city bid to be released in early September
- Geneva was also recognized as an AARP Age-Friendly Community, a designation that reflects the City's commitment to supporting residents of all ages.

12. ORDINANCE – Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 273-33, Alternative Dumping and Storing Violation Procedures

    Director Venuti presented the following ordinance for a second reading:

§ 273-23 Alternative Dumping and Storing Violation Procedures.
[Added 11-7-2018 by Ord. No. 3-2018[1]]
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Procedure upon report of a violation of § 273-11. In addition to the penalties set forth in § 273-22, the procedures set forth in Subsections B through E or in Subsection F of this section of the City Code may be followed by the Director of Public Works, at his option, upon receiving a report of violation of § 273-11.

B.

In the case of a report of a violation of § 273-11 made for the first time, the Director of Public Works may issue a notice of violation to the property owner of record or the person responsible for the violation, advising him or her or it that, if the violation of § 273-11 is not corrected within five days of the date of service of the notice of violation, the City will cause the items dumped and/or stored to be removed and taken to the appropriate landfill; that the actual costs of picking up and disposing such items will be billed to the property owner plus a 50% Administrative Fee and that, upon his or her failure to pay such costs, they shall be added to the next real property tax bill of such property owner.

C.

The notice of violation provided for in Subsection B above shall be served by ordinary, first-class mail and, in the case of a property owner or the person responsible for the violation having an out-of-Town address, the Zoning Officer shall add three days to the notice's five-day period before enforcing the within provisions.

D.

In the case of a property owner or a person responsible for the violation of § 273-11, who has received a notice of violation provided for in Subsection B above, additional written notice need not be given by the Zoning Officer for subsequently reported violations of this section involving the same circumstances.

E.

Upon the expiration of the notice period provided for in Subsections B and C above or upon notification of a subsequent violation of § 273-11, pursuant to Subsection D above, if the property owner or the person responsible for the violation of § 273-11 has failed to take remedial action and the violation continues, the Director of Public Works shall assign City workers or contract with private individuals to correct the violation of § 273-11, and, upon the completion of such corrective work, the Director of Public Works shall promptly bill the property owner or the person responsible for the violation of § 273-11 for the actual cost of the corrective work plus a 50% Administrative Fee, at his or her address as shown on the tax rolls or his or her or its last known address. Any charges remaining unpaid at the time City tax notices are prepared shall be added as charges on such City tax notices sent to the property owner. The City may bring a civil action to recover such charges against the person responsible for the violation of § 273-11 if he or she or it is not the owner of the property where the violation occurred.

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As an alternative to the procedures set forth in Subsections B through E above, the Director of Public Works may impose a charge of $10 for each day the violation of § 273-11 continues after the expiration of the notice period provided for in Subsections B and C above or upon notification of a subsequent violation of § 273-11, pursuant to Subsection D above. The Director of Public Works may impose a $10 per-day charge for each violation and subsequent violation. The Director of Public Works shall promptly serve the property owner or person responsible violation of § 273-11 with a notice of charge by mail at his or her address as shown on the tax rolls or his or her last known address. The Director of Public Works shall continue to issue notices of charges to the property owner or person responsible for the violation of § 273-11 on a weekly basis. Any amounts remaining unpaid at the time City tax notices are prepared are to be added as charges on such City tax notices. The City may bring a civil action to recover such charges against the person responsible for the violation of § 273-11 if he or she or it is not the owner of the property where the violation occurred.

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The property owner, the person responsible, or the person assessed with a violation of § 273-11 under this section of the Code may submit one appeal to the Office of the City Manager of the notice of violation referred to in Subsections A through E or the initial notice of charge described in Subsection F. Such appeal must be in

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writing and filed within 20 days of the mailing of the initial notice of correction or notice of charge. The City Manager shall determine the appeal within 15 days of filing.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Pealer
MOVED THAT this ordinance be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-1 absent)

13. ORDINANCE – Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 277, Sanitary Sewers, Sump Pumps
Director Venuti presented the following ordinance for a second reading:

Chapter 277. Sanitary Sewers
Article II. Use of Public Sewers Required
§ 277-4. Use of natural outlet prohibited.
It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet, either directly or through any storm sewer, within the City, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said City, any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this chapter. Use of separate storm sewers and sanitary sewers is mandatory, and no combined sewers will be allowed.
§ 277-4.
1. CONNECTION OF SUMP PUMPS OR RAINWATER DRAINAGE TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IS PROHIBITED.
No Sump Pump or other device which discharges drainage resulting from rainwater, springs, wells, or other ground water, including but not limited to downspouts, shall be connected to the City of Geneva sanitary sewer system.
2. SUMP PUMP INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATES.
A. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATE REUIRED UPON SALE
~~A.~~ Inspection and Certificate Required Upon Sale. No owner shall sell a residential or nonresidential building in the City of Geneva without first obtaining from the City of Geneva Engineering Dept. a certificate stating that no sump pump or other device which discharges drainage resulting from rainwater, springs, wells or other ground water is connected to the sanitary sewer system in violation of **Section A** of this Ordinance. No purchaser shall purchase property unless the seller has obtained the required certificate of sump pump compliance prior to closing.
(i) Application for Certificate Upon Sale Procedures: Certificates of Sump Pump Compliance shall be issued in accordance with the following procedures:
(ii) Application Fee: Applications for certificates of sump pump compliance upon Sale, Lease, Rental, or Change in Occupancy shall be filed with the City Of Geneva Engineering Dept. by the seller of the property or the landlord as the case may be.
Said Application must be filed at least ten (10) business days prior to the change in ownership and/or occupancy. Applications shall be submitted on the form supplied by the Engineering Department and shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of $50.
(3) Inspection: Upon receipt of a completed Application for Certificate Upon Sale, Lease, Rental, or Change in Occupancy, the City Of Geneva inspector shall, conduct an inspection of the property to determine compliance with the standards set forth in this Ordinance.
(4) Notice of Violation; time to Remediate: If a violation is discovered during the inspection, the property owner shall be mailed a Notice of Violation within five (5) business days of the inspection which shall clearly describe the violation and

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the remedial action needed for compliance, and which shall provide 21 calendar days for the sump pump connection to be brought into compliance.

(5) Penalties for Failure to Obtain Certificate or to Timely Remediate Violation: Any person who fails to apply for and obtain a Certificate of Sump Pump Compliance as required by this Ordinance shall be subject to the penalties set forth in this Ordinance. Any person who timely applies for a Certificate, is found to be in violation, and fails to remediate the violation within 21 calendar days, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance. If a seller of a property fails to comply with this or any section of this Ordinance, the seller and the new owner after the sale will be jointly and severally responsible for said compliance and all resulting penalties.

B. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATE REQUIRED UPON THE ENGINEER OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CERTIFYING THAT RHERE IS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF AN ILLICIT CONNECTION TO THE SANITARY SEWER.

If at any time the Engineer or Director of Public Works believes there is substantial evidence that a sump pump (or other device which discharges drainage resulting from rainwater, springs, wells, or other ground water, including but not limited to downspouts) has been connected to the sanitary sewer system, the Engineer or Director of Public Works shall direct that the property in question be subject to immediate Inspection by the Engineer, Code Enforcement Office or the Authority having jurisdiction.

(i) Notice of Inspection: Upon the filing of the Certification referenced in Section (B) above, the Engineer, Code Enforcement Officer or designee shall cause a Notice to be sent via Certified Mail to the property address in question, and to the registered owner of said property on the City Of Geneva tax records, giving Notice of Inspection to take place at any time after seven (7) business days from the mailing of said Notice of Inspection.

(ii) Inspection: At any date seven (7) business or more days after the Notice of Inspection has been Mailed, the Code Enforcement Officer or the Engineer or their designee shall, conduct an inspection of the property to determine compliance with the standards set forth in this Ordinance, and shall make an Inspection Report thereon, favorable or otherwise, within five (5) business days after completing the inspection, which will be sent via regular mail and certified mail to the property owner. If the Inspection was satisfactory, a Certificate of Sump Pump Compliance shall be issued, and shall be enclosed with the mailed Inspection Report.

(iii) Notice of Violation; time to Remediate: If a violation is discovered during the inspection, the property owner shall within five (5) business days of the inspection be sent a Notice of Violation via regular mail and certified mail or signed by the Owner, Landlord or agent of the record property identifying receipt of notice, which shall clearly describe the violation and the remedial action needed for compliance, and which shall provide fourteen (14) calendar days, for the sump pump connection to be brought into compliance, and for the Department of Engineering & Public Works to be notified of compliance, upon which a Re-Inspection of the property shall take place.

(iv) Penalties for Failure to Timely Remediate Violation and Obtain Certificate of Compliance: Any person who fails to remedy a violation and obtain a Certificate of Sump Pump Compliance within fourteen (14) calendar days as set forth in the preceding paragraph, such person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in this Ordinance. Any person who timely applies for a Certificate, is found to be in violation, and fails to remediate the violation within 14 calendar days, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in **Section 4** of this Ordinance.

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3. RIGHT OF ENTRY AND RIGHT TO INSPECT

(a) The City of Geneva reserves the right to use whatever tests are available to determine the existence of illicit connections to the sanitary sewer system. The City of Geneva also reserves the right to inspect properties in order to enforce these prohibitions. If Tests or Inspections are conducted which might cause some inconvenience or discomfort if an illicit connection exists, it shall be recognized that any such inconvenience or discomfort, or other effect of the Test or Inspection, is of less value and importance than the effects of such illicit connection on the health, comfort and welfare of the residents of the City Of Geneva and, consequently, there shall be no cause for action against the City Of Geneva in law or in equity.

(b) No Person shall obstruct, hinder, delay or interfere with by force or otherwise, the Director of Public Works, the Code Enforcement Officer, or their designees in their exercise of any power or discharge of any function or duty under the provisions of this Ordinance

(c) No person shall provide any false statement, false report, false document, false plans, or false specifications to the, the Engineer, Code Enforcement Officer, or their designees to obstruct, hinder, delay or interfere with the provisions of this Ordinance.

4. PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES

(a) Any owner of a property found to have violated this Ordinance or to have caused, constructed, installed, permitted the construction or installation of an illicit connection to the sanitary sewer system of any Sump Pump or other device which discharges drainage resulting from rainwater, springs, wells, or other ground water, including but not limited to downspouts, shall be subject to the fines and penalties set forth in this section.

(b) The minimum fine shall be $100 per day for each Violation, and an additional $100 per day for each day that an unlawful discharge continues, beyond the time limit provided for remediation in the Notice of Violation served by the City of Geneva pursuant to Section 2(A)(4) or 2(B)(3) of this Ordinance. Each day a violation continues beyond the time limit to remediate shall be deemed a separate offense, and each day in which a Notice of Violation continues to be unabated shall constitute an additional one hundred dollar ($100) a day penalty until the violation(s) has been abated.

(c) In addition, any person who makes or causes such discharges or constructs or permits any illicit connection shall be liable to the City of Geneva for expense, loss or damage incurred by the City of Geneva as a result of such violation.

(d) Lien to be Placed on the Property. All charges, prices, costs, expenses, rents, interest or penalties, or any of them, as established herein, shall be and remain a Lien attaching to the property, the same as all other taxes and municipal charges upon real estate under the laws of the State of New York, for the collection of taxes and other municipal liens upon real estate.

(e) Penalties for Continuing Violations. Upon any repeated violation of any section of this Ordinance, the City of Geneva reserves the right to bring charges against the Violator in Municipal Court, asking the Court to impose any penalties authorized

(f) Requests for additional time to complete work: The reviewing body may grant an extension for any condition in Subsection D upon written request by the applicant. The applicant shall include in such request the desired time period for the extension, not to exceed 60 days, and the reasoning for requesting the extension. If an extension is granted as described above, but the work is still not complete by the end of said extension, and substantial progress toward completion of the work is made, the Code Enforcement Office shall administratively grant an additional extension of no more than 30 days, on the following conditions:

(i)"Substantial progress" shall be defined as the completion of no less than 75% of the work to be done.

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(ii) The owner shall agree to an administrative penalty to be assessed by the City of Geneva Engineering Department, in the event that work is not completed within the 30 days, said penalty not to exceed $100 for each day that the work remains incomplete.

Councilor Pealer wondered where the water handling portion of the update is, explaining that he has a neighbor who was having work done, with pushback from contractor on how to do the work; where the water should be collected or expelled. Director Venuti directed him to chapter 277 of City Code. Councilor Brennan shared that he read minutes from August meeting, and voiced concern that there will be occasions that a property will be sold privately, leaving the seller and buyer unaware of their responsibility. He voiced similar concerns related to sidewalks. He also wondered how to address situations where water cannot be discharged anywhere, wondering where the relief is for situations that are virtually impossible to solve. Director Venuti explained that any amount of diverted storm water helps during rain events and snow melts and will reduce cost the city spends processing storm water, while keeping sanitary lines just for sanitary sewer. Director Venuti explained that the city knows that rain gutters are tied into these systems as well, and could tie into the street system, at a cost, to divert from sanitary. Councilor Brennan explained that he'd like to see improvements to ordinance. Mayor Valentino wondered if the ordinance is passed and a property has no means to comply with it, is there an opportunity for variance if facts are brought forward? City Attorney Hou explained that that would be the Superintendent Braman's decision. Councilor Pealer wondered if certain ordinance modification can be made without going back to first reading. City Attorney Hou explained that it depends on scale of changes, and it could go back to first reading. Mayor Valentino explained that he thinks passage of this ordinance makes sense, with cavate to code that if it's not feasible on property to have exceptions. Councilor Grimaldi added that floor drains go right to the sanitary sewer, and should addressed as well.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gillotte; seconded by Clr. Pealer
MOVED THAT that this ordinance be approved
ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Brennan; seconded by Mayor Grimaldi
MOVED THAT this ordinance be tabled
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. ORDINANCE – First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 350-7.10 Fences, Hedges, and Walls

Chapter 350. Zoning
Part 2. District and Use Regulations
Article VII. Additional Use Regulations
§ 350-7.10. Fences, hedges and walls.
A. Residential districts.
(1) Fences, hedges and walls up to four feet in height shall be permitted anywhere on a lot except where corner clearances are required for traffic safety, as provided in Subsection C below.
(2) A fence, hedge or wall up to six feet in height shall be permitted on the rear property line and on the side property line from the ~~rear~~ line of the principal building to the rear property line.
REVISION: remove rear and add FRONT
B. All other districts.
(1) There shall be no height restriction on fences, hedges or walls except as provided in Subsections B(2), B(3), and C below.
(2) Where a property within a nonresidential district abuts a residentially zoned property, all fences, hedges or walls shall be limited to eight feet in height.

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(3) Where corner clearances are required by Subsection C below, no fence, hedge or wall in excess of three feet in height shall be constructed, maintained or permitted within 30 feet of the curbline.
C. Corner clearances. For the purpose of minimizing traffic hazards at street intersections, no fence, hedge, wall or other obstruction of a height greater than three feet above the top of the adjacent curb or street center-line elevation shall be permitted to be planted, placed or maintained on any corner lot within the triangular area formed by the intersection of the pavement lines, or their projection when corners are rounded, and a straight line joining the pavement lines at points 50 feet distant from their point of intersection.
D. General requirements.
(1) No gate shall be placed, erected or maintained which shall swing outward over any sidewalk within the City.
(2) No fence or wall shall be erected or maintained which shall be equipped with or have barbed wire spikes or any similar device within seven feet of the ground level or which shall have any electric charge sufficient to cause shock.

ACTION TAKEN by Mayor Valentino; seconded by Clr. Gillotte
MOVED THAT the first reading of this ordinance be tabled
ROLL CALL VOTE: **Aye - Clr. Whitfield, Clr. Moracco, Clr. Petropoulos, Clr. Gillotte, Clr. Grimaldi, Clr. Lavin, Clr. Brennan, Mayor Valentino**
Nay - Clr. Pealer
MOTION CARRIED (8-1)

15. RESOLUTION – Setting a Public Hearing to Override the Property Tax Cap

Comptroller Blowers presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, revenues necessary to fund 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 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gillotte; seconded by Clr. Pealer
MOVED THAT this resolution be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. RESOLUTION – Setting a Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget

Comptroller Blowers presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council will receive the City Manager's budget proposal for the 2025 City of Geneva Budget on Monday, September 9, 2025; and
WHEREAS, the City Charter calls for scheduling a Public Hearing to hear comment on the budget proposal in advance of budget adoption; and
WHEREAS, City Council anticipates adopting the 2026 budget at a special meeting on or before October 31, 2025.

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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 2026 for 6:00pm on September 23, 2025.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Pealer; seconded by Clr. Gillotte
MOVED THAT this resolution be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. RESOLUTION – Amending Original Issuance of Bonds for Public Improvements

Comptroller Blowers presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Geneva (the "**City Council**") has determined to undertake the construction and equipping of additions and other improvements to the Marsh Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (the "**WWTP**") to increase the capacity thereof, as further described herein and to appropriate funds for such specific object or purpose and to make certain determinations in connection with such specific object or purpose; and

WHEREAS, as a pre-condition to the adoption of this resolution, by resolution dated August 4, 2021 (the "**SEQR Resolution**"), the City Council determined that the foregoing specific object or purpose constitutes a Type 1 action under the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (collectively, "**SEQRA**") and that such specific object or purpose will not result in adverse impacts upon the environment, and therefore no further action need be taken by the City Council under SEQRA as a pre-condition to the adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, all other conditions precedent to the financing of each of the specific object or purpose hereinafter described, have been performed and no other action need be taken by the City Council as a pre-condition to the adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously adopted a resolution (the "**Prior Resolution**") relating to the WWTP titled:

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2022, OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "CITY"), AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $9,236,950 IN BONDS OF THE CITY TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF ADDITIONS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MARSH CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND AMENDING, RESTATING, REPLACING AND PARTIALLY REPEALING BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 4, 2021

; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that additional moneys will be required to complete the improvements to the WWTP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the New York Local Finance Law (the "**Law**") the City Counsel wishes to amend, restate, replace, and partially repeal the Prior Resolution and replace the Prior Resolution with this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to appropriate funds for the foregoing specific object and purpose and to authorize the issuance of the City's bonds and bond anticipation notes to be issued to finance said appropriation;

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NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK HEREBY RESOLVES (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of such body), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City is hereby authorized to issue $16,332,711 principal amount of bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Law to finance the estimated cost of the construction, reconstruction, and equipping of the additions and other improvements to the WWTP, including reconstructing the existing anaerobic digester tank into an autothermal thermophilic aerobic ("**ATAD**") reactor tank, reconstructing the existing industrial waste holding tank no. 2 into an ATAD storage nitrification denitrification reactor ("**SNDR**"), constructing a new biofilter and odor control unit, and construction new additions or improvements to increase the capacity of the WWTP to 3,100 gallons per minute, and including all other related incidental improvements, equipment, furnishings, and expenses required in connection therewith. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforementioned specific object or purpose is $16, said amount, to the extent not previously appropriated, is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan of financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of $16,332,711 in serial bonds of the City authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds, and (ii) the levy and collection of taxes on all real property in the City to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable; provided, however, that to the extent that the City receives grants from any source to fund such specific object or purpose, the amount of said serial bonds shall be reduced dollar for dollar by the amount of such grants. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness for the aforementioned specific object or purpose is forty (40) years pursuant to subdivision 4. of Section 11.00 of the Law.

SECTION 2. The temporary use of available funds of the City, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the capital purposes described in this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures as part of the projects described herein with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 3. Each of the bonds or other obligations authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds or other obligations and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the City, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the City without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said bonds or other obligations and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the City by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds or other obligations and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 4. The temporary use of available funds of the City, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the capital purposes described in this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures as part of the projects described herein with the proceeds of the

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bonds or other obligations and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 5. Each of the bonds or other obligations authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds or other obligations shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds or other obligations and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the City, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the City without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said bonds or other obligations and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the City by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds or other obligations and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations, and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Section 54.90, Sections 56.00 through 60.00, Section 62.10 and Section 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the City Council relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized, including without limitation the determination of whether to issue bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, the chief fiscal officer of the City (the "**City Comptroller**"). Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller consistent with the provisions of the Law. Further, in connection with bonds and bond anticipation notes issued under the authority hereof, the power to issue and sell bonds or bond anticipation notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Law is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller. Such bonds or notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller consistent with the provisions of the Law. Further, pursuant to subdivision b. of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds to be issued for one or more of the objects or purposes authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to subdivision c. of Section 57.00 of the Law, with or without bonds to be issued for one or more objects or purposes authorized other resolutions of the City Council, then the power of the City Council to determine the "weighted average period of probable usefulness" (within the meaning of subdivision a. of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the City Comptroller, as the chief fiscal officer of the City.

SECTION 7. The City Comptroller is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds or other obligations authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**").

SECTION 8. The City Comptroller is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchaser of the bonds or notes in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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SECTION 9. The intent of this resolution is to give the City Comptroller sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments, or to do any similar acts necessary to affect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds or other obligations or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of this City Council.

SECTION 10. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the City is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

SECTION 11. Pursuant to Section 41(1)(a) of the Law, Section 1 of the Prior Resolution authorizing serial bonds in the amount of $9,236,950 is hereby repealed and replaced with Section 1 hereof. For avoidance of doubt, all other provisions in the Prior Resolution, including provisions relating to temporary expenditures and "official intent" are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice attached in substantially the form as prescribed in Section 81.00 of the Law, in the official newspaper(s) of the City (a) for such publication, and (b) for the publication of the notice of sale in connection with any bonds or other obligations issued pursuant to this resolution.

Councilor Grimaldi wondered if the Town of Geneva can take the bond out. City Manager Hendrix explained that the City has to, as the recipient. Director Venuti shared that he's asked the contractors to hold their price guarantees for 30p more days, while they are already at 60 days, and expects costs to rise with the rebid. He stressed that time is of the essence. Comptroller Blowers explained that there will be no debt impact in 2026, as these payments will begin in 2027, and appear in the sewer fund where about $260,000 will be coming off in debt this year. This bond will add $465,000 annual payments. Mayor Valentino explained that this is important for Geneva's future growth.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Pealer; seconded by Clr. Gillotte
MOVED THAT this resolution be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. RESOLUTION – Placing a Nine Month Moratorium on All Outstanding Sidewalk Related Code Violations

Councilor Petropoulos presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, numerous citizens have contacted City Officials concerning the exceptionally high cost of out-of-pocket sidewalk repair; and

WHEREAS, the 60-day time frame legislated under current Code 306-7 (Cleaning, Maintaining, and Repairing Sidewalk) may constitute extreme hardship for many homeowners to conduct sidewalk repairs; and

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WHEREAS, time is needed for the City Council and City Staff to meet with citizens and discuss solutions to help assist with sidewalk repair.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Geneva City Council will begin a nine-month moratorium on all current and outstanding sidewalk violation notifications, with the exception of sale of property, which have occurred from July 31, 2025 through April 30, 2026.

Councilor Petropoulos explained that he's looked at sidewalks and believes that the city is being too selective the sidewalks aren't that bad. He believes this gives the city time to come up with a better solution, to find a way to help out with sidewalks, saving enforcement for really egregious sidewalks. Councilor Pealer explained that if the city takes over sidewalks it would be liable, but maybe the city would do a better job evening them out. Director Venuti clarified the process explaining that this is not selective enforcement, the city is not picking on a particular neighborhood. He explained that a resident who fell made a complaint that encompassed a large area, 57 properties. City Code states that upon sale, or upon complaint sidewalks will be inspected, and someone complained about the whole neighborhood. Councilor Gillotte believes the letter sent is pretty strong with too short of a turnaround when costs are sky high. He would like to review violation letter. He reminded council that sidewalks have always been responsibility of the homeowner. City Manager Hendrix will work with legal enforcement letters. She explained that certain language has to be strong, and the city can add other language. Councilor Pealer explained that any type of accident on a homeowner's sidewalk is their liability, especially if injury could have been avoided if kept up to city rules. He agrees that the sidewalk policy needs to be reworked because some sidewalks are damaged by the city, as trees in the right of way raise sidewalks, as to Manholes placed in some sidewalks, causing them to completely split. Councilor Brennan recommended an ad hoc committee be formed, discuss creative solutions when there are sidewalk problems. Mayor Valentino explained that he doesn't want to include property for sale in the moratorium, and recommended a motion for nine-month moratorium excluding sale of property.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Pealer
MOVED THAT this resolution be approved as amended
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye - Clr. Whitfield, Clr. Moracco, Clr. Petropoulos, Clr. Gillotte, Clr. Grimaldi, Clr. Lavin, Clr. Brennan, Mayor Valentino
Nay - Clr. Pealer
MOTION CARRIED (8-1)

19. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gillotte; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos
MOVED THAT Teri Williams be appointed to the LDC
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gillotte; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos
MOVED THAT Jessie Redmond be appointed to the Historic Districts Commission
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gillotte; seconded by Clr. Grimaldi
MOVED THAT Mike Reeder be appointed to the Police Budget Advisory Board
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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20. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Brennan shared that the HDC didn't meet this month. There are no firewood sales, as Mr. Burrall is away. The Shade Tree Committee met and updated their plans for the fall, with over 100 trees ready to go. They are looking for homeowners who want to take responsibility for watering trees for several months after planting. Councilor Brennan noted that he missed e bike and e scooter discussion last month, observing that there is very little the police department can do, since they can go wherever they want. He'd like to consider an ad hoc committee to look at stronger ordinances. Councilor Brennan requested a larger conversation about housing issues. He's aware of vacant houses in city that are privately owned, and believes with strategies and prodding, the city could get owners to take action on those houses. He also believes that Short Term Rentals are part of the housing conversation. He also sees the Caste Creek daylighting conversation as an intriguing proposition; not a new idea, and it would positively affect many neighborhoods. He noted that it involves big money, and he'd want to look at strategies to fund purchases of some of the houses that would be affected by daylighting.

Councilor Lavin shared that in Ward 1 Seneca St is being redone. He shared a shout out to Rev. Colin Pritchard for putting signs in his church parking lot for neighbors. Councilor Lavin encouraged other councilors to go to the portion of South Main Street while it's being stripped, to see what it looks like with no parking there, calling it safer and more beautiful there without parking on that side of South Main. He concluded by adding that the IDA has been in the news a lot for projects, and has heard rumors of a potential buyer for the GEDC.

Councilor Pealer reported that the Planning Board met last month. At that meeting a subdivision was approved, and the Lakeview SEQR was approved. He pledged support that a council resolution in opposition of the Lakeview project in the current proposed location. Councilor Pealer echoed the e bike situation, seeing it more on 5&20 In closing Councilor Pealer congratulated new businesses opening in the city, encouraging everyone to try out new spots.

Councilor Grimaldi attended the Geneva Housing Authority meeting where they did talk about garden apartments

Councilor Gillotte shared that the Police Budget Review Board is looking over the budget for consideration by council. BID events include First Friday on September 5 featuring Fully Loaded 315, free bike tours along the lake front, Live From Linden, and the Dove Block. Music Mondays were a great success. Drumstock will be held on Saturday Sept.6, wheels in Geneva at Seneca Street parking lot will be a fundraiser for BID beatification efforts on September 14. America the Beautiful grant funded six more cigarette receptacles. BID will be at Native Plant Sale on September 27. The BID was awarded a grant for revitalizing landscape at lake front which will revitalize two flower beds. A new maintenance supervisor, new executive director, Sydney Shumacher will be coming on board soon.

Councilor Petropoulos shared that the LDC didn't meet today. He concurs on a Lakeview resolution of opposition. He thanked Ward 5 for attending Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings Councilor Petropoulos stated that If County is going behind his back in Ward 5 he will find out about it. Drumstock will be held on Saturday. The next coffee with the City Manager is on September 16 at the Bozzuto Center. A Town Hall will be held on September 27 at Library. The Clark Park Block Party Will be held on September 28. The next OEO meeting will take place tomorrow. A Jackson Street community strategy meeting will be held on September 11 at the Library.

Councilor Moracco shared that the Dunkin project has been covered, Cook Properties has been covered, and there is a Housing Rehab Program out there for low- and moderate-income housing. The program is still rolling,

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but once funding is gone, it's gone. He thanked City Manager Hendrix for the Coffee Talks. In closing Councilor Moracco encourages attendance to the coffee talks, an open forum.

Councilor Whitfield shared that on Saturday Unity Community Center pig roast will be held at Gulvin Park at 11am, all are welcome. Councilor Whitfield shared that he understands the passion of people talking about being hungry and homeless. He explained that it's important to remember that to be able to be heard, it's important to use a certain tone, to present yourself in a different manner at times. He thanked Councilors Lavin and Petropoulos for assisting displaced Garden Apartment residents, explaining that there are ways to help these individuals and families facing hardship, with no place to go now.

Mayor Valentino shared that the City / County quarterly meeting on September 26. He suggested with school starting today, a little extra caution out there, while noting that he wished the school didn't allow e-bikes and e-scooters. In closing Mayor Valentino invited everyone to the annual 9/11 Remembrance service at 10:00 next Thursday.

21. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Moracco
MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:52pm
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nicole Tillotson
City Clerk

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THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 – 6:00 PM

City Hall – 2nd Floor Council Chambers
47 Castle Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – Steve Valentino, Mayor

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1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Moracco, Clr. Petropoulos, Clr. Gillotte, Clr. Lavin
Absent: Clr. Whitfield, Clr. Grimaldi, Clr. Pealer, Clr. Brenan

2. PRESENTATION – 2026 Budget

City Manager Hendrix opened the 2026 Budget presentation with an overview of the goals of this budget. Comptroller Blowers reviewed the CPI, projected sales tax revenue, economic indicators and their impact on the 2026 budget. He then explained priority setting for this budget, noting that this is a budget that just covers the cost of doing business.

City Manager Hendrix reviewed the Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and General Fund. The proposed Water Fund budget for 2026 is $3,982,144, with zero impact on customers. The Sewer Fund is $5.9 million, again with no customer impact. The General Fund proposed total appropriations are $22,224,755, a $3 month increase for a median home in the City.

Comptroller Blowers next reviewed Enterprise Funds. He shared that Recreation is being considered to convert to an Enterprise Fund where its revenue could cover its expenses. The Water Fund was reviewed, followed by the Sewer Fund.

Comptroller Blowers then reviewed General Fund budgets since 2016, explaining that the budget has been fairly flat while staff continues to get a lot done. Historic tax rates were reviewed, since 2016 as well. The proposition for the 2026 tax rate is $12.40. General Fund Revenue was reviewed, followed by City Manager Hendrix reviewing General Fund expenditures.

Comptroller Blowers then presented the Capital Improvement Plan through 2030.

In conclusion City Manager Hendrix reviewed the budget calendar and department requests that didn't make it into the 2025 and 2026 budgets.

Mayor Valentino thanked the City Manager, Comptroller and staff for their work to prepare this budget. He expressed disappointment that Council didn't provide specific direction for the budget. Mayor Valentino pointed out that 10+ vehicles were not funded in this budget, and wondered if they were replacements for current vehicles or additions to the City's fleet. City Manager Hendrix explained that most were meant to replace current vehicles, plus one new truck for recreation. Mayor Valentino pointed out the maintence costs that will be incurred by putting off vehicle replacement, and reminded council that a large portion of the budget increases come from costs the City can't control. Councilor Lavin shared that he appreciates this budget as a starting point, and believes the city should think more like a business, being aggressive in revenue generation.

3. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gillotte; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos
MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:21pm
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-4 absent)

Nicole Tillotson
City Clerk

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2026 City of Geneva Proposed Budgets General, Water, & Sewer



Amie M. Hendrix, City Manager
Adam Blowers, Comptroller
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2026 Budget Launch

What to Expect Today:

90 min

Center the Budget in Mission, Vision, Values

Review Budget Building Process

Provide insights into the programs, services, infrastructure investments for 2026 and beyond

- Our Foundation
- Municipal Budgeting
- Budget Overview by Fund Type
- Enterprise Funds
  - Water
  - Sewer
- General Fund
  - Revenues
  - Expenditures
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Budget Book Review
- Budget Planning Calendar



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Our Foundation

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Our Foundation: Mission

The City of Geneva provides efficient and responsible local government services allowing everyone to enjoy the benefits of living and working in our uniquely urban city.



Our Foundation: Vision

The City of Geneva is a place that is...



Beautiful:

By leveraging our historic assets and natural resources to create a vibrant, welcoming, and attractive city center

Prosperous:

By supporting businesses, educational resources, and workforce development initiatives in a manner that fosters opportunity for all.

Connected:

By ensuring our downtown, waterfront, and neighborhoods are seamlessly integrated, support multimodal users and provides a safe, walkable, and pedestrian friendly core.

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Our Foundation: Vision

The City of Geneva is a place that is...



Equitable:

By providing a range of services and amenities available to all community members and visitors, regardless of age, race, and income.

Sustainable:

By serving as stewards of our natural and historic resources in a manner that balances preservation, long-term growth, and community development.

Our Foundation: Values



As residents, city staff, and elected officials of the City of Geneva, our decisions and actions will be guided by these core values:

Safety

Innovation

Caring & Respect

Integrity & Honor

Service & Stewardship

Our Foundation: Council Strategic Priorities

Goal 1: Ensure Fiscal and Organizational Stewardship of City Resources

Goal 2: Promote Economic Development within the City

Goal 3: Increase and Sustain Intergovernmental Relations with City Partners

Goal 4: Develop and Implement Strategies to Create and Continue Dynamic Communications Regarding City Actions

Goal 5: Enhance the Quality of Life for City Residents

Municipal Budgeting: Forecasting & Priority Setting

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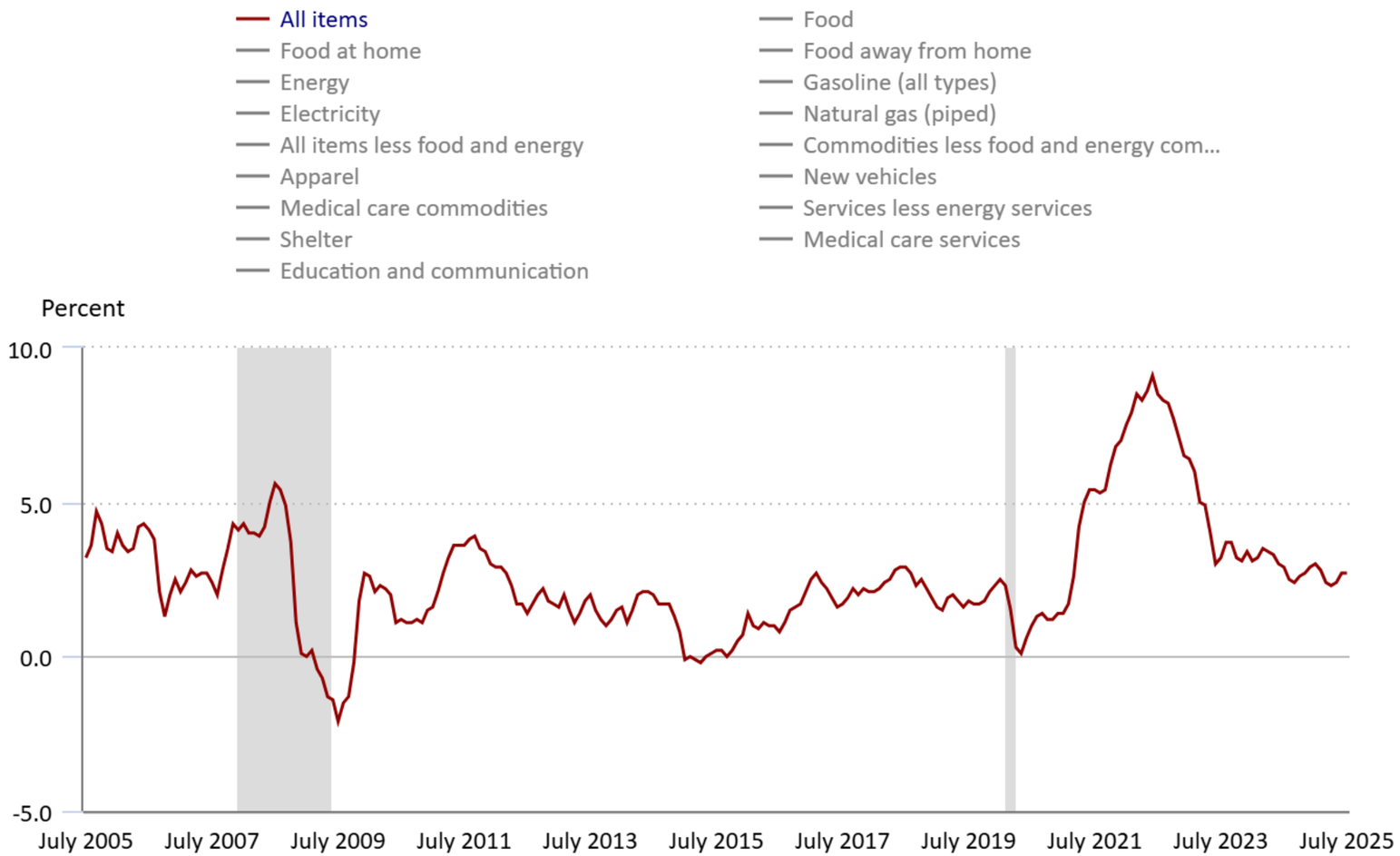
Consumer Price Index

The CPI tells you how much prices are rising or falling for things that people typically buy like food, housing, clothing, transportation, healthcare, and entertainment.

Current inflation is 2.7% up over 12 months:

- Costs are still rising
- Above Federal Reserve 2% Target
- Core Inflation rate of 3.1% suggests price pressures remain even when food and energy costs are excluded

12-month percentage change, Consumer Price Index, selected categories, not seasonally adjusted

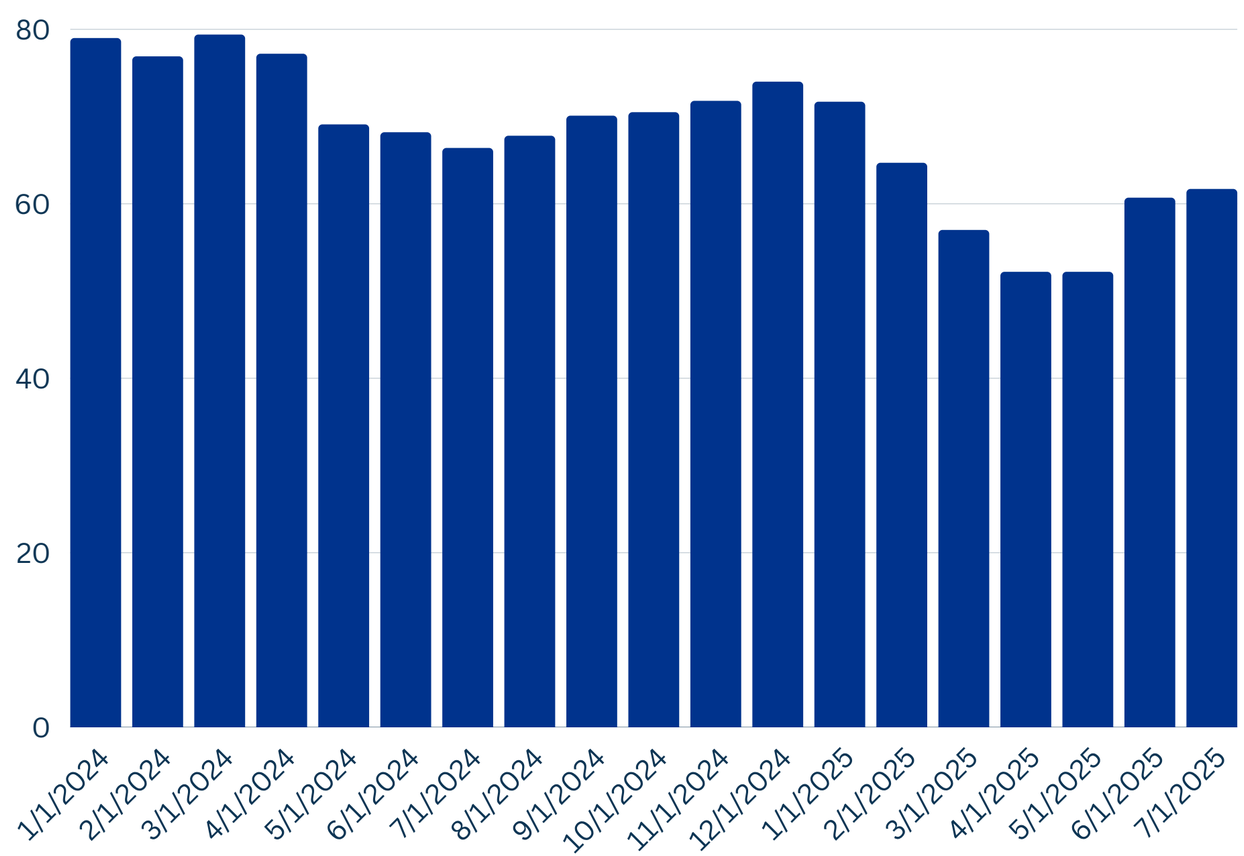


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Consumer Sentiment

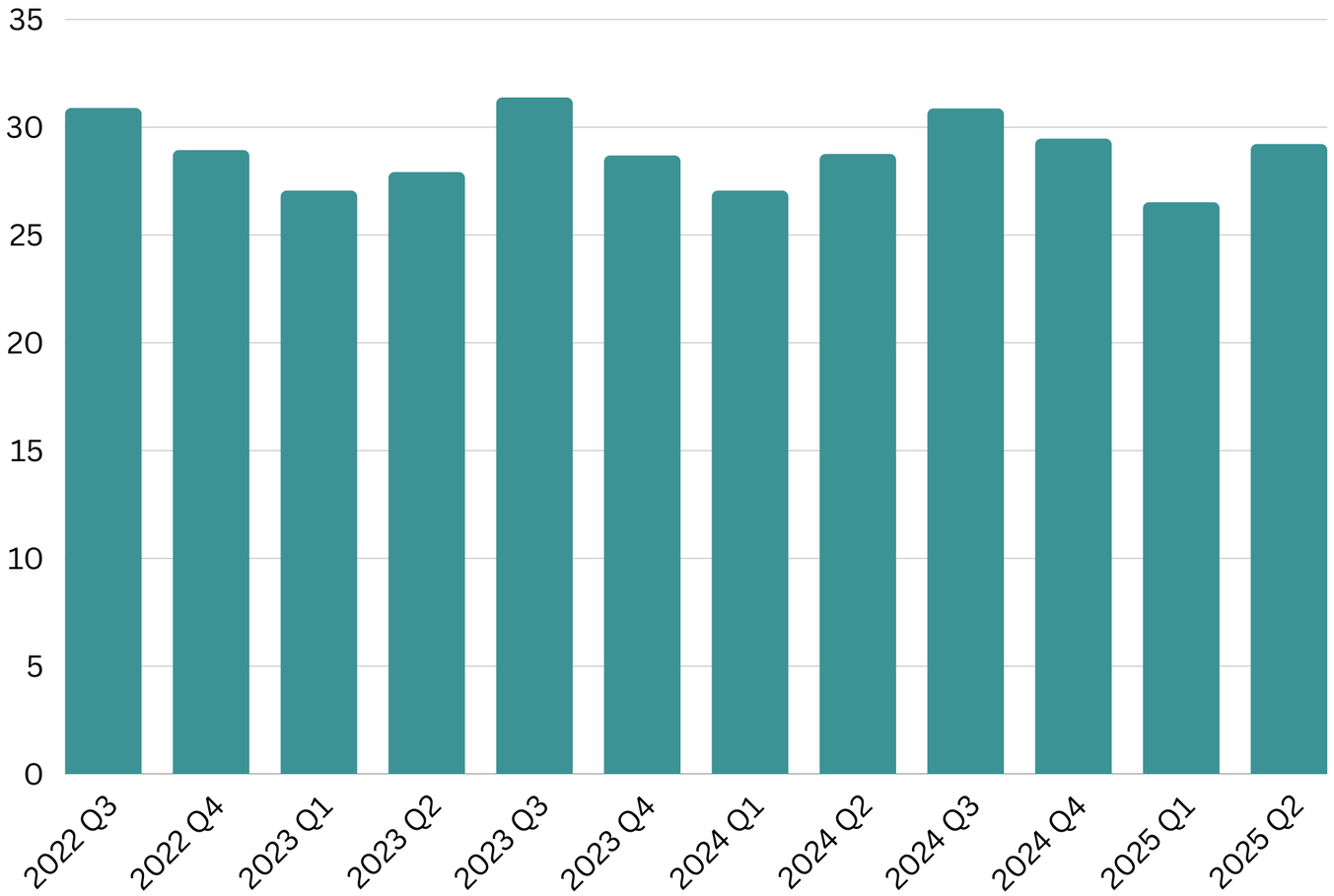
Consumer sentiment improved for the second straight month, inching up a single index point from June. Current conditions rose about 5% to its highest reading since February 2025, while the expectations index fell slightly.

When consumer sentiment is down, it suggests consumers are feeling less optimistic about the economy and their personal finances, which can lead to reduced spending and potentially a slowing economy. It's a signal that consumers are less likely to make big purchases and may be more cautious with their spending habits.



University of Michigan: Consumer Sentiment

Ontario County Sales Tax



Source: New York State Department of Taxation and Finance with calculations by the Office of the New York State Comptroller.

- Sales tax revenues trend remain stable
- We have received Q1 and Q2 City Payments which total: $2,672,464
- Variance in 2025 from 2024 for Q1 & Q2: -$3,312

Economic Indicators and Budget Impact

🔺 **Inflation (CPI ~2.7%, Core ~3.1%)**

- Higher operating & labor costs across departments
- Budget must account for increased materials, benefits, and service prices

📉 **Consumer Sentiment (Historic Lows)**

- Economic uncertainty may reduce future consumer spending
- Signals caution despite current revenue strength

📈 **NYS Sales Tax Collections (+3.7% YoY)**

- Boosts local revenue short-term
- Volatility risk remains due to inflation and economic pessimism

🛠️ **Budget Strategy Implications**

- Prioritize reserves & fiscal flexibility
- Focus on core services and cost containment
- Monitor economic shifts for midyear adjustments

Comparison Communities

City	County	City Levy (25)	City Budget (25)	Taxable Assessed Value (24)	Tax Rate per 1000	2025 ACS Census	Tax Exemptions (2024 Data)
City of Watervliet	Albany	$ 6,181,628	$ 14,531,821	$ 393,397,808	$ 15.71	10377	46%
City of Canandaigua	Ontario	$ 7,400,000	$ 21,400,000	$ 1,154,949,950	$ 6.41	10442	35%
City of Corning **	Steuben	$ 8,714,598	$ 23,400,000	$ 808,969,617	$ 10.77	10629	25%
City of Fulton	Oswego	$ 4,949,629	$ 9,100,000	$ 460,927,530	$ 10.74	11166	24%
City of Dunkirk	Chautauqua	$ 10,907,276	$ 20,155,054	$ 329,073,387	$ 33.15	12250	29%
City of Geneva	Ontario	$ 8,850,000	$ 20,900,000	$ 727,568,268	$ 12.16	12573	57%
City of Olean	Cattaraugus	$ 8,493,056	$ 19,800,000	$ 478,614,807	$ 17.75	13798	35%
City of Glens Falls	Warren	$ 11,147,482	$ 25,500,500	$ 1,308,732,741	$ 8.52	14322	24%
City of Beacon *	Dutchess	$ 13,502,589	$ 26,202,891	$ 1,705,642,304	$ 7.92	15263	16%
City of Batavia **	Genesee	$ 7,200,000	$ 22,379,497	$ 850,862,211	$ 8.46	15361	23%
City of Lackawanna	Erie	$ 12,822,577	$ 33,333,433	$ 765,526,999	$ 16.75	19372	20%
City of Peekskill	Westchester	$ 20,993,000	$ 47,541,764	$ 2,216,103,007	$ 9.47	25520	50%
City of Auburn **	Cayuga	$ 14,858,079	$ 49,891,621	$ 1,265,502,490	$ 11.74	26081	30%
City of Elmira	Chemung	$ 30,307,200	$ 41,400,000	$ 561,807,622	$ 29.98	26176	38%
City of Ithaca	Tompkins	$ 33,182,523	$ 81,781,509	$ 2,795,494,755	$ 11.87	34422	60%
City of Albany	Albany	$ 62,981,000	$ 221,000,000	$ 4,657,174,798	$ 13.52	102925	64%
City of Syracuse **/***	Onondaga	$ 127,415,912	$ 983,045,670	$ 4,524,164,423	$ 28.16	146037	53%
City of Rochester **	Monroe	$ 187,637,400	$ 68,045,500	$ 7,548,686,850	$ 24.86	204882	29%

* Homestead cities (taxes include regional taxation for additional services and have different rates across the jurisdiction; tax rate is variable)

** Non-Calendar Budget Cycle (amounts from 2025-2026 Budgets)

*** City budget includes school budget

Population Data is from ACS

Other data pulled from OCS and Budget Documents

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Priority Setting

Council did NOT set a 2026 target increase or decrease as a whole body

Budgeting based on the cost of doing business, independent of the rise/fall of real estate values.

- Costs for the City and for residents have trended upwards, as have the value of residents' investments.
- Recent tax levy increases have been spurred by catching up for past lack of investment.

City Management and the Vision Ahead

- Foster unity by breaking down silos and embracing a single City approach.
- Maintain cost control by assessing services and fees to identify efficiencies.
- Capitalize on the benefits of previous investments.
- Remember our identity as a small, resilient city that is passionate about progress.
- Strive for advancement through a streamlined organization.

Identify cost savings & reductions

- Use the resources we have to move results
- Request cost savings from each department
- Staff vacancy review process
- Review contracts and impacts
- “Actuals” tell the story of spending and need

Review and adjust revenues such as fees

- Consider affordability impacts
- Make case to recover costs

Make strategic investments

- To improve the organization
- To meet community needs
- Paying down debt
- Use of fund balance

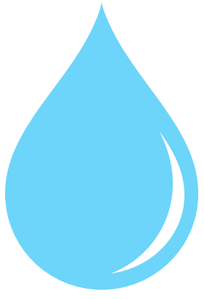
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Municipal Budgeting:
2026 Overview by Fund



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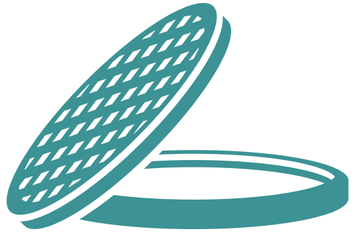
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Water Fund

Supports water supply, treatment, and distribution to homes and businesses.

Funded by water rates based on usage, not by property taxes.



Sewer Fund

Covers the collection and treatment of wastewater.

Funded by sewer fees paid by residents and businesses, not taxes.

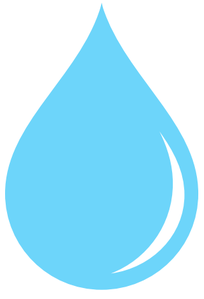


General Fund

Pays for core community services like police, fire, parks, roads, and administration.

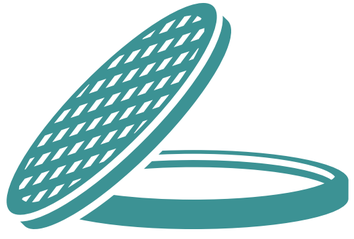
Funded mainly by property taxes, sales taxes, fines & fees, and state & federal aid.

City of Geneva Budgets



Water Fund

Water Total: $3,982,144
Impact on Consumers: 0%
Fund Balance: $1,665,667



Sewer Fund

Sewer Total: $5,931,854
Impact on Consumers: 0%
Fund Balance: $2,428,784



General Fund

Total Appropriations: $22,448,755
Tax Levy: $9,047,724
Tax Rate: $12.40 per $1,000
Price of Median Home: $143,550
Tax on Median Home:
$148.37/Month
$1,780/Year
Increase of $3 A Month

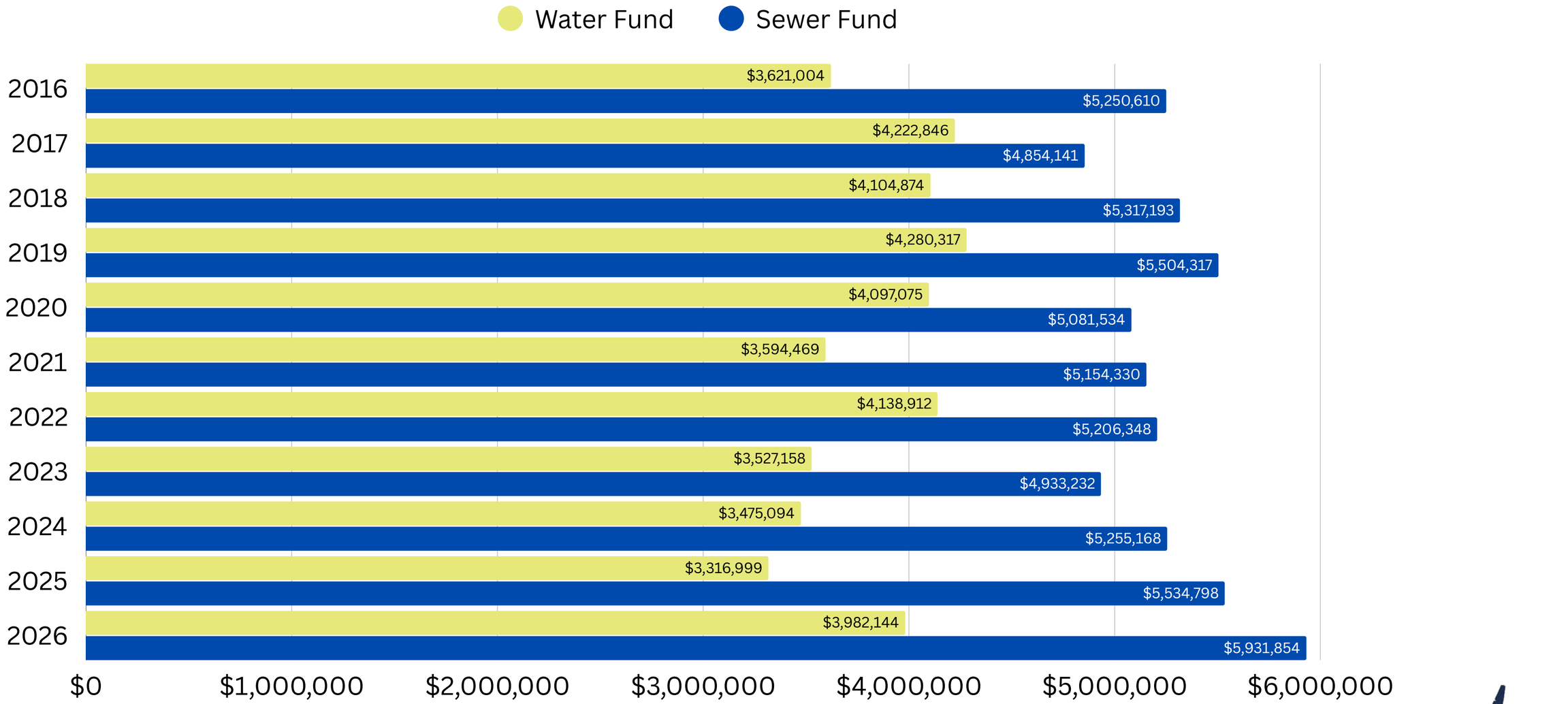
Enterprise Funds



Enterprise Funds

- Clear Financial Tracking – The city can see exactly how much money comes in and goes out for water and for sewer, without mixing them together with other funding streams.
- Fair Pricing – Users of the water and sewer systems pay for the services they use, instead of taxpayers funding them indirectly. All users must pay for the service.
- Better Planning – The city can plan maintenance, repairs, and upgrades for each system separately, based on actual costs and revenue.
- Legal and Accounting Requirements – Cities are required to keep these funds separate for accounting rules and regulations.
- Financial Stability – If one system needs big repairs or upgrades, the money is already there in its own fund, instead of pulling from other city services.
- We may want to consider enterprise funds for Recreation moving forward.

Historic Water & Sewer Fund Budget



2024 Information is unaudited, 2025 is budgeted amount

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Water Fund

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Water Fund Revenues

Revenue	
2140 - Metered Sales	$3,283,859
2144 - Water Service Charges	$4,500
2148 - Interest and Penalities	$110,000
2401 - Interest and Earnings	$70,000
2770 - Miscellenaous Revenue	$10,000
5032 - Capital Reserve Revenues	$165,000
Appropriation From Fund Balance	$338,785
Total Revenues	$3,982,144

Details can be found on page 80

Water Maintenance

2026 Recommended Budget: $3,982,144
2025 Budget: $4,390,215

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 7 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 7 FTE

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Increased costs for materials and utilities

Unrecommended:

- $50,000 for a replacement F150 Pick Up

Details can be found on page 81

Water Plant

2026 Recommended Budget: $1,003,109
2025 Budget: $844,420

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 4 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 4 FTE

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Equipment purchases in 2026 of low lift pump, fire monitoring services, micro-filter air compressor
- Chemical costs remain high
- Engineering needed for lead and copper ruling work and preliminary engineering report for reservoir and building maintenance needs

Unrecommended:

- $180,000 for three new pick ups

Details can be found on page 81

Water Fund - Miscellaneous Expenses

Budget Detail	2026 Recommended
1640.4046 - Gas & Oil	$58,500
1910.4007 - Insurance	$45,000
9010.8071 - Employee Retirement	$165,042
9030.8070 - Employee Social Security	$74,958
9060.8072 - Employee Health Insurance	$82,759
9060.8073 - Retiree Health Insurance	$97,444
9901.9000 - Transfer to General Fund	$369,217
Total Direct Costs	$892,920

Details can be found on page 83

Water Fund - Debt Service

Budget Detail	2026 Recommended
002.9710.6000-Debt Principal, Serial Bond	$690,370
002.9710.7000-Debt Interest, Serial Bond	$196,861
002.9730.6000-BAN Principal	$130,000
002.9730.7000-BAN Interest	$146,169
002.9785.6000-Installment Purchase Debt, Principal	$30,224
002.9785.7000-Installment Purchase Debt, Interest	$4,241
Total Direct Costs	$1,197,865

Details can be found on page 81

Water Fund

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Emergency Response Plan Update	N/A	N/A	Completed and to NYSDOH
Water break repairs	23	24	16

2026 Work Program Highlights:

High and low lift pump restoration to maintain redundancy in safe plant operation
Lead and Copper Ruling lead service line replacement grant funding
Replacement of encoders and endpoints

Details can be found on pages 81-82

Sewer Fund



Sewer Fund Revenues

Revenue	
0982 - Miscellaneous Income	$125,000
2122 - Sewer Charges	$4,335,402
2374 - Sewer Services / Other Govt.	$865,952
2401 - Interest & Earnings	$75,000
2590 - Permits, Other	$130,000
5032 - Capital Reserve Revenue	$75,000
Appropriation From Fund Balance	$325,500
Total Revenues	$5,931,854

Details can be found on page 86

Sewer Maintenance/Administration

2026 Recommended Budget: $744,378
2025 Budget: $901,494

2026 Full Time Equivalents: Shared with Highway
2025 Full Time Equivalents: Shared with Highway

Reason for Budget Changes:

- No equipment purchases planned in 2026

Unrecommended:

- $250,000 for 524P Wheel Loader

Details can be found on page 86

Waste Water Treatment Plant

2026 Recommended Budget: $1,933,443
2025 Budget: $1,823,044

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 8.5 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 8.5 FTE

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Includes extra help to support ATAD expansion construction
- Costs of materials, chemicals, and equipment continue to increase
- Equipment to be purchased in 2026 includes Godwin pump, Actiflo Clarifier, Aeration Blower, Impellers Pump, Bar Screen Motor and Moyno Pump

Unrecommended:

- $180,000 for three new pick ups

Details can be found on page 87

Sewer Fund - Miscellaneous Expenses

Budget Detail	2026 Recommended
1640.4046 - Gas & Oil	$75,000
1910.4007 - Insurance	$85,336
9010.8071 - Employee Retirement	$179,621
9030.8070 - Employee Social Security	$102,980
9060.8072 - Employee Health Insurance	$277,635
9060.8073 - Retiree Health Insurance	$107,909
9901.9000 - Transfer to General Fund	$324,067
Total Direct Costs	$1,152,548

Details can be found on page 89

Sewer Fund - Debt Service

Budget Detail	2026 Recommended
9710.6000 - Principal, Serial Bonds	$1,454,182
9710.7000 - Interest, Serial Bonds	$355,089
9730.6000 - BAN Principal	$95,000
9730.7000 - BAN Interest	$186,033
9785.6000 - Installment Purchase Debt, Principal	$10,702
9785.7000 - Installment Purchase Debt, Interest	$479
Total Direct Costs	$2,101,485

Details can be found on page 89

Sewer Fund

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Amount of waste water treated	1,162,820,000 Gallons	1,173,890,000 Gallons	600,000,000 Gallons
Number of Catch Basins Repaired	25	16	12
Number of Collection System Inspected/Lined	20,465 Feet/2,555 Feet	2,058 Feet/178 Feet	1,173 Feet/0 Feet

2026 Work Program Highlights:

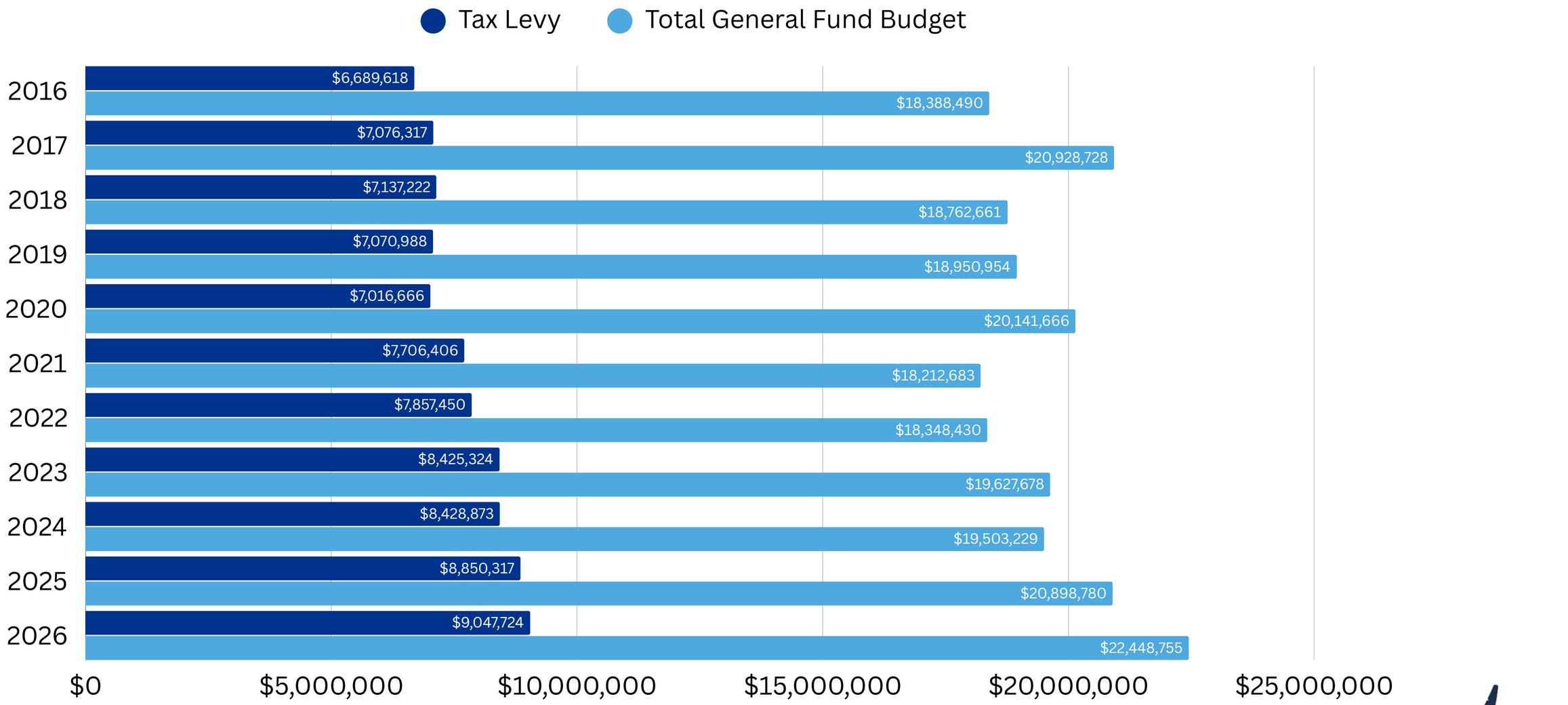
Construction of ATAD expansion
Maintain processing for treatment plant
Televise and slip line lines throughout the City

Details can be found on page 88

General Fund

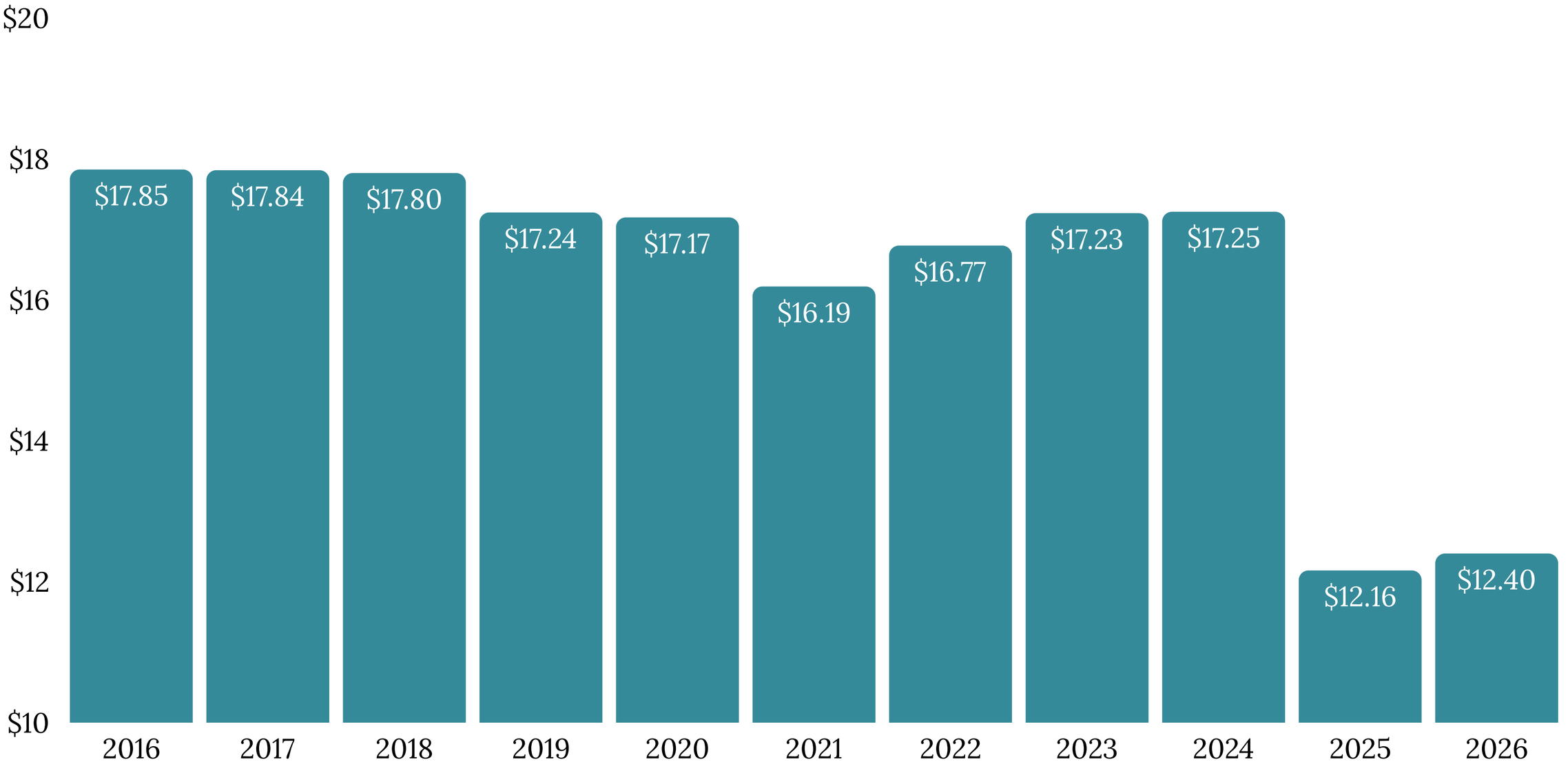


Historic Tax Levy & General Fund Budget



2024 Information is unaudited, 2025 is budgeted amount

Historic Tax Rates



General Fund Revenues



Revenues of the General Fund

Property Taxes	$9,047,724
Other Taxes	$1,578,903
Non-Property Taxes	$5,630,000
General Government	$24,500
Public Safety	$50,000
Health	$26,000
Transportation	$38,500
Culture and Recreation	$390,000
Home and Community Services	$85,000

Details can be found on page 29-30

Public Safety - Other Governments	$450,318
Use of Money and Property	$380,000
Licenses and Permits	$89,500
Fines and Forfeitures	$142,500
Sales of Property	$1,000
Miscellaneous	$77,500
State and Federal Aid	$2,818,262
Interfund Transfers	$693,284
Appropriated Fund Balance	$835,764
Appropriation from Equipment Reserve	$90,000
Total Revenues:	$22,448,755

Revenues of the General Fund

Details can be found on page 29-30

General Fund Expenditures by Department



Attorney

2026 Recommended Budget: $450,000
2025 Budget: $150,000

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Increased legal expenses related to litigation outside of current legal services retainers.
- Annual retainer is $200,000 for general and personnel counsel in 2026.

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Number of Requests for Legal	87	76	25
Number of Hours with Special Counsel	N/A	N/a	143.2

Details can be found on page 35

Business Improvement District

2026 Recommended Budget: $107,600
2025 Budget: $92,600

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Increase support for 4 FTE to provide for ongoing maintenance and beautification services in the downtown BID district on the north side of 5 & 20 and on the lakefront.

Unrecommended Items:
$15,000 for Economic Development Support (this was unfunded in 2025 as well)

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BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Details can be found on page 33

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City Manager

2026 Recommended Budget: $321,338
2025 Budget: $257,546

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 2.1
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 1.1

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Staffing change with hiring of the Assistant City Manager. The funding for this position was previously part of the Recreation and Planning & Economic Development salary lines
- Includes training for all departments

Revenues that offset expenditures in this department:

- Expenditures for the City Manager and Assistant City Manager are offset by revenue from Water and Sewer funds.

Details can be found on page 40

City Manager

Unrecommended Items:

- $75,000 for a Confidential Secretary
  - This position would be intended to provide leadership to administrative staff across all departments in addition to assisting with administrative tasks for the City Manager's Office, Department of Public Works, Recreation, and Planning and Economic Development.
- $50,000 for Performance Management Software and Training
  - Software to better develop and manage performance data by department to show impact of services provided for the City.
- $25,000 for Community Benchmarking Survey and Study
  - Survey that would measure Geneva in comparison of other communities and establish a standard to improve towards

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Cumulative Grant Awards	438,000	$3.6M	$2M
% of Open Contract Ratified	0%	50%	83%

City Manager

2026 Work Program Highlights:

2027 Budget and Financial Planning: Lead a transparent, community-driven budget process.
Shared Services & Regional Planning: Strengthen regional collaboration through shared service agreements with colleges, fire districts, and utilities.
Organizational Excellence & Communications: Improve internal operations through employee engagement and strengthen external communications with consistent updates and outreach.
Sustainability: Review the Resource Recovery Park model and reinvigorate Climate Smart Communities efforts in partnership with the Town and DPW.
Economic Vitality: Expand business recruitment, retention, and support programs to strengthen Geneva's economic base.
Infrastructure & Capital Planning: Advance long-term infrastructure planning to ensure reliable utilities, safe streets, and modern public facilities.
Staff Growth & Organizational Alignment: Invest in employee development and align organizational structures to support excellence in City operations.

City Clerk

2026 Recommended Budget: $242,163
2025 Budget: $219,042

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 2
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 2

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Addition of software to assist the City Clerk and all City staff in managing FOIL requests, agenda items, and more.

Revenues that offset expenditures in this department:

- Fees for services provided by the office, such as marriage licenses or for materials used to complete a service, such as printing fees for FOIL requests.

All requested items were included in the 2026 Recommended Budget.

Details can be found on page 43

City Clerk

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
% of minutes adopted no corrections	N/A	N/A	100%
Number of Licenses Issued	N/A	N/A	Marriage: 49 Dogs: 310

2026 Work Program Highlights:

City Charter Updates: Continue City Charter Updates
Records Inventory Project: Engage a consultant, with NYS Archives funding, to inventory City records, dispose of obsolete files, and create an organized basement storage system from Q4 2025 to Q2 2026.
GEDC Records Management: This project involves identifying, inventorying, and relocating non-obsolete records currently stored at the GEDC.
Board and CommissionTraining: This initiative formalizes training for boards and commissions, especially those with annual training mandates.
City Contracts: Collect and upload all city contracts, insurance policies, and related documents into the Document Manager.

Assessor

2026 Recommended Budget: $148,267
2025 Budget: $155,924

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 1
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 1

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Decrease in overall spending related to conferences, computer updates, and advertising.

Revenues that offset expenditures in this department:

- The Assessor is shared with the City of Canandaigua. We receive revenue from Canandaigua to offset our expense related to salary and benefits for the Assessor position.

All requested items were included in the 2026 Recommended Budget.

Details can be found on page 37

Assessor

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Equalization Rate	78%	100%	93%
Taxable Assessed Value of the City	$488M	$727M	$729M

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Citywide Revaluation: Ensure that valuation is maintained and equitable across the City.

Comptroller

2026 Recommended Budget: $426,612
2025 Budget: $410,637

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 4
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 4

Reason for Budget Changes:

- There are no significant changes in this budget.

Revenues that offset expenditures in this department:

- Expenditures for the Comptroller and some finance staff are offset by revenue from Water and Sewer funds.

All requested items were included in the 2026 Recommended Budget.

Details can be found on page 38

Comptroller

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Tax Rate Collection	97%	98%	95%
Average Rate of Investment Return	2.05%	3.19%	3.42%

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Contract Negotiations
Develp a multi-year financial plan
Update the City's Procurement Policy
Implementation of a timekeeping system for all city staff

Human Resources

2026 Recommended Budget: $188,412
2025 Budget: $187,125

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 1.9
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 1.9

Reason for Budget Changes:
There are no significant changes in this budget. Reductions are a result of the request to maintain spending.

Revenues that offset expenditures in this department:

- Expenditures for Human Resources staff are offset by revenue from Water and Sewer funds.

All requested items were included in the 2026 Recommended Budget.

Details can be found on page 49

Human Resources

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Number of Onboardings	40	37	38
Retirement/Resignation Total	34	23	23

Onboarding and Retention Rates do include seasonal and part-time employees. 2 positions were held vacant at all times due to 2025 budget directives which impacted the ability to fill vacant positions.

2026 Work Program Highlights:

HR Digitization: Continue to focus on digitization of HR electronic files on computer and shared files with other departments
Expand Training: Continue to expand Training Opportunities for Employees and Supervisory/Leadership Teams
Forecasting for Succession: Forecast human capital needs as part of succession planning and department needs

Information Technology

2026 Recommended Budget: $548,702
2025 Budget: $573,496

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 1.5 for City of Geneva, 1.5 for City of Canandaigua
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 1 for City of Geneva, 1 for City Canandaigua

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Salary includes the addition of one new staff person for Information Technology
- Costs are expected to increase for many of our subscription services

Revenues that offset expenditures in this department:

- Staff are shared with the City of Canandaigua who reimburses the City for 50% of the costs

All requested items were included in the 2026 Recommended Budget.

Details can be found on page 52

Information Technology

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Phising Tests Opened by Staff	18.66%	N/A	1.99%
PC Replacement/Creation	43	19	6

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Downtown Security Camera Upgrades
Document Management: Work with clerk to implement a better document management system
Cabling Management: Finish all cabling in City Hall and document, clean, label, and secure all cables.
Final Server Upgrades: Ensure new servers are all upgraded to 2025 Operating System
Security: Replace switches and test equipment while monitoring network events.
Email Phishing Testing: Test employees ability to spot email phishing.

City Council and Mayor

2026 Recommended Budget: $50,880
2025 Budget: $51,200

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Reduction in Miscellaneous Funding

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Number of Council Meetings	24	39	23
Number of Actions Voted On	66	96	54

Details can be found on page 36

Department of Public Works
Engineering

2026 Recommended Budget: $299,183
2025 Budget: $342,495

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 3 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 3 FTE

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Engineering costs have been reduced. For capital projects the engineering surveys will be included in the Capital budget.

Revenues that offset expenditures in this department:

- Staff costs are partially offset by funding from the Water and Sewer fund. Survey costs may also be offset by grant revenue.

Details can be found on page 63

Department of Public Works
Engineering

Unrecommended:

- Salary increase for the Director of Public Works at 7% and a pay increase for engineering staff above current wages increase recommendations/negotiations.
- $45,000 for a new vehicle for the department.
- $75,000 for a DPW Grant Writer

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Number of Lanes Improved	17 Streets/ 8.94 Miles	20 Streets/6.92 Miles	Q3 10 Streets; ~5 Miles
Number of Tree/Light Complaints	297	143	56/72

Department of Public Works Engineering

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Design, Demolish, and Build Lakefront Gazebo
Castle Street Full Reconstruction from Main Street to Brook Street
Line the sanitary lines and replace water utilities on Clinton Street
Complete the design and bid the replacement of the Middle Street Bridge

Department of Public Works
Code Enforcement

2026 Recommended Budget: $333,612
2025 Budget: $312,475

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 4.5 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 4.5 FTE

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Additional funding has been designated for code book updates.

Revenues that offset expenditures in this department:

- The Code Enforcement office collects fees for building permits, inspections, short-term rental applications, and other code related fees and fines.

Details can be found on page 66

Department of Public Works
Code Enforcement

Unrecommended:

- $45,000 for a new vehicle for the department.

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Number of complaints addressed	541	389	346
Number of property enforcements	498	390	328

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Short term rental program; ensure 100% compliance for all STR operators
Proactive Enforcement; protect public health, safety, and welfare through enforcement actions

Department of Public Works
Highway

Details can be found on page 68

2026 Recommended Budget: $1,290,671
2025 Budget: $1,396,377

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 14.5 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 14.5 FTE

These FTEs are shared between Highway and Sewer Maintenance Budgets and include .5 FTE of the electrician

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Less equipment will be purchased in 2026 then purchased in 2025
- Lines were reduced across the board, including the tree trimming/replacement funding

Revenues that offset expenditures in this department:

- Staff are shared between the highway budget (general fund) and sewer maintenance budget (sewer fund)
- Revenues generated by this department include fees for the resource recovery park

Department of Public Works

Highway

Unrecommended:

- $75,000 for salary for an electrician
- $8,000 for a wash bay heater at the Department of Public Works garage
- $75,000 for a Resource Recovery Park attendant

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Number of Winter Trips Days	32	22	34 - De-Ice/22 Plow
Collected Tree/Yard Debris	19,000 Cubic Yards = 1,583 Loads	11000 Cubic Yards = 917 Loads	13,500 Cubic Yards = 1,125 Loads
Collected Food Waste	13.3 Tons	8.7 Tons	10.1 Tons

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Closed drainage system maintenance: Televise and clean lines
DRI maintenance: Continue to improve median weeding; utilize and care for the green infrastructure

Department of Public Works
Buildings and Grounds

2026 Recommended Budget: $1,672,866
2025 Budget: $1,874,155

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 9 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 9 FTE

Details can be found on page 70

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Less equipment will be purchased in 2026 then purchased in 2025
- There is no funding included for the Recreation Complex Improvements
- $50,000 has been included for Park improvements beyond the annual maintenance
- The DPW Buildings line includes funding to review options for DPW relocation in one facility; this study will be necessary for additional funding support should the DPW no longer be able to remain in the GEDC and should be completed prior to necessary upgrades at facilities
- Funding for the demolition of the GEDC Building 3 is included at ½ of the estimated cost to work in partnership with the IDA to remove this uninhabitable building

Department of Public Works
Buildings and Grounds

Revenues that offset expenditures:

- New York State Agriculture and Markets has a multiple year agreement with the City to defray some of the costs related to maintaining the Finger Lakes Welcome Center
- Geneva Baseball and Hobart and William Smith Colleges provide financial and in-kind maintenance support to maintain McDonough Field
- This department brings in revenue through fees for burials and memorial benches

Unrecommended:

- $65,000 for a F250 Truck
- $21,000 for an additional zero turn mower
- $10,000 for a 5x20 enclosed trailer
- $100,000 for improvements and construction at the Buildings and Grounds shop
- Funding has not been included for the entirity of the recommended solutions for the Recreation Complex

Department of Public Works
Buildings & Grounds

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Number of Parks & Acres Maintained	15 Parks/108 Acres	15 Parks/108 Acres	15 Parks/108 Acres
Number of Burials (Full/Cremations)	74 (31/43)	42 (18/23)	31 (17//14)
Acres of Maintained Cemetaries	71 Acres	71 Acres	71 Acres

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Playground Safety and Mulching
Procure new equipment for Richards Parks

Planning and Economic Development

2026 Recommended Budget: $227,949
2025 Budget: $298,485

Details can be found on page 55

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 2.5 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 3 FTE

Reason for Budget Changes:

- The Director of Planning and Economic Development position has been removed. A Working Coordinator Position shared with Recreation will provide oversight to this division along with the Assistant City Manager.
- As the City does not have a grant writer the outside contractor line pays for grant writing services. The grants coordinator administers and maintains compliance for a majority of grants within the City.

Revenues that offset expenditures:

- Often administration funding for a grant is an approved grant expense. These funds are used to offset local costs of our Grants Coordinator.
- The Farmer's Market at the Welcome Center receives financial support from our New York State Agriculture and Markets agreement.

Planning & Economic Development

Unrecommended:

- $75,000 for a full-time grant writer
- $75,000 for a full-time city planner
- $10,000 for additional grant writing services

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Value of city property sold to return to taxable use	$0	$281,000	$40,000
Number of Vendors at the Farmers Market	72 total, 26 weekly average	95 total, 37 weekly average	97 total, 36 weekly average

Planning & Economic Development

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Events Management: Strengthen Geneva's identity as a destination by coordinating safe, well-attended events supported by a streamlined ordinance and application process.
Housing Rehab Facilitation: Support low to moderate income homeowners through completion of the current Housing Rehab grant cycle and pursure new funding.
Economic Development Administration: Support grant activites of the city, provide service to the IDA and LDC and ensure economic development activities are well coordinated.
MAP Grant Facilitation: Support entrepreneurs and small businesses through completion of the current MAP grant cycle and pursuit of new funding in 2026.
Community Development and Communication: Expand outreach and communication tools to ensure residents, businesses, and community groups are actively informed and engaged in economic development initiatives.
Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Alignment: Develop a new Comprehensive Plan aligned with modernized zoning to guide growth, land use, and housing options that meet the needs of current and future residents.

Police Department

2026 Recommended Budget: $4,192,675
2025 Budget: $4,390,215

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 36.5 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 36.5 FTE

Reason for Budget Changes:

- The largest area of reduction is the expense related to the Law Enforcement Technology program as this funding has been exhausted in 2025.
- Equipment replacement includes replacing three vehicles in 2026; 1 unmarked vehicle and 2 patrol cars.

Revenues that offset expenditures:

- The department is contracted for services that provide revenue offset for salaries.
- Tickets and fines are collected by the department.

Details can be found on page 59

Police Department

Unrecommended:

- $55,000 for a part-time police officer
- $65,000 for third marked patrol car

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Total police calls dispatched	35,203	37,083	18,896
Total overtime hours	4,056	3,174	1,278

Police Department

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Update Parking Ticket System: Enhance ticket efficiencies and develop new systems beyond current practices of tire chalking.
Expand Officer Wellness Program: Partnering with GFD for to work with a wellness provider to offer safe and healthy outlets for first responders in City of Geneva.
Create Motorcycle Program: Enhance traffic enforcement with an additional enforcement tool that provides growth for Police Officers.
Community Engagement: Work on community engagement activitles

Fire Department

2026 Recommended Budget: $2,518,044
2025 Budget: $2,640,844

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 21.5 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 21.5 FTE

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Equipment replacement in 2025 included purchasing a UTV and truck. No large equipment is included in the 2026 budget.
- The Genesee Street firehouse rent has been significantly reduced as the initial debt has been paid off in 2025.

Unrecommended:

- $30,000 for a SCBA Washer
- $2,500 for a new flow meter
- $10,000 for a forcible entry trainer

Details can be found on page 46

Fire Department

Unrecommended Continued:

- $25,000 for confined space rescue equipment. This new equipment would allow for confined space training and rescue which has been proposed as part of 2026 work programming.
- $16,000 for a hose dryer.
- $33,300 for the replacement of four (4) radios.
- $22,500 for two (2) SCBA (breathing apparatus) replacements.
- $8,500 for two (2) new gas meters.
- $4,000 for thermal imaging cameras.
- $65,000 for command vehicle replacement.
- $2,000 reduction in training funding.
- $8,000 reduction in miscellaneous spending.
- $250,000 for three (3) additional firefighters.
- $15,000 for promotion of three (3) firefighters to Lieutenants.
- $26,000 for an additional five (5) sets of protective gear
- $20,000 to $115,000 for water rescue

Fire Department

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Number of Calls	1,907	2,759	1,132
Number of Mutual Aid Calls	44	36	27

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Continue Shared Services Collaboration Improve efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance regional response capabilities.
Develop Technical/Specialized Rescue Teams expand GFD's operational capacity for complex incidents like rope rescue, confined space, and trench/building collapse rescue.
Strengthen Community Engagement and Education to build public trust and improve fire and life safety awareness.
Research and Review the Impacts of the Implementation of Medical Billing for First Responders which would allow the City to secure reimbursement for EMS services.

Recreation Department - 7020

2026 Recommended Budget: $117,185
2025 Budget: $172,498

2026 Full Time Equivalents: 2 FTE
2025 Full Time Equivalents: 3 FTE
The FTEs are spread among the Recreation Department (7020) and Recreation Complex (7180) Budgets

Reason for Budget Changes:

- The Recreation Director position has been removed. A Working Coordinator Position shared with Planning & Economic Development will provide oversight to this division along with the Assistant City Manager.
- Funding for extra help has been removed from the 2026 budget and placed in complex operations lines

Unrecommended:
$75,000 for an additional recreation supervisor
$65,000 for recreation department vehicle

Details can be found on page 73

Recreation Department - 7140

2026 Recommended Budget: $31,500
2025 Budget: $36,262

Reason for Budget Changes:

- Expenses have been reduced based on 2025 actuals; this should be re-reviewed mid-year 2026

Unrecommended:

- $2,500 for sports leagues expansion funding

Recreation Department - 7180

2026 Recommended Budget: $183,992
2025 Budget: $180,847

Reason for Budget Changes:

- The budget has very little change from 2025 to 2026.

Unrecommended:

- Additional funding will be needed based on the preliminary design report for the complex, these funds have not been included in the recommended budget as a council discussion will need to occur regarding proposed complex direction.

Recreation Department

Revenues that offset expenses:

- Skating and user fees
- Concession fees
- Summer camp and program fees
- Rink usage fees

Metric	2023	2024	YTD
Number of days complex was used annually	266	301	304
Number of youth in summer camp	39 average	50 average	30 average

The Rink Complex year is April - March

Recreation Department

2026 Work Program Highlights:

Complex Improvements: Evaluate the current condition and future needs of the Recreation Complex to identify next steps, and create a sustainable funding structure for long-term maintenance or expansion.
Recreation Fund: Collaborate with Finance to design and implement a Recreation Fund, with the long-term objective of transitioning to an enterprise fund model to support facility operations and parks development.
Access Equity: Enhance access, scheduling, and availability of the Recreation Complex to ensure equitable opportunities for all groups to utilize the facility.
Recreation Programming: Strengthen the visibility and impact of recreation in the City by expanding events, enhancing park use, and diversifying programming that engages residents and visitors alike.

Capital Budgeting

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Why have a Capital Improvement Plan?

- Strategic Planning: Provides a multi-year roadmap for major projects and infrastructure needs.
- Financial Management: Aligns project costs with funding sources, debt planning, and budgeting.
- Transparency & Accountability: Shows the public and council how priorities are set and projects scheduled.
- Prioritization: Helps rank projects to ensure limited resources address the highest needs.
- Long-Term Vision: Encourages proactive, sustainable decision-making over multiple years.
- Department Coordination: Aligns projects across city departments for efficiency and clarity.

A Capital Improvement Plan

- Does Not Authorize Debt: CIP lists projects, but the council must approve bonds separately.
- Does Not Commit Funds: Inclusion in the CIP does not guarantee funding for a project, it does authorize staff to begin the process to procure the project.
- Does Not Issue Bonds: Actual bond issuance requires a formal resolution,
- Does Not Manage Debt Service: CIP can estimate costs but does not handle repayment or cash flow.

2026 Capital Improvements

Project	Estimated Cost	Funding	Fund	Project Cost
Clinton & Cherry & Elmwood Street Reconstruction	$500,000	Bond	General	$3,500,000
	$1,500,000	Bond	Water	
	$1,500,000	Bond	Sewer	
Pulteney St Reconstruction (Hamilton to Castle)	$3,000,000	Bond	General	$8,000,000
	$2,000,000	Bond	Water	
	$3,000,000	Bond	Sewer	
Cellular Water Meters	$400,000	Bond	Water	$800,000
	$400,000	Bond	Sewer	
GAC Hypo Chlorite Conversion at Water Plant	$1,000,000	Bond	Water	$1,000,000
Generator at Water Treatment Plant	$500,000	Bond	Water	$500,000

Details can be found on page 93

2026 Capital Improvements

Project	Estimated Cost	Funding	Fund	Project Cost
Fire Apparatus	$1,000,000	Bond	General	$1,000,000
	$200,000	Fund Balance	General	$200,000
Rink Study Improvements	$300,000	Bond	General	$300,000
	$200,000	Fund Balance	General	$200,000
Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance Program	$250,000	Bond	Sewer	$250,000
Street Resurfacing Program -- Various Streets	$500,000	CHIPS	General	$500,000
Total	$16,250,000			$16,250,000

2027 Capital Improvements

Project	Estimated Cost	Funding	Fund	Project Cost
Milton, Union and Howard Streets Survey & Design	$150,000	Bond	General	$150,000
Center and Toledo Streets Survey & Design	$150,000	Bond	General	$150,000
Cellular Water Meters	$400,000	Bond	Water	$1,400,000
Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance Program	$1,000,000	Bond	Sewer	$1,000,000
Park Master Plan Improvements	$300,000	Bond	General	$300,000

2027 Capital Improvements

Project	Estimated Cost	Funding	Fund	Project Cost
John, Folger and Rose Reconstruction	$1,200,000	Bond	General	$2,800,000
	$1,000,000	Bond	Water	
	$600,000	Bond	Sewer	
Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance Program	$300,000	Bond	Sewer	$300,000
Street Resurfacing Program -- Various Streets	$500,000	CHIPS	General	$500,000
Total	$5,900,000			$5,900,000

2028 Capital Improvements

Project	Estimated Cost	Funding	Fund	Project Cost
Park Master Plan Improvements	$300,000	Bond	General	$300,000
Lakefront Sea Wall	$850,000	Bond	General	$850,000
Milton, Union and Howard Streets Reconstruction	$750,000	Bond	General	$1,575,000
	$400,000	Bond	Water	
	$425,000	Bond	Sewer	
Center and Toledo Streets Reconstruction	$600,000	Bond	General	$1,500,000
	$450,000	Bond	Water	
	$450,000	Bond	Sewer	
Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance Program	$350,000	Bond	Sewer	$350,000
Street Resurfacing Program -- Various Streets	$500,000	CHIPS	General	$500,000
Total	$5,075,000			$5,075,000

2029 Capital Improvements

Project	Estimated Cost	Funding	Fund	Project Cost
Gates Avenue Reconstruction	$750,000	Bond	General	$1,850,000
	$500,000	Bond	Water	
	$600,000	Bond	Sewer	
Park Master Plan Improvements	$300,000	Bond	General	$300,000
Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance Program	$400,000	Bond	Sewer	$400,000
Street Resurfacing Program -- Various Streets	$500,000	CHIPS	General	$500,000
Total	$3,050,000			$3,050,000

2030 Capital Improvements

Project	Estimated Cost	Funding	Fund	Project Cost
Jackson and State Streets Survey & Desisgn	$150,000	Bond	General	$150,000
Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance Program	$400,000	Bond	Sewer	$400,000
Street Resurfacing Program -- Various Streets	$500,000	CHIPS	General	$500,000
Jackson and State Streets Reconstruction	$900,000	Bond	General	$2,225,000
	$600,000	Bond	Water	
	$725,000	Bond	Sewer	
Total	$3,275,000			$3,275,000

Additional Budget Components

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2026 Budget Calendar

September 23, 2025 at 6pm: Public Hearing on Budget & Work Session - Public Works
September 30, 2025 at 6pm: Work Session on Budget – Public Safety & Recreation
October 1, 2025pm at 7pm - City Council Meeting with Public Comment
October 7, 2025 at 6pm: Work Session on Budget –Economic Development & Administration
October 14, 2025 at 6pm: General Work Session on Budget
October 21, 2025 at 6pm: General Work Session on Budget
October 28, 2025 at 6pm: General Work Session on Budget
October 31, 2025: Budget Must Be Adopted

Departments called to work sessions may change based on council questions and department availability.

Thank you.

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Geneva City Council
Agenda Item Briefing

To: Geneva City Council

From: Neal Braman – Superintendent of Building & Zoning

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

Item Title: Sump Pump Ordinance

Action Required:
First Reading of a Sump Pump Ordinance

Background:
This action has been recommended by the Storm water task Force, that was created to investigate ways to limit Storm water impacts/flooding events over the last 4-5 years. It is also necessary to help limit the amount of ground water in the Sanitary sewer system, which will help to reduce operating costs at the City Waste water Treatment Plant. Since the second reading on September 3 this ordinance has been updated to include a Hardship or Infeasibility Review, 4(g).
The City has been allocating funds in the Engineering budget for years for the purpose of Slip Lining mainline sanitary sewer collection infrastructure in an attempt to limit the amount of I&I being treated at the Wast Water Plant. This ordinance will continue that effort in reducing storm water being treated and, in the process, help in saving money being spent on treatment of ground water.

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Financial Impact:
Their will be a small impact to a property owner that would be in violation of this proposed ordinance. Generally, will involve removing the connection to the Sanitary lateral in the basement and it would discharge to the outside away from the house to a location, not to create a nuisance to a neighbor, similar to how downspouts from a gutter system are managed.

The bigger benefit will be to City residents in collectively limiting unnecessarily treating storm water and helping to manage equipment costs required for treatment.

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ORDINANCE # 7-2025

AMENDING CHAPTER 277, SANITARY SEWERS, SUMP PUMPS

Chapter 277. Sanitary Sewers

Article II. Use of Public Sewers Required

§ 277-4. Use of natural outlet prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet, either directly or through any storm sewer, within the City, or in any area under the jurisdiction of said City, any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this chapter. Use of separate storm sewers and sanitary sewers is mandatory, and no combined sewers will be allowed.

§ 277-4.

1. CONNECTION OF SUMP PUMPS OR RAINWATER DRAINAGE TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IS PROHIBITED.

No Sump Pump or other device which discharges drainage resulting from rainwater, springs, wells, or other ground water, including but not limited to downspouts, shall be connected to the City of Geneva sanitary sewer system.

2. SUMP PUMP INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATES.

A. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATE REUIRED UPON SALE

~~A.~~ Inspection and Certificate Required Upon Sale. No owner shall sell a residential or nonresidential building in the City of Geneva without first obtaining from the City of Geneva Engineering Dept. a certificate stating that no sump pump or other device which discharges drainage resulting from rainwater, springs, wells or other ground water is connected to the sanitary sewer system in violation of **Section A** of this Ordinance. No purchaser shall purchase property unless the seller has obtained the required certificate of sump pump compliance prior to closing.

(i) Application for Certificate Upon Sale Procedures: Certificates of Sump Pump Compliance shall be issued in accordance with the following procedures:

(ii) Application Fee: Applications for certificates of sump pump compliance upon Sale, Lease, Rental, or Change in Occupancy shall be filed with the City Of Geneva Engineering Dept. by the seller of the property or the landlord as the case may be.
Said Application must be filed at least ten (10) business days prior to the change in ownership and/or occupancy. Applications shall be submitted on the form supplied by the Engineering Department and shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount of $50.

(3) Inspection: Upon receipt of a completed Application for Certificate Upon Sale, Lease, Rental, or Change in Occupancy, the City Of Geneva inspector shall, conduct an inspection of the property to determine compliance with the standards set forth in this Ordinance.

(4) Notice of Violation; time to Remediate: If a violation is discovered during the inspection, the property owner shall be mailed a Notice of Violation within five (5) business days of the inspection which shall clearly describe the violation and the remedial action needed for compliance, and which shall provide 21 calendar days for the sump pump connection to be brought into compliance.

(5) Penalties for Failure to Obtain Certificate or to Timely Remediate Violation: Any person who fails to apply for and obtain a Certificate of Sump Pump Compliance as required by this Ordinance shall be subject to the penalties set forth in this Ordinance. Any person who timely applies for a Certificate, is found to be in violation, and fails to remediate the violation within 21 calendar days, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 4 of this Ordinance. If a seller of a property fails to comply with this or any section of this Ordinance, the seller and the new owner after the sale will be jointly and severally responsible for said compliance and all resulting penalties.

B. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATE REQUIRED UPON THE ENGINEER OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CERTIFYING THAT RHERE IS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF AN ILLICIT CONNECTION TO THE SANITARY SEWER.

If at any time the Engineer or Director of Public Works believes there is substantial evidence that a sump pump (or other device which discharges drainage resulting from rainwater, springs, wells, or other ground water, including but not limited to downspouts) has been connected to the sanitary sewer system, the Engineer or Director of Public Works shall direct that the property in question be subject to immediate Inspection by the Engineer, Code Enforcement Office or the Authority having jurisdiction.

(i) Notice of Inspection: Upon the filing of the Certification referenced in Section (B) above, the Engineer, Code Enforcement Officer or designee shall cause a Notice to be sent via Certified Mail to the property address in question, and to the registered owner of said property on the City Of Geneva tax records, giving Notice of Inspection to take place at any time after seven (7) business days from the mailing of said Notice of Inspection.

(ii) Inspection: At any date seven (7) business or more days after the Notice of Inspection has been Mailed, the Code Enforcement Officer or the Engineer or their designee shall, conduct an inspection of the property to determine compliance with the standards set forth in this Ordinance, and shall make an Inspection Report thereon, favorable or otherwise, within five (5) business days after completing the inspection, which will be sent via regular mail and certified mail to the property owner. If the Inspection was satisfactory, a Certificate of Sump Pump Compliance shall be issued, and shall be enclosed with the mailed Inspection Report.

(iii) Notice of Violation; time to Remediate: If a violation is discovered during the inspection, the property owner shall within five (5) business days of the inspection

be sent a Notice of Violation via regular mail and certified mail or signed by the Owner, Landlord or agent of the record property identifying receipt of notice, which shall clearly describe the violation and the remedial action needed for compliance, and which shall provide fourteen (14) calendar days, for the sump pump connection to be brought into compliance, and for the Department of Engineering & Public Works to be notified of compliance, upon which a Re-Inspection of the property shall take place.

(iv) Penalties for Failure to Timely Remediate Violation and Obtain Certificate of Compliance: Any person who fails to remedy a violation and obtain a Certificate of Sump Pump Compliance within fourteen (14) calendar days as set forth in the preceding paragraph, such person shall be subject to the penalties set forth in this Ordinance. Any person who timely applies for a Certificate, is found to be in violation, and fails to remediate the violation within 14 calendar days, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in **Section 4** of this Ordinance.

3. RIGHT OF ENTRY AND RIGHT TO INSPECT

(a) The City of Geneva reserves the right to use whatever tests are available to determine the existence of illicit connections to the sanitary sewer system. The City of Geneva also reserves the right to inspect properties in order to enforce these prohibitions. If Tests or Inspections are conducted which might cause some inconvenience or discomfort if an illicit connection exists, it shall be recognized that any such inconvenience or discomfort, or other effect of the Test or Inspection, is of less value and importance than the effects of such illicit connection on the health, comfort and welfare of the residents of the City Of Geneva and, consequently, there shall be no cause for action against the City Of Geneva in law or in equity.

(b) No Person shall obstruct, hinder, delay or interfere with by force or otherwise, the Director of Public Works, the Code Enforcement Officer, or their designees in their exercise of any power or discharge of any function or duty under the provisions of this Ordinance

(c) No person shall provide any false statement, false report, false document, false plans, or false specifications to the, the Engineer, Code Enforcement Officer, or their designees to obstruct, hinder, delay or interfere with the provisions of this Ordinance.

4. PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES

(a) Any owner of a property found to have violated this Ordinance or to have caused, constructed, installed, permitted the construction or installation of an illicit connection to the sanitary sewer system of any Sump Pump or other device which discharges drainage resulting from rainwater, springs, wells, or other ground water, including but not limited to downspouts, shall be subject to the fines and penalties set forth in this section.

(b) The minimum fine shall be $100 per day for each Violation, and an additional $100 per day for each day that an unlawful discharge continues, beyond the time limit provided for remediation in the Notice of Violation served by the City of Geneva pursuant to Section 2(A)(4) or 2(B)(3) of this Ordinance. Each day a violation continues beyond the time limit to remediate shall be deemed a separate offense, and each day in which a Notice of

Violation continues to be unabated shall constitute an additional one hundred dollar ($100) a day penalty until the violation(s) has been abated.

(c) In addition, any person who makes or causes such discharges or constructs or permits any illicit connection shall be liable to the City of Geneva for expense, loss or damage incurred by the City of Geneva as a result of such violation.

(d) Lien to be Placed on the Property. All charges, prices, costs, expenses, rents, interest or penalties, or any of them, as established herein, shall be and remain a Lien attaching to the property, the same as all other taxes and municipal charges upon real estate under the laws of the State of New York, for the collection of taxes and other municipal liens upon real estate.

(e) Penalties for Continuing Violations. Upon any repeated violation of any section of this Ordinance, the City of Geneva reserves the right to bring charges against the Violator in Municipal Court, asking the Court to impose any penalties authorized

(f) Requests for additional time to complete work: The reviewing body may grant an extension for any condition in Subsection D upon written request by the applicant. The applicant shall include in such request the desired time period for the extension, not to exceed 60 days, and the reasoning for requesting the extension. If an extension is granted as described above, but the work is still not complete by the end of said extension, and substantial progress toward completion of the work is made, the Code Enforcement Office shall administratively grant an additional extension of no more than 30 days, on the following conditions:

(i)"Substantial progress" shall be defined as the completion of no less than 75% of the work to be done.

(ii) The owner shall agree to an administrative penalty to be assessed by the City of Geneva Engineering Department, in the event that work is not completed within the 30 days, said penalty not to exceed $100 for each day that the work remains incomplete.

(g) Hardship or Infeasibility Review.

(1) A property owner who asserts that remediation of a violation under this Ordinance is not feasible shall, within fifteen (15) days of service of a Notice of Violation, submit to the Code Enforcement Officer a written request for relief. The request shall include the basis for the claim of infeasibility, together with any supporting documentation.

(2) The Code Enforcement Officer, in consultation with the City Engineer as necessary, shall review the request and determine whether remediation is feasible, partially feasible, or infeasible, and may impose alternative compliance measures.

(3) If the property owner is aggrieved by the determination of the Code Enforcement Officer, the property owner may, within fifteen (15) days of the determination, petition for a hearing before the Sewer Complaint Review Board, which shall conduct proceedings consistent with § 277-69 of this Code.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to waive liability for costs, damages, or expenses incurred by the City as a result of the violation.

ADOPTED BY THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL ON November 5, 2025
ATTEST:

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Mayor	City Clerk

Geneva City Council

Agenda Item Briefing

To:	Geneva City Council
From:	Amie Hendrix, City Manager
Meeting Date:	October 1, 2024
Item Title:	Local Law 3-2025 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.

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.

Alternatives:

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

Financial Impact:

N/A

Office of the City Manager, Amie Hendrix

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LOCAL LAW # 3 – 2025

OVERRIDING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT

WHEREAS, the State of New York has enacted General Municipal Law requiring that municipalities, with certain exceptions, caps the growth of the property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the statutory formula for calculation of permitted property tax levy growth requires the City of Geneva to roll back property tax rates to stay within statutory caps; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's 2026 proposed budget forecasts the need to exceed the statutory property tax levy cap.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

Section 1 - Legislative Intent
It is the intent of this resolution to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the City of Geneva pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the City of Geneva to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2 - Authority
This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the City Council to override the tax cap by the adoption of a resolution approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the City Council.

Section 3 – Tax Levy Limit Override
The City Council of the City of Geneva; Ontario County is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

Section 4 – Severability
If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation, or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5 – Effective Date
This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Geneva City Council
Agenda Item Briefing

To: City Council

From: Mayor Valentino

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

Item Title: Local Law 4-2025 Amending the City Charter Regarding the Residency Requirement for the City Manager

Action Required:
Approval of Local Law

Background: The City Charter currently states that "*The City Manager need not be a resident of the city at the time of appointment but shall and remain so during his or her term of office*."
This Local Law would amend the Charter to read that *"It is the City Council's preference that the City Manager be a resident of the City, and may take residency into account in its appointment/re-appointment of the City Manager, but this preference may be waived by the City Council."*

Alternatives:
Council could choose to take no action

Financial Impact:
None

LOCAL LAW # 4-2025

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER REGARDING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE CITY MANAGER

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Geneva, Ontario County, State of New York, as follows:

Article I. General Provisions

Section 1. Authorization

The adoption of this local law is in accordance with Section 10 of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 2. Legislative Finding and Purpose

The City Charter of the City of Geneva provides that the City Manager need not be a resident of the City at the time of appointment but shall become and remain so during his or her term of office. The City Council hereby finds that it is in the best interests of the City to loosen this residency requirement by establishing a preference that the City Manager be a City resident, but allow City Council, to waive such requirement.

Section 3. Validity and Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 4. Inconsistency.

All other local laws and ordinances of the City of Geneva that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed provided, however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency. In all other respects, this Local Law shall be in addition to such other local laws or ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered herein.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law will take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

Article II. Amendments to the City Charter of the City of Geneva

City Charter Section 4.1 shall be amended as follows: (*new language shown in italics, omitted language shown with strikethrough).*

The City Manager shall be appointed for an indefinite term by the City Council. City Manager shall be appointed solely on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications, education, training and experience in public administration. *It is the City Council's preference that the City Manager be a resident of the City, and may take residency into account in its appointment/re-appointment of the City Manager, but*

this preference may be waived by the City Council. ~~The City Manager need not be a resident of the city at the time of appointment but shall become and remain so during his or her term of office.~~ No counselor or supervisor shall be appointed City Manager during the term for which elected or within two years after the expiration of his or her term.

Geneva City Council
Agenda Item Briefing

To: Geneva City Council

From: Neal Braman – Superintendent of Building & Zoning

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

Item Title: Revise the Fence Ordinance

Purpose:
To propose an amendment to the current fence ordinance, increasing the allowable maximum fence height in residential zones from 4 feet to 6 feet in side and rear yard.

Background:
The existing ordinance restricts fence height in front yards, from the rear of the house forward and certain residential areas to 4 feet. This regulation was originally intended to promote visibility, maintain neighborhood aesthetics, and ensure pedestrian safety. However, community needs and residential patterns have evolved.

Rationale for Change:

1. **Increased Privacy Needs:**
   Many residents are requesting higher fences to improve privacy and reduce visibility from public streets and adjacent properties.

2. **Security Concerns:**
   A 6-foot fence provides a stronger deterrent to trespassing, theft, and intrusion, addressing rising concerns over property safety.

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3. **Noise Reduction:**
   Taller fences offer better noise buffering, which is increasingly important in denser neighborhoods and near busy roads.

4. **Consistency with Surrounding Communities:**
   Many neighboring municipalities have already adopted 6-foot fence height limits, allowing our community to remain competitive and consistent with regional norms.

Proposed Changes:

- **Maximum Fence Height:** Allow 6’ high fence from the front of the house back to include the side yard instead of from the rear of the house. (Backyard)

Recommendation:
Ordinance change was reviewed with the Planning Board with the recommendation to approve revising the ordinance allowing 6’ high fence in the side and rear yard, minutes from the Planning Board attached.

Conclusion:
Amending the ordinance to allow for taller fences will better align with modern residential needs while maintaining community safety and appearance. We respectfully ask the council to consider this update to support resident well-being and property value.

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Financial Impact:
None

ORDINANCE #8-2025
AMENDING CHAPTER 350-7.10 FENCES, HEDGES, AND WALLS

Chapter 350. Zoning
Part 2. District and Use Regulations
Article VII. Additional Use Regulations
§ 350-7.10. Fences, hedges and walls.

A.
Residential districts.
(1)
Fences, hedges and walls up to four feet in height shall be permitted anywhere on a lot except where corner clearances are required for traffic safety, as provided in Subsection C below.
(2)
A fence, hedge or wall up to six feet in height shall be permitted on the rear property line and on the side property line from the ~~rear~~ line of the principal building to the rear property line.
REVISION: remove rear and add FRONT
B.
All other districts.
(1)
There shall be no height restriction on fences, hedges or walls except as provided in Subsections B(2), B(3), and C below.
(2)
Where a property within a nonresidential district abuts a residentially zoned property, all fences, hedges or walls shall be limited to eight feet in height.
(3)
Where corner clearances are required by Subsection C below, no fence, hedge or wall in excess of three feet in height shall be constructed, maintained or permitted within 30 feet of the curbline.
C.
Corner clearances. For the purpose of minimizing traffic hazards at street intersections, no fence, hedge, wall or other obstruction of a height greater than three feet above the top of the adjacent curb or street center-line elevation shall be permitted to be planted, placed or maintained on any corner lot within the triangular area formed by the intersection of the pavement lines, or their projection when corners are rounded, and a straight line joining the pavement lines at points 50 feet distant from their point of intersection.
D.
General requirements.
(1)
No gate shall be placed, erected or maintained which shall swing outward over any sidewalk within the City.
(2)
No fence or wall shall be erected or maintained which shall be equipped with or have barbed wire spikes or any similar device within seven feet of the ground level or which shall have any electric charge sufficient to cause shock.
ADOPTED BY THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL ON September 3, 2025
ATTEST:

_____ _____
Mayor City Clerk

CITY OF GENEVA PLANNING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM | June 18, 2025
City Hall – 47 Castle St, Geneva NY

1. **Roll Call:** Don Cass, Kevin Reed, Bryson Cochran, Dave D'Amico
   Excused: Anne Nenneau
   Also Present: Neal Braman, David Hou, Clerk Tillotson, City Manager Amie Hendrix, Clr. Petropolous

2. **A Subdivision Application by the property owner, Debra Cleveland, at 160, 164 & 166 N Main St.**

Parcel is located on Dorchester & North Main and currently hold a church and two outbuildings supportive of the church. Debra Cleveland is proposing to subdivide all buildings into their own lots. Believe the church will become a single family, a current house on 160 N Main will remain a single family, and the third building to be converted into a single-family home.

Single family homes are permitted uses in this zoning district. Current parcels are non-conforming. Area variances will be required for some parcels due to the buildings being too close to the property line.

Lot #1 is 16,000 sq ft, Lot #2 is 34,000 sq ft, and Lot #3 is approximately 11,000 sq. ft.

Action Taken: Mr. Reed makes a motion to classify this action as an unlisted action under NY Code Rules & Regulations Part 617 and to declare the City of Geneva Planning Board the lead agency for the purposes of the SEQR review. Mr. Cochran seconds.

*Roll was called and the motion was **APPROVED** unanimously (4-1 excused)*

Action Taken: Mr. D'Amico makes a motion to schedule a public hearing at the next scheduled Planning Board meeting on July 16, 2025 at 6:00PM. Mr. Cochran seconds.

*Roll was called and the motion was **APPROVED** unanimously (4-1 excused)*

3. A Subdivision application by the developer, Cook Properties, for a vacant lot on Middle St to be subdivided into 4 lots (Tax ID 104.8-3-23) and a Site Plan Review for the construction of 4 houses on the subdivided lots.

Agenda item is tabled until the July 16, 2025 meeting due to addressing engineering comments on the proposal.

4. Continue a review of a Site Plan & Special Use Permit Application by Lakeview Mental Health Services Inc. for a mixed use 5-Story apartment building located at 218 Genesee St. [Tax ID 104.42-2-44.110]

Ari Goldberg, attorney for the project, briefly speaks to let the board know they can make a SEQR determination this evening if they are inclined. A supplemental submission was submitted on June 6, 2025.

Cathy Lovejoy, president of Lakeview Mental Health Services, Inc, speaks briefly on some background of Lakeview. 34 units are considered supportive units for residents with a mental health diagnosis. These residents must be able to live independently and take care of themselves. The staff are on site 24/7 and for support only, they are not medical professionals. Everyone who wants to live in the building must go through a screening, including criminal and financial.

There are current Lakeview locations in Seneca Falls, Macedon, and Ithaca ranging from 40-60 units.

Ari Goldberg speaks to housing challenges in Geneva, referencing the 2023 Ontario County Housing Needs Assessment and the 2016 Geneva Comprehensive Plan.

Proposed tenant mix: 6 units at 50% AMI ($875), 20 units at 60% AMI ($900-$1100), 11 units at 80% AMI ($1250-$1450), and 37 units of permanent supportive housing for individuals with a mental health diagnosis.

Project benefits include $38 million investment coming from state level funding, some capital funding as already been secured, job creation, approximately $50,000 annual taxes with 2% annual escalation, increased density for downtown, local owner/operator, enhanced streetscape, and a sustainable building.

It is explained that affordable housing projects generally apply for PILOTS due to being required by the state to keep their rents affordable and building sustainable. There is not a lot of "leftover" after covering expenses.

Fred Shelley, BME Associates (site designer) and Mark Pandolf (project architect) speak. The parcel is currently zoned Central Business and is an allowed use under the city code. The proposed project is an approximately 17,000 sq ft, 5-story, 74-unit apartment building with approximately 2400 sq. ft. of office space located on the first floor.

(Full site plan and architecture description can be found in the minutes from April 16, 2025 & May 21, 2025)

Mr. Pandolf references City Zoning Chp. 350-10.5.A.7 in terms of the design of the building and historic district. Diagrams are shown to display the size of the building relative to the lot.

Parking is discussed – resident parking at other Lakeview properties is approximately 25% - support staff will be parking in public lots. There are four public parking within a 3-mile walk, 40 on-street parking spots around the site, multiple bus stops nearby and Lakeview to provide transportation for supportive units.

An approximate project timeline is presented, with construction start in Summer 2026 and completion is Winter 2028.

Action Taken: Mr. D'Amico makes a motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Reed seconds.

*Roll was called and the motion was **APPROVED** unanimously (4-1 excused).*

Mr. Cass reads the names of those who have submitted public correspondence since the previous May 21, 2025 meeting - Ken Camera, Bruce King, Charles King, Mark Varvayanis, Jennifer Carlson, Joshua Fraass, Marissa L. Przepiora, Mary Zelazny, Barbara Pierce-Morrow, and Alen Quints.

Jonathon Taylor, Lakeview Mental Health client, speaks to his experiences as a client and how it has affected his life for the better. He states everyone deals with mental health. He says he is neutral to the building design itself as long as people are being helped. He wants to speak for people in the program because he knows other fear being judged.

Bob Stivers, local resident and property owner, expresses support for the need for affordable housing, but expresses concerns about the size of the building. He also states the amount of parking is not sufficient for the number of apartments. He does not believe the location provides enough green space or amenities such as grocery stores, pharmacies, clothing stores, etc. Believes too much of a concentrated population can

be a detriment to the area and will not work. Community impact will be a detriment – can't see anything but loitering and congestion around the downtown.

Marty Shaw, moved in on Castle St approximately a year ago. Expresses support for mental health and affordable housing, however, expresses concern about the size and the location choice. Believes the concentration of this many people in this area is a recipe for disaster. Believes tax breaks should be used to grow the downtown that locals and visitors alike can use. Unsure how this will benefit the existing population. Asks how we are sure that local persons will be the ones to live in the building.

Charles King, Copeland & Washington St, speaks that Geneva is a care community desert and much of the mental health care is outsourced. Speaks to personal experience with his son and how tax dollars are used for those with mental health. He states that people needing the services and housing Lakeview provides are already here in Geneva. Would like to see a place where disabled persons can live, stay active, and work. He asks the board to consider the care economy & mental health aspects of this project to be a positive thing.

Dave Linger, local resident and property owner, states historic district concerns and expresses concerns with the size of the building. Reads correspondence from Bruce King (correspondence part of the record and included with these minutes).

Tom Burrall, resident of 105 Jay St & 50 Linden St, speaks to personal experiences with family members. He does not believe this project conforms to the city comprehensive plan and believes the definition "independent living" is a stretch for half of the residents. He does not believe the on-street parking is adequate as part of issuing a special use permit. Potential for adverse effects is there.

Walter Adams, resident of High Banks, agrees there is need for affordable housing and mental health housing, but the location is not appropriate. Believes there is not enough parking.

Jerry Buckley, Geneva resident & chair of Historic Districts Commission & Chair of Geneva 2030, is sensitive to the need for housing for those will mental illness. Asks what other sites have been considered for the project. From a density standpoint, finds it interesting that Ithaca & Macedon (larger cities) have 60-unit buildings. Believes worst case scenarios are being painted by other public comments. Mentions "tipping point" and believes Geneva is much improved, but not completely revitalized and it is important for the board to look at the larger picture.

Bethany Haswell, owner of Stomping Grounds, attended the meeting tonight to learn about the project. She believes there is a perception or reality of limited parking downtown. She wants more people living and visiting downtown; however, she does believe the building itself might be too large and parking too limited. She has had some occurrences with people in her shop and just wants to be thoughtful about what is being built downtown.

Wendy Marsh, 91 Castle St resident, believes the project is being presented as affordable housing, but is not affordable housing. The parking is inadequate. No analysis of current parking situation and if it is practical. Asks that SEQR be further explored as she believes there will be negative impacts on a number of items – historic district, additional community services, stormwater & environmental impacts.

Action Taken: Mr. Cochran makes a motion to keep the public hearing open until the July 18, 2025 meeting. Mr. Reed seconds.

*Roll was called and the motion was **APPROVED** unanimously (4-1 excused).*

(All written comments submitted to the clerk will be added to the record and available on the City of Geneva website.)

Mr. Reed reads the following resolution:

CITY OF GENEVA PLANNING BOARD RESOLUTION

REGARDING SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND SITE PLAN FOR 218 GENESEE STREET (LAKEVIEW HEALTH SERVICES)

SEQRA – DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva Planning Board ("Planning Board"), is considering an application for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan approval for a proposed development project (the "Action") by Lakeview Health Services to be located at 218 Genesee Street, as provided by BME Associates dated March 26, 2025 (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has determined that the above-referenced Action is a Type 1 Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board at its April 16, 2025 meeting declared its intent to be designated the Lead Agency for the proposed Action under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board provided written notices to this effect to the involved and interested agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board has previously determined that it is the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of this Action and for making the determination of significance thereon under SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Board does hereby designate itself as the lead agency for the Action identified above herein;

The above Resolution was offered by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Cass at a regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting held on June 18, 2025. Following discussion, a voice vote was recorded:

Donald Cass, Chairperson	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Anne Nenneau	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Bryson Cochran	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Dave D'Amico	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Kevin Reed	**AYE**	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**

5. Discussion & Recommendation for fences allowing 6' tall from the front of the house to the backyard.

Mr. Braman states he receives a large number of requests for 6 ft fences running from the front of the house to the back of the property, which currently requires a variance under city code. Currently allowed is a 6 ft fence from the back of the house to the back of the property. He would like to request a change in ordinance from City Council allowing a 6 ft. fence from the front of a house to the back of the property without a variance.

Mr. D'Amico asks about differences in grade. Corner lots will follow current code guidelines.

Mr. Braman asks for an approval from the board to go before City Council to request an ordinance change. Board members agree that a 6 ft fence from the front of the house to the back of the property is appropriate.

Action Taken: Mr. D'Amico makes a motion to give approval from the board that a 6 ft fence from the front of the house to the back of the property is appropriate. Mr. Cochran seconds.

*Roll was called and the motion was **APPROVED** unanimously (4-1 excused).*

6. Any questions or concerns

Mr. Reed introduces engineering comments submitted to Cook Properties regarding the Middle St. subdivision, including stormwater catch basins and sidewalks.

7. Adjourn

Action Taken: Mr. D'Amico makes a motion to adjourn at 8PM. Mr. Reed seconds.

*Roll was called and the motion was **APPROVED** unanimously (4-1 excused).*

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Karlsen, Administrative Aide

CITY OF GENEVA PLANNING BOARD

47 Castle St.
Geneva, N.Y. 14456

Record Of Decision: 8/20/2025

Motion On: Recommendation for Fences

Property Location: City of Geneva

Subject Of Discussion:

Neal Braman, Superintendent of Building & Zoning, states he receives a large number of requests for 6 ft. fences running from the front of the house to the back of the property, which currently requires a variance under city code. Currently permitted is a 6 ft. fence from the back of the house to the back of the property. He would like to request a change in ordinance from City Council allowing a 6 ft. fence from the front of the house to the back of the property without a variance.

Action:

Mr. D'Amico makes a motion to give approval from the board that a 6 ft. fence from the front of the house to the back of the property is appropriate. Mr. Cochran seconds.

Roll was called:

Donald Cass	Aye
Anne Nenneau	Excused
Dave D'Amico	Aye
Kevin Reed	Aye
Bryson Cochran	Aye

Motion was **PASSED**

Geneva City Council
Agenda Item Briefing

To:	Geneva City Council
From:	Neal Braman – Superintendent of Building & Zoning
Meeting Date:	October 1, 2025
Item Title:	NYS Historic Places Designation – St Stephens Church Complex

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Action Required:

First Reading Adding St Stephens Church Property to the List of properties in the Zoning Code designated as Historic on the State registry—As well as the National Register of Historic Places, Modifying Chapter 350

Background:

New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has agreed after review that it is eligible to be listed on the States list of Historic places as well as the National Register of Historic Places.

.**Financial Impact:**

No current impact, could provide for future funding for maintenance, improvements etc.

This proposed ordinance has been submitted to the Ontario County Planning Board for comments at their October meeting and comments will be provided to Council for their 2nd reading.

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§ 350-6.3 Historic Overlay (HO) District.

A.

Purpose. The purpose of the Historic Overlay (HO) District is to promote the general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and utilization of buildings, structures, signs, features, improvements, sites, and areas within the City that reflect special elements of the City's historical, architectural, cultural, economic or aesthetic heritage. The intent of the HO District is to achieve the following objectives:

(1)

To foster public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the historical and architectural character of the City and in the accomplishments of its past;

(2)

To ensure the harmonious, orderly, and efficient development of the City;

(3)

To enhance the visual character of the City by encouraging new design and construction that complements the City's buildings;

(4)

To protect and promote the economic benefits of historic and architectural preservation to the City, its inhabitants and visitors;

(5)

To protect property values in the City;

(6)

To promote and encourage continued private ownership and stewardship of historic buildings within the City;

(7)

To identify as early as possible and resolve conflicts between the preservation of buildings and structures in the City and alternative land uses; and

(8)

To conserve valuable material and energy resources by ongoing use and maintenance of the existing built environment.

B.

Applicability. The regulations of this section shall hereby apply to all buildings, structures, and lots within the HO Districts. The HO Districts established under this chapter shall consist of the following historic districts and/or properties as listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, as recognized by local law or declaration, and as identified on the official City of Geneva Zoning Map.

(1)

South Main Street - Pulteney Park Historic District;

(2)

Genesee Park Historic District; and

(3)

The individual properties listed below.

(a)

Thomas Folger House - 105 Jay Street;

(b)

Ashcroft House - 112 Jay Street;

(c)

Douglas-Blackwell House - William Smith College Campus;
(d)
Van Brent-Foote (DeLancey) House - 46 DeLancey Drive;
(e)
Greek Revival House - 273 Washington Street;
(f)
Greek Revival House - 226 Washington Street;
(g)
Greek Revival House - 218 Washington Street;
(h)
Victorian Eclectic House - 210 Washington Street;
(i)
Federal Three-Bay House - 508 Washington Street;
(j)
Greek Revival House - 143 William Street;
(k)
Greek Revival House - 96 Pulteney Street;
(l)
Greek Revival House - 92 Pulteney Street;
(m)
Geneva Women's Club - 336 South Main Street;
(n)
Baldridge House - 196 Genesee Street;
(o)
Simpson House - 34 Elmwood Place;
(p)
Former Smith Nursery Office - 580 Castle Street;
(q)
Parrott Hall - 643 North Street;
(r)
Gothic House - 165 Washington Street;
(s)
The Smith Observatory - 618 Castle Street;
(t)
The Smith Opera House for the Performing Arts - 82 Seneca Street.
(u)
St Stephens Roman Catholic Complex, 48 Pulteney St,17 Elmwood Ave,90 Pulteney St
C.
Conflict of provisions. For the purposes of this chapter, the HO District shall be considered an overlay district, or district imposing additional regulation and/or review to those of the underlying zoning district(s). Where the regulations of the HO District are in conflict with that of the underlying district, the HO District regulations shall take precedence.
D.
Use, dimensional, and bulk regulations. The use, dimensional, and bulk regulations of the underlying zoning districts shall apply to all uses, buildings, and lots of the HO District as provided thereto.

E.
Certificate of appropriateness required.
(1)
A certificate of appropriateness shall be required for the construction or exterior alteration of any building, structure, or architectural feature in the HO District that is, in any respect, visible from a public street, park, or any other public or private space that is accessible to the public.
(2)
The CEO shall not issue a building permit until a certificate of appropriateness has been issued by the Commission where required by this chapter.

New York State
Parks, Recreation and
Historic Preservation

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

RANDY SIMONS
Commissioner Pro Tempore

July 15, 2025

Donald Cass
Chair, City of Geneva Planning Board
City Hall
47 Castle Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Re: St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church Complex
48 Pulteney St., 17 Elmwood Ave., 90 Pulteney St.
Geneva, NY 14456
Ontario County

Dear Donald Cass:

Following a detailed review, the State Review Board has recommended to the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, who is the New York State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), that the property identified above be listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places and nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

After reviewing the nomination, the SHPO has agreed with the recommendation of the State Review Board and has listed the property on the State Register of Historic Places. We shall now forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D. C.

If the Keeper of the National Register approves the nomination, the property will be listed on the National Register. You will be notified when this decision is made.

We encourage you to learn more about the registers from our website, parks.ny.gov/shpo/national-register/, where you will find information about the criteria for listing as well as frequently asked questions. In addition, please see parks.ny.gov/shpo/tax-credit-programs/ for information about incentive programs for listed properties.

Information about the results of State and National Register listing were included in our earlier notification letter. If you have any further questions, please contact your field representative Johnathan Farris, at the ***Division for Historic Preservation***, (518) 268-2465 or via email at johnathan.farris@parks.ny.gov.

Para información en español vaya a parks.ny.gov/shpo/national-register/ y parks.ny.gov/shpo/tax-credit-programs/

Sincerely,

R. Daniel Mackay
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation and
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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August 22, 2025

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Re: St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church Complex
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Dear Donald Cass:

I am pleased to inform you that the above referenced property was listed **August 12, 2025,** on the National Register of Historic Places. As you may know, the National Register is the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register recognizes the importance of these properties to the history of our country and provides them with a measure of protection. ***In addition, owners of income producing properties may qualify for federal and/or state income tax benefits. Homeowners in qualifying census tracts may qualify for state income tax benefits for approved work.*** Properties owned by municipalities and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for state historic preservation matching grants.

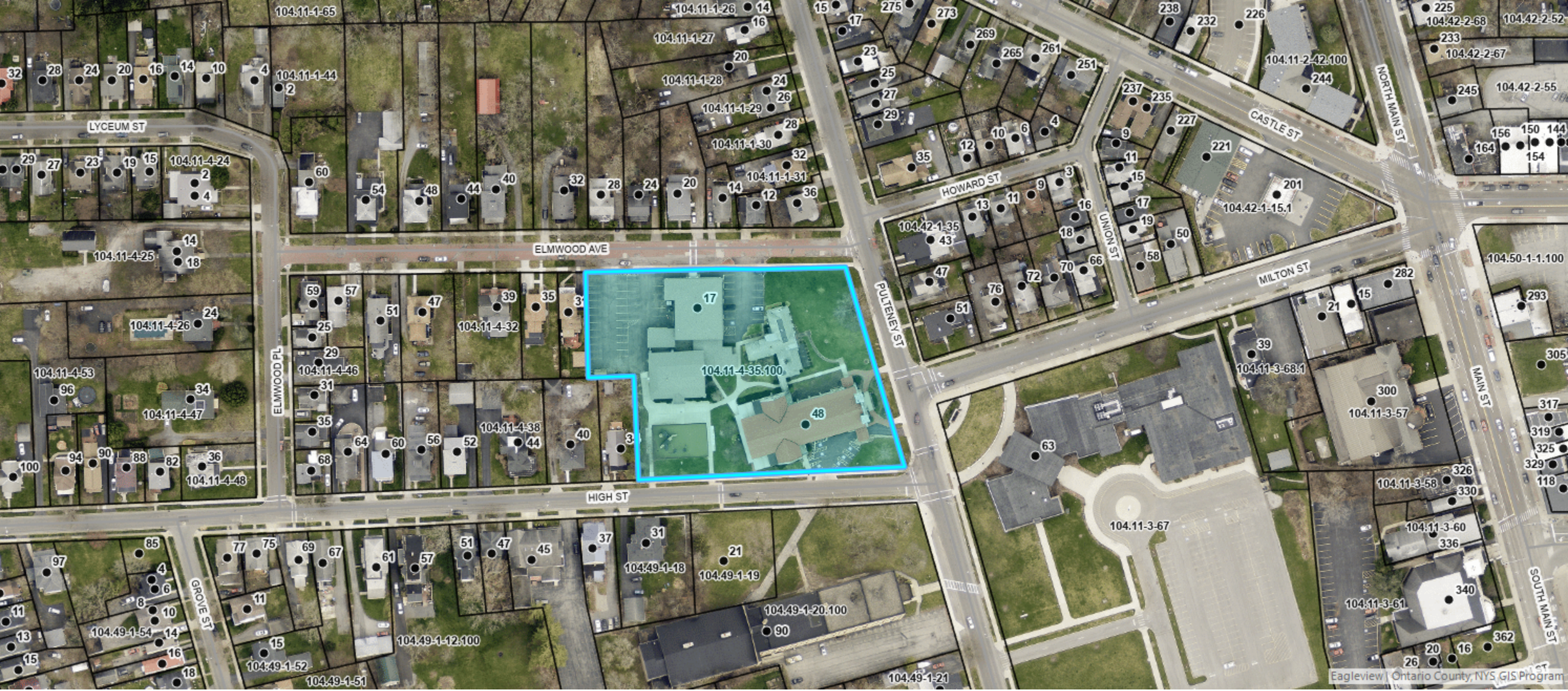
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If you would like more information about any of these programs, please contact your field representative, in this case, Johnathan Farris, at the ***Division for Historic Preservation*** at (518) 268-2465. Division staff maintains a continuing interest in all registered properties and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Sincerely,

R. Daniel Mackay
Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation and
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GROVE ST
HOWARD ST
UNION ST
PULTENEY ST
CASTLE ST
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Geneva City Council
Agenda Item Briefing

To: Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Amie Hendrix, City Manager

Meeting Date: October 1, 2025

Item Title: RESOLUTION URGING IMPROVED ELECTRIC INFRASTURCUTRE TO SUPPORT HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF GENEVA AND ONTARIO COUNTY

Action Required: Approval of the resolution

Background: Recent development proposals in Ontario County have been halted due to a significant lack of adequate electric capacity, posing a risk to both housing and economic development opportunities in the City of Geneva and across Ontario County. This resolution urges electrical infrastructure investment in the City and Ontario County

Alternatives: Council could choose to take no action

Financial Impact: Loss of future economic development in the City of Geneva

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RESOLUTION #55-2025

URGING IMPROVED ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF GENEVA AND ONTARIO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva is committed to promoting responsible housing growth and economic development to enhance the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, adequate electric infrastructure is critical to support both residential and commercial development within the City of Geneva and Ontario County; and

WHEREAS, recent development proposals on the cusp of construction have been halted due to a significant lack of adequate electric capacity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva and Ontario County face increasing electric demand due to residential growth and New York State electrification mandates, while infrastructure investments have not kept pace, creating a risk to both housing and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the efforts of state officials, including Senator Helming and local advocates who have worked diligently to bring attention to the urgent need for improved electrical infrastructure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Geneva urges New York State Gas and Electric and the New York State Public Service Commission to prioritize investment in electric infrastructure in the City of Geneva and Ontario County and calls on state and regional leaders to recognize the critical connection between adequate electric infrastructure, housing growth, and economic opportunity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York, Representative Claudia Tenney, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kristen Gillibrand, the New York State Public Service Commission, New York State Gas & Electric, Senator Pam Helming, Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan, and Jared Simpson, Chairman, Ontario County Board of Supervisors.