

The Geneva City Council
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City Council Special Meeting
City of Geneva, New York
August 19, 2026 – 6:00 PM

City Hall
2nd Floor Conference Room
47 Castle Street
Geneva, NY

Presiding - Jim Cecere Mayor

I. Call to Order – Mayor, Jim Cecere

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Discussion

a. Strategic Plan Review

Mayor Cecere opened the meeting by recalling that this Council has surfaced more information in the City than normal. He calls transparency the number one accomplishment this Council has achieved.

The mayor recommended using strategic objectives for the budget process, hoping for a majority idea of where the budget should go when it is presented by the City Manager. Mayor Cecere presented a document accompanying the Strategic Plan, and tying it to the proposed budget.

Council then had a high-level conversation about their top three priorities for the remainder of the year.

Suggestions for focus for the remainder of this year included: Water and Sewer Rates, Occupancy Tax/Short and Long Term Rentals, Reorganization, Cash Management, License Fees, a branding North Star, winter parking, and South Main speed and parking.

Paths to implementation were discussed for each priority.

Must-do items for 2026 were decided to be Water/Sewer Rates, Short and Long Term rental tax, reorganization, winter parking, and South Main Street parking and speed reduction.

A calendar was developed to guide the remainder of the year.

V. Executive Session

Action taken by Councilmember Petropoulos; seconded by Councilmember Gillotte

Moved that Council move into executive session at 7:31 pm to discuss the employment of a particular person

Motion Unanimously (7-2 absent)

Action taken by Councilmember Petropoulos; seconded by Councilmember Gillotte

Moved that Council exit executive session at 7:45pm

Motion Passed Unanimously

VI. Adjournment

Action taken by Councilmember Petropoulos; seconded by Councilmember Gummo

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 pm

Motion Passed Unanimously (7-2 absent)

City Clerk