

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 7, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Geneva Recreation Complex
666 S. Exchange Street – Side entrance off Scott LaFaro Drive across from South Exchange Parking lot
Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – Steve Valentino, Mayor

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Regan, Clr. Pealer, Clr. Camera, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone, Clr. Pruett, Clr. Burrall,
and Clr. Salamendra

2. FOUNDRY UPDATE

I. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Neighborhood Remediation Update

Remedial Design

- The project team met with owners of properties located in the area bounded by Genesee Street, State Street and Clinton Street to review the remedial plans for these properties. Meetings with additional owners will occur in mid-July, and cleanup of this block is anticipated to begin later in July.
- A structural evaluation was completed at St. Peter's Church, 145 and 151 Genesee Street. Remedial construction may be completed at the church this season to coordinate with construction activities planned by the church.
- Soil sampling is planned at properties located south of Lewis Street along Genesee Street and Geneva Street in late July and early August 2021. Remediation of these properties is expected to occur in 2022 and 2023.

Remedial Construction

- Restoration activities continued at four properties on Wadsworth Street just north of Pepsi Lane where remediation was completed this spring.
- Excavation and restoration activities continued on the block of properties west of Genesee Park that includes addresses on Goodelle Terrace, Genesee Street, and Lewis Street. Excavation of these properties will be completed in July and restoration will continue into August.

- Additional plants and trees were installed at properties on Genesee Park Place and Lewis Street that were remediated in 2020. Additional plantings will be installed this month at properties along Lewis Street.

II. City

Genesee Park Remediation

Council has decided to request additional time from the NYSDEC to make the remediation decision. This would allow more time for two trials for alternative remediation methods as well as time to develop a robust planting and restoration plan for Genesee Park. The NYSDEC has requested that the city do an oversight document with the Department prior to any initiation of a phytoremediation pilot study. The NYSDEC will need to hear from the City by January 7, 2022 on a decision to remediate or not. Any planting plans that are developed by the city will need to be provided to the Department by November 1st. We will let the neighbors know when we start the planting plan visioning sessions, so that anyone can participate that would like to.

Resident outreach – City of Geneva

1. FoodLink Curbside's mobile market's voucher program for fresh vegetables and fruits is operating with strict COVID-19 guidelines. The 2021 April to June schedule for the mobile truck coming on Friday is as follows: Salvation Army from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM, Lyceum Heights Apartments 1:15 PM to 2:00 PM, Elmcrest Apartments 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. If you have not used your voucher in some time, please contact Liz Toner at 315-828-6585 to sign up again. Curbside has updated its mask rules at the beginning of this month. Fully vaccinated people do not need to wear a mask to shop. Unvaccinated people are still asked to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. The Curbside market team will continue to wear masks while serving customers and shop for customers.
2. Residents waiting remediation can also use their vouchers at the Saturday Farmers Market. They can visit the SNAP booth at the front of the market to pick up their vouchers. The Market will be held in the Exchange St Parking lot across from Lyons National Bank this Saturday, July 10th ONLY. The market will return to its normal location, outside of the Finger Lakes Welcome Center, the following week. The market runs from 8am-1:30pm.
3. The voucher program for the Dog Park is available with sign-ups in the City Clerk's office at City Hall. All voucher programs are available for residents waiting for remediation.
4. The City's liaison for the Foundry work is Liz Toner. etoner@genev.ny.us or 315-828-6585. Residents with questions on the NYSDEC's remedial design or construction activities can email Bob Gibson from the State's consultant team from Ecology and Environment, Inc. at rgibson@ene.com.

3. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Pealer

MOVED THAT the minutes of the June 1 Council Work Session be approved

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Noone

MOVED THAT the minutes of the June 2 Regular Council Meeting and June 7 Special Council Meeting be approved

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Pealer

MOVED THAT the minutes of the June 15 Special Council Meeting be approved

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Pruet, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Regan, Clr. Pealer, Clr. Camera, Clr. Burrall, Clr. Gaglianese, and Clr. Noone

Abstain – Clr. Salamandra

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Regan

MOVED THAT the minutes of the June 23 Special Council Meeting be approved

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Pruet, Clr. Burrall, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Pealer, Clr. Camera, and Clr. Regan

Abstain – Clr. Noone and Clr. Salamandra

MOTION CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING – For the Rezoning of 1115 Lochland Road

Mayor Valentino opened the public hearing at 7:09pm.

- Paul Passavant of 453 S. Main Street asked if there will be two planned unit developments, one for the residential and one for the commercial property. Mayor Valentino said that the city manager will clarify this when she introduces the resolutions.

With no one else appearing, Mayor Valentino closed the public hearing at 7:14pm.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – For the Creation of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 1115 Lochland Road

Mayor Valentino opened the public hearing at 7:15pm, with no one appearing, Mayor Valentino closed the public hearing at 7:16pm.

6. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GENEVA CITY COUNCIL IN ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SEQRA RELATIVE TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO REZONE 1115 LOCHLAND ROAD

City Manager Gerling presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Geneva City Council has adopted “Economic Development” and “Asset Promotion” among our “Strategic Imperatives for Success”;

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2021, the Lakefront Development Group, LLC (“Applicant”) submitted an application requesting 1115 Lochland Road (Tax Map ID 119-16-1-11), Geneva, New York (the “Property”) be rezoned to the Lakefront Zoning District and allowed to be developed as a Planned Unit Development to create Planned Residential Development (PRD) and Planned Commercial Development (PCD) as supplemented in the June 17, 2021 package (“PUD Application” or “Project”);

WHEREAS, the PUD Application requests approval for the construction of two commercial buildings to be located on the western portion of the Property, which will consist of a 10,000 square foot two-story commercial building for a restaurant/microbrewery, and the other will be a 125-room full services hotel with not more than five (5) stories, along with associated parking, which will be the PCD, as well as the construction of not more than sixty (60) townhomes grouped into no more than six (6) residential buildings to be located on the eastern portion of the property, which will be the PRD, as shown on the sketch plan dated June 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, as part of the PUD Application, the Applicant submitted Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (“FEAF”) pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”);

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva forwarded a copy of the FEAF, along with the copy of the PUD Application to the Involved and Interested Agencies, and no Agency objected to the City Council proceeding as Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA;

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva received comments from the New York State Office of General Services, New York State Department of Transportation, and the NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation;

WHEREAS, the City Council declares it shall act as the Lead Agency;

WHEREAS, the City Council has caused Part 2 of the FEAF to be prepared for the Project, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the City Council has caused Part 3 of the FEAF to be prepared for the Project, which is attached hereto as Exhibit B;

WHEREAS, the Geneva City Council now desires to make its determination of significance for the PUD Application in accordance with SEQRA regulations as 6 NYCRR § 617.7; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Geneva City Council hereby accepts the answers in Part 2 of the FEAF;
2. The Geneva City Council hereby accepts the findings of fact set forth in “Reasons Supporting this Determination” set forth Part 3 of the FEAF;
3. As a consequence of the foregoing, the Geneva City Council will prepare a “Negative Declaration” with respect to the PUD Application; and
4. The Geneva City Manager is hereby authorized to execute and file the Part 3 of the FEAF (the “Negative Declaration”) in the Office of the Geneva City Clerk, to publish notice of said Negative Declaration in the statewide Environmental Notice Bulletin and to provide a copy of the “Negative Declaration” to the Involved and Interested Agencies, and to any person that requests a copy.

City Manager Gerling went over the SEQRA Review and told council that this project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the property. When Clr. Camera mentioned that residents are concerned about added traffic, Mrs. Gerling explained to everyone that a typical report gives rates of between a “C” and “D”, and this study gave the project a “C” with peak hours rating an “A.” She told everyone that the study noted that there will not be a significant impact on traffic. Clr. Gaglianese said he would like to see provisions for an additional traffic study if the finished project causes an influx of traffic. Mrs. Gerling said that the Planning Board can make that part of their process.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Noone
MOVED THAT this resolution be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 350 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CITY OF GENEVA MUNICIPAL CODE

City Manager Gerling presented the following ordinance for second reading:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, NEW YORK THAT CHAPTER 350, ENTITLED “ZONING”, OF THE CITY OF GENEVA MUNICIPAL CODE, BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. ARTICLE I SECTION 350-3 IS AMENDED TO ADD A NEW DISTRICT TO THE ZONING MAP, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LF-6. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DESIGNATED LAKE FRONT F-6 AND ZONED TO THAT OF THE DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS CONTAINED IN THE LAKEFRONT DISTRICT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS KNOWN AS ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 350.

SECTION II. ARTICLE I SECTION 350-4 IS AMENDED TO ADD SUBSECTION Q TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Q. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY CURRENTLY ZONED RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL, IS HEREBY REZONED TO LAKEFRONT LF-6 DISTRICT, WHICH PROPERTY SHALL BE IDENTIFIED "L-9" ON THE ZONING MAP, SUBJECT TO THE DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS CONTAINED IN THE LAKEFRONT DISTRICT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 350:

TAX PARCEL 119.16-1-11

THE BOUNDARIES OF LAKEFRONT ZONING DISTRICT L-9 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the City of Geneva, County of Ontario, and State of New York, as shown on drawing entitled "Map of a Survey Lands of American Legion Winnek Post #396" prepared by BME Associates, having project

number 20-0064, dated June 17, 2020, and being more particularly bounded and

described as follows: Commencing at a point on the eastern Right-of-Way of Lochland Road (NYS Rte. 14), said point being the common northwest corner of lands with Tax Account number 119.16-3-4 and the parcel to be rezoned, said point being the point or place of beginning; thence:

1. Continuing along the eastern Right-of-Way line of Lochland Road (NYS Rte. 14), along a bearing of N05 34'02" W, distance of 668.87 feet to a point; thence
2. Turning right and continuing along the northern property line along a bearing of N82 19'16" E a distance of 903.42 feet to a point of curvature; thence
3. Turning right and continuing along the eastern property line along a curve to the left having a radius of 2897.79 feet a distance of 358.35 feet to a point; thence
4. Continuing along said property line on a bearing of S23 19'53" E a distance of 145.57 feet to a point; thence
5. Turning right and continuing along the southern property line on a bearing of S72 37'36" W a distance of 1057.59 feet to a point; said point being the point or place of beginning. Intended to describe a boundary description of the lands to be rezoned having an area of 12.965 acres in the City of Geneva, County of Ontario.

SECTION III – ARTICLE III Section 350-10(C)(2)(b) is amended to read as follows:

In the event that the PUD zoning approval is granted, either of the proposal as submitted or with modifications and conditions, the City Council shall, as part of its resolution, specify the drawings, specifications and performance guarantee that shall be required to accompany any subsequent application for site plan/subdivision approval, and such conditions may specify the mix of permitted uses and design standards that will be allowed in the approved PUD, which may deviate from Article III of the Zoning Code. The applicant (and all owners of land within the PUD) shall, within 30 days, notify City Council of the acceptance of or refusal to accept such conditions. If the developer refuses to accept the conditions outlined, the City Council shall be deemed to have denied PUD zoning approval. If the applicant accepts, the proposal shall stand as granted.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Regan; seconded by Clr. Pealer
MOVED THAT this ordinance be approved for second reading
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO CREATE A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT 1115 LOCHLAND ROAD

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WHEREAS, the PUD Application was referred to the Ontario County Planning Board, which reviewed the PUD Application at its May 12, 2021 Meeting and provided comments and recommended approval of the PUD Application;

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2021, City Council reviewed the PUD Application and referred it to the Planning Board for review and recommendation;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, the Applicant submitted supplemental details for the PUD Application;

WHEREAS, the PUD Application requests approval for the construction of two commercial buildings to be located on the western portion of the Property, which will consist of a 10,000 square foot two-story commercial building for a restaurant/microbrewery and/or other similar hospitality oriented restaurant, retail, and service uses, and the other will be a 125-room full services hotel with not more than (five) 5 stories, along with associated parking, which will be the PCD, as well as the construction of not more than sixty (60) townhomes grouped into no more than six (6) residential buildings to be located on the eastern portion of the property, which will be the PRD, as shown on the sketch plan dated June 21, 2021;

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva Planning Board reviewed the Application at its June 21, 2021 Meeting and provided its comments and recommendation to City Council;

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2021, after review and consideration of the City of Geneva Planning Board’s report and recommendation, the City Council scheduled the required public hearing on the proposed rezoning of the property to the Lakefront Zoning District, and required public hearing on the PUD Application;

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2021, City Council conducted its first reading of Ordinance No. 3-2021 Amending Chapter 350 Entitled “Zoning” of the City of Geneva Municipal Code;

WHEREAS, the City Engineer reviewed the PUD Application and provided his comments and recommendations to the City Council;

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2021, City Council held a Public Hearing to receive comments from the public on the proposed rezoning of the Property from Agricultural to the Lakefront Zoning District;

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2021, City Council held a Public Hearing to receive comments from the public on the PUD Application;

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2021, City Council issued a Negative Declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2021, City Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 3-2021, thereby rezoning the Property to the Lakefront Zoning District;

WHEREAS, City Council has reviewed the PUD Application and now desires to make its decision on such Application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. Based upon City Council's thorough review and analysis the Planned Unit Development Application to create a Planned Residential Development (PRD) and Planned Commercial Development (PCD) at 1115 Lochland Road, Geneva, NY, the City Council approves the PUD as set forth in the submitted materials, and makes the following clarifications:
2. The PRD will be located on the east side of the Property and consist of not more than sixty (60) private townhomes grouped into six (6) residential buildings.
3. The PCD will be located on the west side of the Property and consist of two commercial structures, one of which will be not more than two stories and 10,000 square feet and will contain a restaurant, including a micro-brewery, and a 125-room hotel that will not exceed five (5) stories, as well as the associated parking.
4. The Project Statistics set forth on the Sketch Plan dated June 21, 2021 is approved, and any subsequent application for site plan/subdivision for the PUD may utilize the Code Requirements set forth for the proposed PRD and PCD, in the event there is a discrepancy set forth in Article III of the City of Geneva Code.
5. It is understood that the details associated with the proposed PCD and RPD will be reviewed by the City of Geneva Planning Board as set forth in Section 350-10(D), and such details shall be consistent with the intent of this approval.
6. The exact location of the PRD and PCD will be identified as part of the subdivision review by the Planning Board.

7. The Applicant and Property Owner have thirty (30) days to accept this PUD Approval or it will expire.
8. This PUD Approval will expire if a preliminary site plan is not submitted to the City of Geneva Planning Board in accordance with Section 350-10(D) within six (6) months.

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Melina Ivanchkova said she has been a Geneva resident for nine years and her family consists of Hispanic and Russian members. She said that she feels Geneva has big hearts and is full of kind people. She referred to the June 7th council meeting and asked that Clr. Salamendra be allowed to be heard with no interruption. She referred to the school children of Geneva saying that 65% are poor, 5% are homeless, and 10% have a mother who speaks other than English. She said that Clr. Salamendra keeps in mind the most vulnerable and stands up for renters and workers in addition to property owners. She said that this councilor wants justice and transparency, and she speaks for “us”.

Heather May said that she feels Netflix should create a Schitt’s Creek spinoff about our city council. She said it could be about people in small town government trying to do the best for their city, but get easily distracted by generation-long alliances and grievances plaguing their constituents. She talked about last month’s meeting where the mayor terminated the meeting without the required consent from council, noting that it has been less than 6 months since an angry mob went to the state capital. She said that this was a disruption of our democracy.

Penny Hankins told council that 1300 people all over the country have signed a petition in support of Clr. Salamendra, and condemning the violent and sexist threats made against Clr. Salamendra saying that it is on the genevawomensassembly.org website for anyone who would like to show their support. She said that the petition speaks of her movement for police accountability noting that Clr. Salamendra’s home has been targeted for harassment. She said she and others hold the Mayor, City Manager, and Police Chief responsible for allowing the efforts of intimidation to go unchecked with no answer as to why this was allowed to happen. She questioned why people of authority did nothing to silence a mob shouting at Clr. Salamendra.

Lucile Mallard spoke as a member of the NAACP about the appointments of the Police Review Board members at a recent council meeting. She said that she wished that those who knew there would be conflicts from the beginning would have mentioned them before the mayor wasted his nomination. She said that she personally did not sleep after the meeting noting that there would be no conflict with Valerie

Mallard working for the Housing Authority. Next, she spoke as a mother saying that her daughter, Valerie Mallard, has worked for the Geneva Housing Authority for 26 years and has never been written up, and does her job. She said that where Valerie works, she is not connected to Section 8, and the people who live where she manages are not on Section 8. She said that councilors made comments that they love Valerie, but... She said she feels that if councilors loved her, they would trust her to do a good job. She said that her comments tonight are no reflection of the people who were chosen to be on the board as she feels they will do well on the board. She said she was hurt and felt a letter could have been sent to Valerie Mallard and Victor Nelson if they were not going to be considered for the board.

Daniel Bullock told council that his mother used to park where the Solar Village is and walk to the lakefront as they thought there was supposed to be access to the tunnel for residents. He said that his mother has now been told that she cannot park there. He would like to know why this was changed. He added that he does not want to see development on the lakefront.

Jessica Farrell said I'll start by saying that this comment is in response to the city's video plan for this meeting. I know a live video feed was ultimately arranged, but I think it is still important to say in case this is considered again. I want to express my strong objection to the recent decision to no longer make video coverage of city council meetings available live or even to commit to making it available after the meeting is over—saying that it is potentially going to be posted is not something that those of us who want to engage with our council can rely upon. The stated rationale that the city will no longer produce a live video feed because of the end of the COVID-induced governor's order is peculiar at best. We all know that Geneva has been providing a live video feed option since long before the pandemic started and the governor said it was mandatory. I've watched a lot of council meetings over the last year where a number of you have expressed concern about this council's ability to communicate with the people of Geneva. I've heard you strategize about going so far as investing city resources to put up an electronic sign or TV to post updates about city business. It is not in the spirit of this "concern for communications" to take away existing resources that the people of Geneva rely upon to hear and engage with their city government. We don't expect you to install a new big new sign; we do, in 2021, expect you to utilize the wide variety of video streaming services easily available to you. Even beyond the circumstances of the pandemic (though that should not be ignored, the Delta variant is a real concern), there are people in this community who work nights, who have kids, who have many reasons why they cannot be present in this room with us. I'm very disappointed at your collective lack of concern for their ability to stay informed about what is happening in this city. I urge you to post a video of tonight's meeting as soon as possible and to commit yourselves to providing live video access to every council meeting moving forward.

Robert Maclean said that there have been a lot of lies being said about one councilor, and he has made the local right-wing pro-police force the object of his attention and study. He said he grew up with right wing Republicans,

and he feels it is no secret that resistance to change can turn violent. He pointed out that the first amendment allows people to hold rallies, and residents cannot send letters to Hobart and William Smith Colleges asking them to not allow rallies on their property. He said he feels that people disagree with the first amendment right if it goes against what their beliefs are.

Susie Monagan spoke as the Executive Director of the Smith Opera House noting that she was here tonight with an officer of the board, Stephanie Hesler to thank the city for considering the resolution in support of the Smith allowing them to take on projects to address accessibility, sustainability and the health and safety of those onstage and in the audience. She said it has been more than one year since theater stages went dark throughout New York State. She said that as all get vaccinated, they are thrilled to resume productions on their stage. She said that their needs are great, and she hopes they can continue since they had a loss of revenue of more than 70% from 2019 to 2020. She said that they create highly skilled jobs and thousands cross their threshold every year who in turn visit our shops and restaurants. She noted that no stone goes unturned in their pursuit of funding. She told council again that they are grateful for the city's support.

10. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Clr. Gaglianese said that the Planning Board approved a site plan and architectural review for the Dunkin Donuts set to be built at the corner of North and Exchange Streets. Hobart and William Smith sold two parcels to neighbors on Slosson Lane. The board gave recommendations for the American Legion project. He said that he is excited for what this project holds and how it will move Geneva forward. He thanked everyone involved for their hard work. Next, he mentioned the NAACP's project to clean up the Geneva Little League. He thanked Valerie and Lucile Mallard, the AAMA, and the NAACP along with the community members who came out to help. He also thanked the DPW, Joe Venuti, and all of our volunteers for their work in keeping the lakefront beautiful. Lastly, he said he is strongly against stopping the live streaming of council meetings because communication is important.

Clr. Noone said that the Community Compact will be meeting in two weeks to discuss the next steps on community policing and engagement strategies.

Clr. Pruett said that Richard Cox asked about trees on Exchange Street, and Clr. Pruett said the Shadetree Committee is looking at trees that should replace those for better drainage as part of a Main Street grant. He said that work is going into tree preservation at the Department of Public Works, and he thanked Will and Nick and others for the big project of growing samplings to save significant amounts of money. He said that the committee is doing an audit over the entire city checking trees. Next, Clr. Pruett said that he heard that 25% of national surgeries are not being scheduled due to a lack of blood. He encouraged people to give blood. He said that the Historical Society has changed its name to

Historic Geneva as this name better reflects their mission. He said that a large group is working on the Heritage Trail, and the next meeting will be tomorrow at 6:00pm. He said that anyone who would like to help can contact him, Katie Labbe or Kari Lippincott.

Clr. Burrall asked everyone to consider giving blood at Geneva General Hospital on July 23rd from 10-4 or the Belhurst Castle on July 27th from 1-7. He said the Geneva BID announced an expansion of Simple Sweets Bakery, the pending relocation of Hernandez Mexican Grocery, and the opening of A+ Cuts Barber Shop and Sensational Scents, a soap shop, to open later this month on Exchange Street. They are marketing the Rite Aid building and have a sale pending on a building on Exchange Street. He said that the BID is looking closely at the draft Zoning Code changes and hoping to meet with the consultants to voice any concerns they have. Next, Clr. Burrall said that Linden Street is active on the weekends, and they will be holding two ticketed events – FLX Excursion July 17-20 and a long table dining event. Lastly, he shared a letter he received from 21 resident and 7 non-resident faculty and staff members of HWS.

Clr. Salamendra said that the Human Rights Commission is meeting in person on Tuesday at 5:30 at the Welcome Center to discuss their goals and mission statement, and they will be tabling at the farmer's market at least the first Saturday of every month. She said that anyone having trouble paying their rent should reach out because there is help, and she is happy to help. Lastly, she said that she is working with the Recreation Department on supervised play on Saturdays in parks, and volunteers can reach out.

Clr. Pealer said that he also wants to keep the meetings live streamed. He said that the Recreation Board met last month with discussion about the future of recreation. He reported that the boater safety training was a success. He said he participated in the bike rodeo, and youth soccer practice starts this Saturday.

Clr. Camera said that the Lafayette Avenue project is a three-ward issue, and he wanted to commend residents for getting along and being cooperative. He said the updates from Nardoizzi have been great. He thanked Clrs. Regan and Salamendra for helping to hand out information. He said that it is important to have painted crosswalks at some of the intersections. Next, he said he would like the police department to look at their use of force and the use of force continuum noting that his resolution was tabled last July and he is not aware of any movement on the issue. Next, he said that he takes issue with the testimony made by the police chief at the last meeting that comments made by councilors make the workforce feel there is an us vs them mentality. He suggested that the next time the police hear something that they do a little more investigation. Also, with regard to Lucile Mallard speaking tonight, Clr. Camera tried to explain that council met in executive session to discuss the appointments and more than one councilor did not want to make individual choices in public. He said they wanted to decide on a block of individuals, but they ended going one by one and embarrassing several people. Next, he referred to the Bitcoin issue being reported on NBC on July 4th. He announced that the Boys and Girls Club is having a golf tournament on July 20th at Silver Creek Golf Course with a cost of \$700 for 4

players. He asked people to reach out to the club to register. Next, he said that the Legion project is on its way, and the city received a letter from Lochland School thanking them for rezoning the property across the street from them with a potential for development. Their only request was to keep the buffers around any commercial development.

Clr. Pealer announced that the Geneva Little League finals are this Thursday, and he encouraged everyone to come to the field to support the 10U team.

Clr. Regan said that it has been a pleasure working with staff on our new website noting that it will be exciting to see. She said the site will be up for internal use by early September with training for staff. The hope is to have the new site running by early October. Next, she said that it was uplifting to walk in to the first Police Review Board meeting recently. She said the Green Committee will meet Wednesday at 8:00am, and all should bring their tools as they will work for about two hours at the Visitor's Center. She said they met jointly with the Town of Geneva's sustainability committee to see a presentation by JJ Nicholson. The Green Geneva Committee will be sponsoring a mattress pick up on August 8th and they are looking to get trucks to do potential pick-ups. She said that work is being done with the resource recovery park to make it a full transfer station that takes organic waste and recycling. Lastly, she reported her Ward 3 town hall meeting had lively conversation and covered many topics.

Mayor Valentino thanked staff for their quick reaction to recent revenue changes. He also thanked the Arbors group for working through the pandemic and holding a parade on Saturday, and he looks forward to other neighborhood groups doing more. He said that the Local Development Corporation board has an opening. He said that they receive funding to use as a lending agency for companies, and they are working on a variety of goals such as; to facilitate sustainable, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally appropriate development in key areas and to play an active role in retention and recruitment of businesses and their employees. Next, he said that council is 18 months into their term, and he thanked Clr. Noone for what he has done so far, but he would like to move forward with a rotation of the Deputy Mayor position. He told councilors that they can let him know if they would like to change their liaison positions to different boards or commissions.

11. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Pruetz; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT Clr. Pealer be appointed Deputy Mayor

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Pruetz, Clr. Burrall, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone and Clr. Pealer

Nay – Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Camera, and Clr. Regan

MOTION CARRIED

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Gerling thanked everyone for their patience with the move to a new location and said live feeds of the council meetings will continue to be done. She noted that staff was concerned with this location and being able to hear speakers, so meetings will be returning to the Public Safety Building. She announced that the DRI Streetscape is just about underway saying that there is a phone app called InstantInput for residents to get updates on the project from the engineers. She announced that staff is still taking comments on the zoning update. She also announced that the resource Recovery Park has new hours; Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10-noon, Wednesday and Saturday from 10-3, and Friday from 10-2. Lastly, she told everyone that there is public parking for residents going to the lake on the right side of the solar village.

Clr. Gaglianese said that several residents on North Main Street have spoken to him about their concerns with truck traffic on their street. They have safety concerns as well as vehicle damage concerns. He also asked if there was something that could be done about reopening the Department of Motor Vehicles in Geneva. Lastly, he asked for a status on the Code Enforcement position.

13. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY AT 38 JACKSON STREET

Asst. City Manager Blowers presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva owns real property located at 38 Jackson St (104.8-1-47); and

WHEREAS, the Geneva City Council has deemed that the property no longer serves a public purpose and should be sold to a private party; and

WHEREAS, staff is reviewing private interest in this property; and

WHEREAS, if a proposal is determined to be in the best interest of Geneva residents, City Council anticipates a sale of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing for the sale of the above referenced property be held at the regular City Council meeting on August 4, 2021.

Mr. Blowers told council that this is a vacant parcel acquired in a tax foreclosure, and the adjacent property owner is interested in purchasing, noting that this will be done by the sealed bid process.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Pealer

MOVED THAT this resolution be approved

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. RESOLUTION REQUESTING AMENDMENT TO CITY COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER

Clr. Regan presented the following resolution:

PURPOSE: To amend the document "Rules and Procedures for Geneva City Council" by providing specific procedures for City Council sessions in controlling inappropriate interruption to Council business or discussion.

WHEREAS: there is an established and proper place for public input in City Council business,

AND WHEREAS: city business needs to be conducted in safety and productivity without inappropriate interruption,

AND WHEREAS: the presiding officer of any official Council session is charged with keeping order, he or she has the responsibility to identify and call out inappropriate disruption and give those disrupting fair warning to cease this behavior,

AND WHEREAS: should this situation continue, the individual or individuals causing the disruption must be asked to leave the meeting entirely,

AND WHEREAS: in the event that backup is needed to effectively remove an individual or individuals, the presiding officer must have access to assistance from a resource serving in the capacity of a sergeant-at-arms for removal of individuals or groups causing the disruption,

AND WHEREAS: that training rests with police at this time,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that a method of alerting a police officer be established should Council require removal of anyone requested to leave an official session who might refuse or cause a danger to others in attendance, and that the presiding officer of the session have easy access to this alert

AND FURTHER: that this or similar language be added to RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR GENEVA CITY COUNCIL, section 3. POWERS AND DUTIES OF PRESIDING OFFICERS:

(6) provide fair warning to persons present not following rules of order that interruptions are not permissible, and request that the individual or individuals leave the meeting if there is continued non-compliance to these rules.

(7) the presiding officer shall be provided a means of immediately alerting assistance from an appropriate resource to remove any party refusing to comply.

Clr. Regan said that there is nothing in the rules of order to address behavior, and this change provides a way to remove people causing disorder.

Clr. Pealer said that he believes the soul of the resolution is in the right place, but he is concerned with giving the mayor such power to stifle unpopular speech noting that freedom of speech is granted in the first amendment. He noted that the amendment does not define what an interruption is, and he cannot support this amendment as it is written.

Clr. Salamendra said that she supports this amendment as she has no confidence that the Mayor or Chief of Police would do anything if an unruly mob chose to disrupt city business.

Clr. Gaglianese said that he does not believe that with the police department being short staffed that there will be an officer in the building if needed. He said that everyone interprets what they see and hear differently, and if the recent situation had truly gotten out of hand, he believes the mayor or others would have handled it.

Mayor Valentino said that he received some advice as to him needing to set the stage at the beginning of meetings as many councilors have violated the rules of order and ethics. He feels this will only create another layer on top of what is already being ignored, so council needs to revert back to the basics. He noted that he has seen unruly behavior over the years with a variety of outbursts. He asked if this change in the rules is directed at just the public or councilors who interrupt meetings also. He said that this takes the voice of the people away, or a councilor if it applies to them.

Clr. Salamendra said that the mayor stifled the 5th ward councilor at the last meeting by ending it abruptly. Clr. Regan said she is not opposed to redefining terms or phrases because this will speak to anyone who holds the position of Mayor, and this is a step the presiding officer can take for inappropriate behavior. Clr. Pruett said he is willing to support this because there is a communications issue, and the mayor needs more tools.

Clr. Gaglianese said that anything can happen, and if the mayor makes the wrong call, he will be scrutinized just like he is being now. He asked why councilors feel they need to try and fix things that don't need fixing.

Clr. Camera said that after listening to the discussion, he may change his mind about supporting this resolution because he does not want to be stifled when asking clarification questions.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Salamendra; seconded by Clr. Camera

MOVED THAT this resolution be TABLED

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye –Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Regan and Clr. Camera

**Nay – Clr. Burrall, Clr. Pruett, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone
and Clr. Pealer**

MOTION DEFEATED

Clr. Salamendra said that she does not trust the mayor to be the decider as she was disappointed in his failure to act at a recent meeting and the way he speaks to some of the councilors. Clr. Camera said that all nine council members need to work on this, and he is okay with trusting the process for a couple more council meetings.

Clr. Burrall said he understands the intent of this resolution, but two issues have already been addressed. He said that it is easier to learn from past mistakes and attempt to change council's behavior. He said that he believes what is trying to be done is already in effect, and he does not see the purpose.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Regan; seconded by Clr. Camera

MOVED THAT this resolution be approved

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye –Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Regan and Clr. Pruett

**Nay – Clr. Camera, Clr. Burrall, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese,
Clr. Noone and Clr. Pealer**

MOTION DEFEATED

15. RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNETEENTH A HOLIDAY FOR THE CITY OF GENEVA STARTING IN 2022

City Manager Gerling presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America. It was on June 19, 1865 that the union soldiers finally reached Galveston Texas with the news that the war ended and the enslaved were now free; and

WHEREAS, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called “JUNETEENTH” combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Juneteenth celebration is to raise awareness about the historical and cultural significance of that day and to build and strengthen relationships. The work to achieve liberty and justice for all is never-ending, and our country will not rest until the equality is real, opportunity is universal, and all citizens are empowered to realize their dreams.

WHEREAS, Mayor Steve Valentino proclaimed June 19, 2021 as Juneteenth in the City of Geneva and encouraged the people of the City of Geneva to observe this day with appropriate civic, community, and service programs in our City and to become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History; and

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law on June 17, 2021, making Juneteenth a Federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva observes Federal holidays; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Geneva shall recognize annually June 19th as Juneteenth and shall be a holiday for City employees starting in 2022 and employee Contracts and holiday lists will be updated to reflect the addition of this holiday starting in 2022.

Clr. Pruett questioned the cost of giving staff another day off saying that there are many ways to celebrate without a day off. He wondered if this was fiscally responsible and he does not feel the city can afford it. City Manager Gerling said that staff is encouraged to participate in activities on holidays.

Clr. Salamendra said that she has a problem with a mostly white workforce getting a paid day off for this holiday, and she said she feels everyone should celebrate Juneteenth, and not with a day off, but some anti-racist education or something creative.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT this resolution be approved

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Burrall, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Camera,
Clr. Noone and Clr. Pealer**

Nay – Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Regan and Clr. Pruett

MOTION CARRIED

16. RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING PARROTT HALL STABILIZATION AND REMEDIATION AS A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA AND DETERMINING NO REVIEW REQUIRED

City Manager Gerling presented the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva intends to apply for New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSPRHP) Environmental Protection Fund grant for the stabilization and remediation of Parrott Hall, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Geneva has expressed its interest and intention to undertake an environmental assessment of the proposed adoption under the auspices of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed project can be defined under the following examples for a Type II Action in the State of New York, Title 6. Department of Environmental Conservation, Chapter VI. General Regulations, Part 617. State Environmental Quality Review (6 CRR-NY 617.5 NY-CRR): maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility (617.5(c)(1)); replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part (617.5(c)(2)); repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes (617.5(c)(4)); and " street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities (617.5(c)(5)).

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed project qualifies as a Type II Actions under SEQRA as defined in 6 CRR-NY 617.5 NY-CRR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York that the proposed project is classified as Type II Actions pursuant to SEQRA and need no review.

AND

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION FUND PROJECT FOR PARROTT HALL STABILIZATION AND REMEDIATION

WHEREAS, a value of the City's Comprehensive Plan recognizes our architectural assets are important to us; and

WHEREAS, this plan states that we will protect and enhance our architectural heritage and prioritize the preservation of our historic and architectural assets; and

WHEREAS, Parrott Hall, listed as the Denton House at 643 North Street, is listed as an historic structure in the City's Code, Chapter 350: Zoning, Article X: Historic Zoning; and

WHEREAS, City Council on May 2, 2018 resolved to support the preservation of Parrott Hall and on January 2, 2019 resolved to enter into a license agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (NYSPRHP) and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Parrott Hall, a Not for Profit Corporation organized under the Laws of the State of New York, with an address of 57 High Street, Geneva, New York ("the Friends"), The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc., a Not for Profit Corporation organized under the Laws of the State of New York, with an address of 133 Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, New York ("the Landmark Society"), and the Preservation League of New York State, a Not for Profit Corporation organized under the Laws of the State of New York, with an address of 44 Central Avenue, Albany, New York ("the Preservation League") for the stabilization, rehabilitation, and reuse of Parrott Hall, and

WHEREAS, the City was awarded a New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSPRHP) Environmental Protection Fund grant for the stabilization and remediation of Parrott Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition is asking for a second NYSPRHP Environmental Protection Fund grant application be submitted for additional remediation and veranda restoration of Parrott Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Coalition to coordinate and administer the grant project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York authorizes the City Manager to submit a NYSPRHP Environmental Protection Fund grant application for Parrott Hall.

AND

RESOLUTION CLASSIFYING THE SENECA LAKE STATE PARK TRAIL PROJECT AS A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA AND DETERMINING NO REVIEW REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva intends to apply for New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSPRHP) Environmental Protection Fund grant for a trail system utilizing and reconstructing existing street systems for the Seneca Lake State Park Trail project, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Geneva has expressed its interest and intention to undertake an environmental assessment of the proposed adoption under the auspices of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed project can be defined under the following examples for a Type II Action in the State of New York, Title 6. Department of Environmental Conservation, Chapter VI. General Regulations, Part 617. State Environmental Quality Review (6 CRR-NY 617.5 NY-CRR): maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility (617.5(c)(1)); replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part (617.5(c)(2)); repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes (617.5(c)(4)); and " street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities (617.5(c)(5)).

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the proposed project qualifies as a Type II Actions under SEQRA as defined in 6 CRR-NY 617.5 NY-CRR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York that the proposed project is classified as Type II Actions pursuant to SEQRA and need no review.

AND

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND PROJECT FOR A PLANNING GRANT FOR SENECA LAKE STATE PARK TRAIL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, a value of the City's Comprehensive Plan recognizes our recreational assets are important to us; and

WHEREAS, the City's Active Transportation Plan recommends connecting and improving the trail system in the Seneca Lake State Park to complete the trail connection between Geneva and the Cayuga-Seneca Canal Trail; and

WHEREAS, this trail connection recommendation is included in the Genesee Transportation Council's Regional Trails Initiative; and

WHEREAS, The City has a strong partnership with the Finger Lakes State Parks Regional team working together to improve recreational and historic assets;

WHEREAS, the City in collaboration with the Finger Lakes Regional team for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, would like to pursue a planning grant to design a dedicated and safe pedestrian and multimodal route through Seneca Lake State Park and a unique experience for the trail users; and

WHEREAS, the trail will be a vital linkage connecting the City of Geneva's downtown, waterfront and neighborhoods, the future 5&20 linkage to downtown and the Northend neighborhoods trail systems and to the regional Cayuga-Seneca Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to also partner with the Town of Waterloo, the Friends of the Castle Creek Greenway Trail, the Cayuga-Seneca Trail Association and other community partners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York authorizes the City Manager to submit a NYSRHP Environmental Protection Fund grant application for the Seneca Lake State Park Trail System.

City Manager Gerling said that the city will be the actual applicant in these applications while the next three are in support of the organizations making their own applications.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Pealer
MOVED THAT these resolutions be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**17. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SMITH CENTER FOR THE ARTS NEW YORK MAIN STREET
ANCHOR GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

City Manager Gerling presented the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the 2016 City's Comprehensive Plan prioritizes advancing upward mobility opportunities throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 City's Comprehensive Plan also prioritizes making downtown a vibrant economic engine that contributes to wealth creation in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Policies on Lakefront and Downtown Development adopted in 2009 by the City of Geneva, and the Full Occupancy initiative adopted by the Business Improvement District in 2009 identify downtown Geneva as an opportunity for revitalization activities; and

WHEREAS, the Smith Opera House is one of oldest performing arts theaters in the United States and is recognized by the National Register of Historic Places and the Smith Center for the Arts is an active partner in the cultural, community, and economic life of Geneva,

WHEREAS, the proposed rehabilitation and renovation of the Smith Opera House closely aligns with the principles of previously commissioned studies, Council imperatives, and the goals of the New York Main Street program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Geneva City Council supports the submission of a New York Main Street Anchor Grant Application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal through its New York Main Street Anchor Program by the Smith Center for the Arts.

AND

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOLAR HOME FACTORY'S GRANT APPLICATION FOR
EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Empire State Development provides capital grant funding for capital-based economic development projects intended to create or retain jobs; prevent, reduce or eliminate unemployment and underemployment; and/or increase business or economic activity in a community or region of New York State; and

WHEREAS, The Solar Home Factory LLC or a related entity to be formed ("Solar Home Factory") intends to make application to Empire State Development on or about July 30, 2021 for capital grant funding to support the construction and equipping of a 100,800 square foot facility at 33 Forge Avenue in the City of Geneva to be used for the manufacture of zero energy modular housing units for the development of sustainable multifamily housing (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project will be constructed to Carbon Neutral standards and is expected to result in the creation of 100 jobs within the first five (5) years of operation, many of which will provide training and will be available to low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Geneva.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York is fully supportive of the submission by Solar Home Factory for Empire State Development Grant Funds in an amount up to \$2,000,000 for the Project.

AND

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOLAR HOME FACTORY'S GRANT APPLICATION FOR
NYSERDA's CARBON NEUTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") has incentives available to support economic development projects in New York State that will achieve carbon neutral or net zero energy performance; and

WHEREAS, The Solar Home Factory LLC or a related entity to be formed ("Solar Home Factory") intends to construct and equip, to carbon neutral performance standards, a 100,800 square foot facility at 33 Forge Avenue in the City of Geneva to be used for the manufacture of zero energy modular housing units for the development of sustainable multifamily housing (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project is expected to result in the creation of 100 jobs within the first five (5) years of operation, many of which will provide training and will be available to low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Geneva; and

WHEREAS, Solar Home Factory intends to apply for grant funding through NYSERDA's Carbon Neutral Economic Development Program in an amount up to \$2,000,000 to partially offset the costs of building to carbon neutral performance standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York is fully supportive of the submission by Solar Home Factory of an application for grant funding in an amount up to \$2,000,000 for the Project through NYSERDA's Carbon Neutral Economic Development Program.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT these resolutions be approved

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. **MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION** – Opt-out discussion

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT this discussion be tabled to discuss during a work session

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone, Clr. Pruett, Clr. Burrall,
Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Regan, and Clr. Camera**

Nay – Clr. Pealer

MOTION CARRIED

19. BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Pruett

MOVED THAT Benjamin Vasquez be appointed to the Body Camera Policy Task Force

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone, Clr. Burrall,

Clr. Regan, Clr. Camera, Clr. Pruett and Clr. Pealer

Nay – Clr. Salamendra

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Salamendra; seconded by Clr. Camera

MOVED THAT this appointment process be TABLED

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Regan and Clr. Camera

Nay – Clr. Burrall, Clr. Pruett, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone

and Clr. Pealer

MOTION DEFEATED

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Camera

MOVED THAT Amara Dunn be appointed to the Police Budget Advisory Board

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Pruett; seconded by Clr. Camera

MOVED THAT Stephanie Annear be appointed to the Body Camera Policy Task Force

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Mayor Valentino, Clr. Pealer, Clr. Burrall, Clr. Salamendra,

Clr. Regan, Clr. Camera and Clr. Pruett

Nay – Clr. Gaglianese and Clr. Noone

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Camera; seconded by Clr. Regan

MOVED THAT Robert Maclean be appointed to the Police Budget Advisory Board

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Burrall, Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Regan, Clr. Camera and Clr. Pruett

Nay – Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone and Clr. Pealer

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION TAKEN by Mayor Valentino; seconded by Clr. Pealer

MOVED THAT Evelyn Buisch be appointed to the Police Budget Advisory Board

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone, Clr. Pealer and

Clr. Pruett

Nay – Clr. Burrall, Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Regan, and Clr. Camera

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Salamendra; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT Irene Rodriguez be appointed to the Police Budget Advisory Board
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Regan; seconded by Clr. Camera

MOVED THAT James McCorkle be appointed to the Police Budget Advisory Board
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye –Clr. Pruett, Clr. Burrall, Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Regan and Clr. Camera
Nay – Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone and Clr. Pealer
MOTION CARRIED

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Burrall; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT Kelly Smolinski be appointed to the Body Camera Policy Task Force
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone, Clr. Pruett,
Clr. Burrall, Clr. Pealer, Clr. Regan, and Clr. Camera
Nay – Clr. Salamendra
MOTION CARRIED

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT Christina DeJesus be appointed to the Body Camera Policy Task Force
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Pruett, Clr. Burrall, Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Camera, Clr. Noone,
Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese and Clr. Pealer
Abstain – Clr. Regan
MOTION CARRIED

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Noone

MOVED THAT Ahmad Whitfield be appointed to the Body Camera Policy Task Force
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone, Clr. Pealer and
Clr. Burrall
Nay – Clr. Salamendra, Clr. Pruett, Clr. Regan and Clr. Camera
MOTION CARRIED

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Pruett; seconded by Clr. Regan

MOVED THAT James Norwalk be appointed as an ALTERNATE to the Body Camera
Policy Task Force
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Burrall, Clr. Regan, Clr. Pealer, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Camera,
Clr. Salamendra and Clr. Pruett
Nay – Clr. Gaglianese and Clr. Noone
MOTION CARRIED

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Regan; seconded by Clr. Camera
MOVED THAT Andrew Spink be appointed as an ALTERNATE to the Police Budget
Advisory Board
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. COUNCIL LIAISONS NAMED

Mayor Valentino announced that the liaison to the Police Review Board will be Clr. Noone. The liaison to the Police Budget Advisory Board will be Clr. Pruett and Clr. Gaglianese. The liaison to the Body Camera Policy Task Force will be Clr. Regan and Clr. Pealer.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was offered at this time

22. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Pealer; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese
MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:06pm
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lori Guinan

City Clerk