

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 25, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Public Safety Building
255 Exchange Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – Steve Valentino, Mayor

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Regan, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone (arrived at 7:00pm), Clr. Pealer, Clr. Camera,
Clr. Brimm (arrived at 7:00pm via zoom), and Clr. Burrall (arrived at 6:43pm)

Absent: Clr. Salamendra

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**MOVED THAT council move to executive session to discuss contract negotiations at
6:11pm**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 - 4 Absent)

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

**MOVED THAT council adjourn executive session and return to the regular meeting at
6:56pm**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6 - 3 Absent)

3. 2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION

City Manager Hendrix began by saying she'd received no additional questions for management and she has one addition to the fee schedule because the back side was not included in the original budget. She said there is a new (full-season) fee due to the addition of the food truck permit. Other things that were adjusted include the inspections under code enforcement, due to some people having said it is cheaper to pay the fee than pay to fix the issue. Therefore, they've raised those prices slightly to encourage people to actually fix the issue so code will hopefully have less trips rather than responding numerous times because nothing has been changed. She added that the fire department has been very clear by telling people if they can't make it to the inspection or fix the issue to let them know so they can work with them. Additionally, for residential and commercial code enforcement, the no show fees were increased slightly as another piece of compliance since people find it easier to avoid the problem and not show up rather than fix it. She said the first no-show fee went up by \$25, the second by \$100,

and the third by \$200 per day. The city manager said another increase was the bark-park membership fee (by \$5) and boat trailer parking annual fees for non-resident.

The mayor started by thanking staff, saying he feels this is a really good budget, but one issue that he's still challenged with is the position of community engagement coordinator due to his concern of adding additional positions over time. He said since the new economic development director was just hired, he would like time to see the full value of that role first before adding what could be close to a \$90,000 a year position. Mayor Valentino made a motion to not hire the community engagement coordinator and instead to reallocate that cost into planning and economic development for staff to use as they see fit. In other words, he doesn't want to take the money out of the budget, but doesn't want it to be used for a new position.

The city manager said the impacts would be an eliminated communications position because this would be a shared position between the city manager's office and the economic director's office. She said currently the communications position has been an add-on to two employees work loads. She added that the community organizing meetings, while the funding would be there, was part of this role as a request from the planning and economic development department since they are already feeling overwhelmed. She said her plate has been overfilled, so the new economic development director he has taken on parts of that and now also has a full plate and this position would be alleviating some of that weight like the director position did for hers in an attempt to complete work, and not to be misinterpreted as adding new work. The city manager said while she feels they can operate without that position it's due to them considering that the funds could still be available, since there would need to be grant writing and outside services paid for instead.

Clr. Pealer asked what the titles are of the two positions that currently share the communications role? The city manager said it is shared between the special events coordinator and the shared position of administrative assistant to the city manager and human resources director. Clr. Pealer asked if communications were an add on to their job descriptions and the city manager clarified that it is not in their job description. She praised them for going above and beyond their job roles by doing more than they've been asked to do in order to provide communications for residents.

Clr. Regan asked if it was accurate that the mayor was suggesting they keep the money where it is so staff can decide where it should be best spent to fulfil these tasks. The mayor agreed, adding that the position wouldn't begin until midyear but this could advance any grant writing at the beginning of the year instead, as he wants the staff to have the ability to utilize the funds but not hire the position. Clr. Regan asked the city manager where exactly the communications would be getting dropped and if the economic development director would be controlling the funds. The city manager explained the position was designed to be shared between two departments so if the funds for the position are solely put under the planning and economic development department then the communications would be lost because that was under the city manager side of the position. She said while that shift may be what they wish to do she just wanted it to be clear that the focus of the position likely wouldn't be the exact same if the economic director were to decide what to do with the full funds.

Clr. Gaglianese feels the situations throughout the city, such as the stormwater and infrastructure crisis, should be a priority over adding more positions. He said while he isn't saying the position isn't needed, but many other departments are asked to find a way, and he believes staff should be asked to continue for another year to see if we can get by. He stated this is also the same way he feels about the safety coordinator position and would like to eliminate that position as well. Rather than fund these positions in the budget, he said he wants to concentrate on the stormwater runoff, infrastructure, housing, mental health and opioid crisis' that are happening.

Clr. Camera asked for clarity on what the two new positions being funded are. The city manager explained that there is a safety coordinator position and the community engagement coordinator. She said previously there was a community development specialist, which was similar since they did some grant writing, but it isn't exactly the same thing as is being proposed. She feels what the mayor is suggesting is potentially using the money for an outside consultant but, while putting the money into planning and economic development is okay, she doesn't feel it would meet all of the needs that the position was designed for. Clr. Camera said he feels having the person in house would be more streamlined, and utilized by multiple departments, rather than dealing with the overhead of managing an outside contractor.

Clr. Noone asked if the communications, such as the website, are going to decrease without this position or be maintained at the same level it is currently. The city manager replied that she can't be certain it will remain at the same level and feels it might be reduced some. She explained that previously she had two full time employees (FTE) in her department, one of those is now being shared with human resources, and due to that workload shift she can't guarantee that the communications will remain at the same level. She assured she can try to keep it at that level but said, after realizing they had the internal talent to fulfil the human resources position, her assistant is doing HR work three quarters of the time.

Clr. Noone asked what parts of communications the city manager anticipates will be impacted the most? She answered that it would likely be the website and timeliness and pointed out that last week when both employees were sick there was no e-blast that went out. She also said she sees cities of all sizes now having a full-time communications person to keep up with that need and even with the position she created, of community engagement coordinator, stays in the budget that is still only a part time communications person. She feels there is a lot more to the role, noting that the current employees don't just do stuff on the website, and that even that has shifted to having each department assist in managing their portion of the website. However, she stated that the website is quite large, and there is limited time for management to put up or pull-down information on top of their daily duties.

Clr. Regan asked if they were to follow the mayor's suggestion, and allow staff to still use the money, could they keep it split between the two departments since the position was supposed to be for both. City Manager Hendrix replied that she is open to either option, and she would look at doing outside consulting, but pointed out the pricing would make options limited. Clr. Regan said that communication is important to the city and she feels there is more that can be done. She said it impacts everything happening in the city and it is even a part of economic development so she would love to see the city managers vision for the position come to life.

Clr. Camera agreed he doesn't support the motion because he trusts the instincts of the city manager and her knowledge of what the city needs. He said we found out during an emergency that there could've been more communications and has heard residents sometimes felt out of the loop.

Clr. Pealer said he does support the motion and appreciates the flexibility that would allow the funds to be used as the mayor outlined. He said the funds can be targeted for what's needed most and then this position could be brought back in future budgets. He feels the taxpayers should be concerned because the website is less than 3 years old and he wants to give the website a chance. He stated that they paid \$60,000 to get the most expensive option and was told that anyone who wants to could update it rather than paying someone extra.

Clr. Gaglianese said through the years they've expected departments to do more with less and he doesn't feel this is any different. He said he hasn't been convinced that they need this new position especially since there are people who've come into new roles recently so there should be some time to see those impacts before adding other positions. He feels the website is doing a good job now so they should hold off on hiring a new FTE.

Clr. Regan addressed the website, saying they replaced it due to an emergency situation where it kept crashing, and that this was the staff's choice. She said the most important thing about the website is it has the tools, and most cities in the U.S. use the same website/ company, but there needs to be someone to work it regularly and there currently isn't. She sees it as an important tool which should be used often, and feels confident it would work if there was someone getting it up to date and posting routinely.

Mayor Valentino said he appreciates where everyone is coming from and added that his whole focus is being conscious about adding full time employees to the budget since they're difficult to remove so he wants more time for staff to get acclimated to their positions before more are added.

The comptroller asked for direction, whether the mayor wanted the \$35,000 salary that is currently in the city managers salary line or the total of \$49,000 for the salary plus benefits moved to the operating budget for the director of economic development. The mayor said he didn't realize it was all in the city managers budget so he is okay with keeping it where it is as long as it will all be fully used at their discretion. The city manager clarified that by moving it out of salary into the operating line it will no longer be a reoccurring cost.

The mayor called the roll but Clr. Noone said he had a few more questions before he would vote. He asked what forms of communication will the person focus on in this position since many residents don't just want

digital communication? He also asked if the city manager is confident this position needed due to numerous recent hires or that it will work in general? City Manager Hendrix answered that the vision was to do standard communications such as press releases after committee meetings, holding community meetings to bring people together, and collect things from those meetings to build plans and start grants with knowledge of what is needed. She said it would add value to multiple departments and look at how we communicate in an emergency situation both with citizens and city employees to get in contact with who is needed. She feels it is a broader sense of communications, with the goal to build a strategy and plan, and use their knowledge of community leaders to help bring people together in the case of a major event. Another piece she said they put in the job description is a potentially bi-lingual candidate or communications solutions to better communicate with all populations in the city.

Clr. Noone said he understands the importance of all that but he'd rather focus the communication on informing the community. He said he wants the city to be pushing out communications with the community rather than planning meetings and taking information gathered at meetings. The city manager explained they would be doing a 50/50 push out and pull in with information but they need to pull in from the community in order to know what is going on and what to push out which is why it was split between the two departments. Clr. Noone asked why this job description was chosen over someone who specifically does grant writing. City Manager Hendrix said grant writing would be collecting all the information, to write the grants, but not pushing anything out. She stated the reason they choose a shared position rather than two positions is because this will meet both needs and possibly some day there may be a capacity to have these as two full positions. Clr. Noone said he doesn't feel we have enough communication and thinks it is key to solving problems and he hopes the person who potentially fills this position keeps in mind that not all citizens want solely digital communication.

Mayor Valentino said because the roll was called and questions were asked after he will allow each councilor to say something when it is their turn to vote if they wish.

Clr. Pealer said he wanted to remind everyone that the city asked all departments to cut 12% from their budget so he finds it odd that they are adding a position. He said he would rather give them the money and allow them to use it where they need it in the moment but he feels it is unfair for other departments who have to sacrifice while others expand.

Clr. Camera said the idea of coordinating recreation schedules between the YMCA, Rec Dept, and Boys & Girls Club has come up for years and he feels it is a huge communication problem. He hopes with this coordinator position in place that can begin to happen.

ACTION TAKEN by Mayor Valentino; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT the position of community engagement coordinator not be filled and instead those funds be utilized by moving them out of salary into the operating line to be used how staff best sees fit

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

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

Absent – Clr. Salamendra

MOTION DEFEATED

Clr. Gaglianese said under the substantial requests for funding was a trailer for the fire department which was not funded for 2024. He explained that the fire department has been using the police department's enclosed trailer for a mobile rapid response storage of rakes, pumps, hoses, and barricades. He feels there is a stormwater crisis and we will continue to get flooded especially with upcoming snow and rain. He pointed out that around the fire department floods too so he finds it important to be able to get to that equipment during these situations. It is listed under the DPW which he explained is because the fire department is working with DPW to provide pumps, barricades, rakes and other equipment and noted that this could be used for more than just stormwater but also traffic accidents and other big events.

Clr. Gaglianese said the police department took back the trailer and even if they hadn't it is the police department's trailer to use if they need to so DPW/Fire should have one to keep supplies in. He feels it is a great thing to have in place, ready to go, and \$15,000 is a small price to pay for a quick response to your home. He made a motion to add \$15,000 back to the budget and take it from the equipment reserve fund. He said, in speaking with the comptroller, that it may be a good idea to take it from the general fund in case a big piece of equipment breaks so there is enough in the equipment reserve.

City Manager Hendrix provided background on why it wasn't funded, saying the PD has a trailer that is now being shared between the two. She said the NYS DHSES (Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services) has grants available for trailers like this which they were going to look into rather than putting it in the budget. She stated she spoke with the chief about using the trailer when it isn't being used for police business and since it is no longer an evidence trailer it's been able to be at the fire department for stormwater storage. She agreed with Clr. Gaglianese's comment and the comptroller's suggestion and cautioned taking money out of the equipment reserve in case there is an emergency, especially after already taking money out for the police car.

Clr. Gaglianese added that if the police department need their trailer one night and a storm happens to break out then the equipment won't be in the trailer and we won't be prepared. He feels purchasing this a way to be proactive since weather is unpredictable and the \$15,000 could save 5 or 6 households from furnace, boiler, and foundation repairs.

The comptroller brought everyone up to speed, saying with the police cars coming out of the equipment reserve balance it will be dropped down to \$257,000. She feels the balance is being brought dangerously low so she hopes nothing breaks in 2024 but if something, such as a plow truck, were to then that balance could potentially be depleted. Therefore, she said pulling it from the general fund would be her suggestion if council were to make this change to the budget. Additionally, she reiterated what the city manager said that the reason they didn't put in money for it in 2024 was because of the numerous grant opportunities with relatively simple applications. She said they were going to explore options, as early as November, for a grant to purchase the trailer rather than using taxpayer dollars or pulling from the reserve.

The city manager said that they could still explore the grant and come back to replace the money if it isn't used. However, she made it clear once it is purchased the grant can't be used, so she would want conversations about exploring the grant to happen before buying.

Clr. Pealer said he feels it is a good idea for many families that are regularly impacted by flooding but he doesn't want to delay getting it. He asked if there are any grants where they could purchase the item and have the grant compensate back? The comptroller explained that until there is approval for the grant application you can't purchase the item and if the item is purchased prior to that it is no longer qualified for reimbursement. Clr. Pealer thanked her for the explanation and asked what the expected delay might be on getting to that point with the grant. The city manager said she doesn't think it would take long, and estimated 6 months to go through the process and get the approval. She added that their vision was to use equipment that they have until they could get the grant, since the police chief understands the need for it in its current use.

Clr. Pealer said he still supports the motion, as he doesn't want to be restricted while waiting for a grant, since he is concerned that they won't be able to use the police trailer at a whim. City Manager Hendrix agreed that if the police need their trailer, they are going to use it but if it isn't in use, it is stocked and ready to use for the DPW/Fire needs. Clr. Gaglianese said he was told by the fire chief that the police trailer was taken back yesterday and there's a 60% chance of rain this weekend. He said, while he doesn't know the amount of rain there will be, he feels the threshold is unpredictable so doesn't want to not be prepared because the equipment isn't in it. He feels not every grant is guaranteed and wants to be proactive and ready so he believes the \$15,000 is a smart investment whether the trailer has been taken back or not. City Manager Hendrix confirmed the police trailer had not been taken back, and is still at the FD.

Clr. Camera said he feels the staff know what is going on and if they decided not to fund it there is a reason. He also believes the two departments are coordinating so that shows they'll work together and that is who we should trust to manage this issue.

Clr. Regan agreed with Clr Camera that the city manager has put a lot of time into the budget and with staff who've been working together to meet current needs. She said since they are working on a grant and right now staff feel the issue is being covered that they can hold off until they get the funding. She added that she's been in many of the basements during floods and doesn't think having an extra trailer will necessarily address everyone impacted.

The mayor noted that his last motion may have supported the grant writing to get the new trailer.

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

MOVED THAT \$15,000 be used from the equipment reserve to fund request of an enclosed trailer for DPW/Fire for stormwater responses

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

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

Absent – Clr. Salamendra

MOTION CARRIED

Clr. Gaglianese made another motion to add a line item in the budget, contributions to outside agencies, for \$15,000 to support the Boys & Girls Club basketball program. This motion did not receive a second.

Clr. Regan made a motion to put \$10,000 toward the solar eclipse weekend from the general fund. She explained that the eclipse will be April 8th, with an estimated 20,000-60,000 people coming through, so the money would help meet the needs for port-a-potties, added traffic control, and other necessities to safely accommodate those people.

Clr. Burrall asked if it would be set aside for solely health and safety issues? He said he agrees with the idea since the capacity is very unpredictable and feels due to the estimated attendance this is necessary. He expressed concern that the equipment may already be unavailable due to the countywide demand so he feels if we move the money and can't spend it on what they intend to he wants it to only be spent on health and safety.

Mayor Valentino asked if staff was provided funds when and how would they use them? The city manager answered that, while they don't know exactly what the turnout will be, they've began pulling together public safety teams and the city's biggest focus will be health and safety. She said they'll need things like additional staffing, port-a-potties, and traffic control. She added that people tend to leave within 15 minutes of the eclipse occurring and they can't because there is usually so many people. She stated there are city, county, and regional task forces that they're working with to communicate. She feels the biggest piece for the funds is for restrooms, barriers/ barricades, overtime, and damages. She said they will not be parking cars on the lakefront so they anticipate the parking lots will be full and with people stuck there for a few hours they'll definitely want to have port-a-potties available. She thinks the cost for the bathrooms will use up most of the \$10,000 and the rest or additional will be needed for overtime.

Clr. Pealer asked why it wasn't in the budget since the event has been known about and there have been meetings on numerous levels to start arranging for it. City Manager Hendrix said while they knew it was coming, they haven't done much preplanning because this is moving faster than they expected. They've been looking at where other partners are coming in such as with community partners and the state who is pushing for people to go to NYS welcome centers to watch the eclipse which we have one of the few in the direct path.

The comptroller added that since there wasn't a definitive number, they could provide they decided not to put it in the budget so it wasn't too much that was pulled from taxpayer dollars. She said their idea was, once there was a concrete plan or better understanding of potential total costs, to ask council for a budget adjustment and pull it from the general fund. Clr. Pealer thanked her and said he feels that is reasonable so he'll likely vote no for the reason she just gave but he fully supports spending money on this event.

Clr. Gaglianese asked, if since the state is encouraging people to come to the welcome center, if we've reached out to the senator and governor and assemblymen to partner and assist with funding that will be needed. The city manager replied that some grants have come in to the community already and they're hoping for more. The potential funding from other places is in part why they didn't put a ton of emphasis on it. She said the welcome center is preparing a budget, and submitted a request to the state for certain things, but there is a lot of unknown. She doesn't want to wait too long but she knows they're starting to show up.

Clr. Noone said he fully supports providing funds for the event but wanted to know if the city manager knows exactly how the \$10,000 would be used. She said she doesn't know exactly but assured it would be to fill in the gaps for public safety, not for materials or merchandise, and that bathrooms would likely be the biggest part.

The mayor said he appreciates her working with all the organizations and reiterated that his motion could've allowed for funds to leverage grants for this event.

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

MOVED THAT \$10,000 be used from the general fund to prepare for the Solar Eclipse Event on April 8th.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Regan, Clr. Burrall, Clr. Brimm, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Noone and Clr. Camera

Nay – Clr. Pealer and Mayor Valentino

Absent – Clr. Salamendra

MOTION CARRIED

Clr. Burrall brought up the fees schedule provided, asking how the 6-month food truck permit fee was established. He said that, for perspective, the food truck fee for the Garlic Festival was \$500 for 2 days and they sold out at 7 trucks. Since this will be the first full season of these permits, he feels the 6-month fee of \$700 is a deal for the chance to be a part of every event at the lakefront. The city manager clarified that there is an exception for special events in their permit and it can be pulled if there is something going on and they need that space. She said the food truck permit licenses from surrounding areas ranged from \$300-\$1,200 for the season, so they decided to go somewhere in the middle to see where the interest is. She added that some permits allow them to park in an area but ours only allows them to park in one designated space.

Clr. Burrall then said he doesn't see the fee in the list for the short-term rental permit. The city manager explained that was an oversight. She said they've had discussion with a company who does permitting for municipalities and based on what they've seen for fees her recommendation would be to add to the fee schedule an annual \$100 per bedroom short-term rental permit fee. She explained that is based on their data for average bedroom price across the nation and that data also showed the city has about 108 properties that've been rented in the last 90 days. She also added that the \$100 per bedroom fee is not based on the rooms that are rented but all bedrooms in the home.

Clr. Camera asked if it was \$317 for the average room rate in the city of Geneva, and the city manager said yes, adding that is the average rental rate for a whole unit.

Clr. Burrall said the short-term rentals are inspected by city-staff so he wants to ensure we're covering our expenses and possibly profit some additional. He said he's compared the return of investment for a STR and a food truck and feels \$100 a room is extremely low. He referred to the fee for food trucks, which is \$700 for 6 months for a parking space, saying it is a good return on investment for the in the food and beverage industry. He said he threw out an annual fee of \$1,000, regardless of the number of rooms, to people he's contacted who do STR's and they gave no pushback. Therefore, he proposed amending the fee schedule to be \$1,000 per year for short-term rentals per address.

City Manager Hendrix said for clarification she looked up what they originally proposed, which was a suggestion of \$100 per rented room per year, regardless of the number of rooms in the structure but she made it clear that it is up to them to ultimately decide. Clr. Burrall said he doesn't feel that is enough based on what the

program is going to cost or that it isn't fair to the code department to charge so little. The city manager said this would be the fee for the license and there is no fee for the permit because it is a special use permit used in all zoning. She added that there is no proration, no matter when you apply, the fee will be \$1,000 per calendar year, so \$2,000 for a 2-year license.

Clr. Pealer thanked Clr. Burrall for bringing it up and agreed he feels they would've lost money on the program because the position would've been underfunded by 50%. For clarification, he asked if they needed an amendment to the ordinance to include this fee. City Manager Hendrix explained the ordinance points to the fee schedule so they don't need an amendment.

Clr. Gaglianese asked if every single person who applies for the special use permit to have a short-term rental would have to go in front of the planning board. The city manager said that's correct and the ordinance says they have to do both things.

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

MOVED THAT an annual short-term rental license fee be added for \$1,000 per address

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

Nay – Mayor Valentino

Absent – Clr. Salamendra

MOTION CARRIED

Clr. Gaglianese brought up one last change, in regards to the boat trailer parking fees, and said they should be comparable or the same to the state park. He pointed out they are currently two prices, \$5 daily or \$10 on the weekend, and asked it to be changed to \$8 regardless of the day. He made a motion to change the fee to \$8 Monday-Sunday.

Mayor Valentino added that these are for non-city residents only. Clr. Pealer asked what the impact would be? The city manager answered that the usual total is about \$300-500 so Clr. Pealer felt it was more about being competitive.

Clr. Burrall asked what the enforcement provision is on boat trailers and was told by the city manager that it is essentially an honor system. He suggested making it an even \$10 across the board. Clr. Gaglianese said he feels that people wouldn't pay that much when they can pay \$8 at the state park and utilize the whole park. Clr. Burrall made a motion to amend Clr. Gaglianese's amendment and have it be a \$10 fee rather than \$8 across the board. There was no second for this motion.

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

MOVED THAT the fee for boat trailer parking be changed to \$8 every day of the week

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 – 1 Absent)

4. RESOLUTION APPROVING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND APPROPRIATING MONIES THEREFORE

The city comptroller presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the General Fund budget of the City of Geneva for the year 2024 has been submitted to the City Council for its approval, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the General Fund budget as it is presently presented should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York, that the General Fund budget as presently presented be and it hereby is adopted, and that a copy of the General Fund budget as hereby adopted be set forth in full in the minutes of this meeting, and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the several sums in the General Fund budget for the year 2024 as appropriations for expenditures, in the total amount of **\$19,503,229** be and the same hereby are appropriated in the amounts provided for in the attached Chart of Accounts.

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

MOVED THAT the 2024 general fund budget be approved with the amendments that've been made

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

Nay – Clr. Camera and Clr. Pealer

Absent – Clr. Salamendra

MOTION CARRIED

5. RESOLUTION APPROVING SEWER FUND BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND APPROPRIATING MONIES THEREFORE

The city comptroller presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Sewer Fund Budget of the City of Geneva for the year 2024 has been submitted to the City Council for its approval, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Sewer Fund Budget as presently presented should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York, that the Sewer Fund Budget as presently presented be and it hereby is adopted, and that a copy of the Sewer Fund Budget as hereby adopted be set forth in the minutes of this meeting, and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the several sums in the Sewer Fund Budget for the year 2024 as appropriations for expenditures, in the total amount of **\$5,255,168** and the same hereby are appropriated in the amounts and for the several purposes therein specified in the attached Chart of Accounts.

ACTION TAKEN by Mayor Valentino; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT the 2024 sewer fund budget be approved with the amendments that've been made

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 – 1 Absent)

6. RESOLUTION APPROVING WATER FUND BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND APPROPRIATING MONIES THEREFORE

The city comptroller presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Water Fund Budget of the City of Geneva for the year 2024 has been submitted to the City Council for its approval, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Water Fund Budget as presently presented should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York, that the Water Fund Budget as presently presented be and it hereby is adopted, and that a copy of the Water Fund Budget as hereby adopted be set forth in the minutes of this meeting, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the several sums in the Water Fund Budget for the year 2024 as appropriations for expenditures, in the total amount of **\$3,475,094** be and the same hereby are appropriated in the amounts and for the several purposes therein specified in the attached Chart of Accounts.

ACTION TAKEN by Mayor Valentino; seconded by Clr. Brimm

MOVED THAT the 2024 water fund budget be approved with the amendments that've been made

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 – 1 Absent)

Clr. Camera stated he wished to say before the general fund resolution that he voted against it was due to having the marina project in it and he doesn't support it due to his concerns.

City Manager Hendrix noted that the budget will not be published in the next 24 hours due to typos and putting in councils' additions but it will be within the next week. She thanked staff, who did reductions before they built their budgets back up, and she feels a key message is they're doing what they can with the resources they have.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED THAT the meeting close at 8:33pm

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8 – 1 Absent)

Nicole Wright

City Clerk