

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014 - 6:30 PM**  
**CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council President Kupsik called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Kupsik.

Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Chappell, Wall, Kordus, Hill, Kehoe, Lyon, Hedlund and Kupsik. Also present: City Administrator Jordan and Mayor Connors.

Wall/Kordus motion for approval of Minutes from October 6, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed. Unanimously carried.

**Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items.**

Richard Peterson, 300 S. Edwards Blvd, congratulated both sides of the parking referendum for all their hard work. He felt that the parking structure would have done nothing for residents and the money should go toward paying down the city's debt or repairing streets versus borrowing money.

Terry O'Neill, 954 George St., stated that beach revenue was down this year most likely due to the cold weather. He felt that when fees are raised, there is a delayed reaction. He said in time, people will quit coming due to the cost. Mr. O'Neill also stated that he would like discussion or action taken to possibly close the TIF fund. Mr. O'Neill then questioned whether the city is really losing 20% of the water being pumped based on the Water Commission's report. Lastly, Mr. O'Neill was concerned with the depreciation and repair of city vehicles that isn't being covered by the funds set aside in the budget. He does not believe the money set aside will cover the amount of the repairs and feels the city will be in the same position of having to borrow money.

Bill Huntress, 1015 Pleasant St., commented on the parking referendum and stated that when people are upset, they turn out to vote. He believes this is what happened with regard to the parking structure. He felt that there was a lot of propaganda floating around, and people saw through it. He stated that the city is over capacity every weekend. The city cannot be made bigger and the focus should be on the people in the neighborhoods.

**Discussion on downtown residential apartment parking.**

Alderman Hill discussed Ordinance 00-12 item 2 section b. The ordinance states that a minimum of one off street parking space shall be provided to each bedroom within a commercial apartment building. She stated we will never be able to add apartments above commercial properties due to this although some have already been grandfathered in. She stated that there is a demand to turn the second floor of commercial properties into residential, and that the ban on overnight parking would be an issue as well. Ms. Hill feels that allowing residential living to the second floor of these properties would help land and business owners get the most out of their properties. Alderman Kehoe questioned the coding of the buildings and stated that would need to be inspected and changed. Alderman Lyon doesn't see a way to create off street parking downtown. He is curious to the logic behind this as it cannot be complied with. Alderman Chappell stated that she would be willing to do whatever she can to get this changed. Alderman Kordus suggested this item be discussed in Plan Commission as well as work with the Police Department to have the overnight parking regulation removed in certain areas. Alderman Wall wondered if the property owners would pay the parking space rental to the city. Ms. Hill stated that they would not. Mr. Wall feels that there is a shortage of parking now and questioned why anyone would want to give more parking spaces away with no revenue. Ms. Hill would be happy to meet with Mike Slavney, City Attorney Draper and Ken Robers to get language together and make the needed changes to forward the item to the Plan Commission.

**Standing Committee Reports given:**

Finance, License & Regulation Committee, Alderman Lyon  
Personnel Committee, Alderman Kupsik  
Public Works Committee, Alderman Kordus

Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee, Alderman Wall

**Committee, Commission and Board Reports given:**

Utility Commission, Alderman Wall & Alderman Hedlund

Tree Board, Alderman Kupsik

Police & Fire Commission, Alderman Lyon

Planning Commission, Alderman Kupsik

Board of Park Commissioners, Alderman Kupsik

Library Board, Alderman Lyon

Historic Preservation, Alderman Kehoe

Cemetery Commission, Alderman Kordus

Parking Commission, Alderman Kordus

Communications Committee, Alderman Kordus

Avian Committee, Alderman Wall

**Other Boards and Committee Reports given:**

Chamber of Commerce, Alderman Kordus

Geneva Lake Museum, Alderman Chappell

Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation, Aldermen Kupsik

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Alderman Chappell

Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, Alderman Kupsik

Geneva Lake Use Committee, Alderman Lyon

Kordus/Chappell motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Unanimously carried.

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/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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