

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 - 6:30 PM
CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council President Kupsik called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Kupsik.

Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Chappell, Wall, Kordus, Hill, Kupsik, Hedlund, and Kehoe (Arrived Late). Also present: City Administrator Jordan. Excused: Alderman Lyon.

Wall/Kordus motion for approval of Minutes from February 2, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed. Motion carried 6 to 0.

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

Terry O'Neill, 954 George St., stated that he would like the TIF closed.

Richard Malmin, N1991 South Lake Shore Dr., stated that long before there was a United States of America, the Native Americans inhabited this area. They preserved the area for the welfare of future generations. The Lake has drawn in a number of different Native American tribes over the years just as it draws in tourists today. As settlers came over, they too were drawn in by the lake and dispatched the Natives to build huge estates and homes nearby. The Indian trail and site running along the sand beach on the east end was spared from development because it was a very scenic and special spot. Shortly after Chief Big Foot and the Potawatomi were expelled from the area by the 1833 Treaty of Chicago, a 6 mile road was ordered by the Walworth Commissioners in 1839 to connect the Illinois border to Center Street in Geneva Village. There was a provision in the commission of this road to include the Indian trail that ran along the sand beach on the east shore. This area and historic road are still intact. Mr. Malmin is hoping that the road can be saved for current and future generations to enjoy.

Mary Jo Fesenmaier, 955 George St., wanted to take a second to announce that the K-5th graders in the Lake Geneva schools read over 3,000 books on Friday February 27th for the Read the Most contest. She stated that young people love to read for enjoyment and learning. Ms. Fesenmaier had some questions regarding the relocation of Lake Shore Drive into Big Foot Beach State Park. Ms. Fesenmaier stated she attended the January 15th Public Works meeting. Upon searching for the agenda, she noticed a few agenda items she questioned: Signage in the Downtown-Discussion Regarding Making Uniform-Continued from December Meeting, South Lake Shore Drive at Big Foot State Park, Downtown Landscape Maintenance Contract-Breezy Hill, Downtown Street Parking Reconfigurations. She stated that item number two seemed mysterious. She stated that the newspaper was not invited to the meeting, and explained that a citizen did contact the paper so they were present. She feels that the City should have contacted the newspaper to attend. According to Dan Schuller, upgrading items in the park wouldn't happen until the money became available in 2017. Ms. Fesenmaier wonders how likely is there to be funds for upgrading in 2017 when the DNR budget is much less than the last bi-annual budget. She stated that one of the reasons for the proposed relocation seen in a news article was wave action eroding the base. She feels this could be the simple failure of the City to reinforce the edges with fill. Ms. Fesenmaier questioned if the city or the state will pay for the sand and rock removal from the current road bed, the parking lots and roads, and the replacement of the trails and trees. As well as who will be paying for the boat launch. She closed by stating she would like to see a vote to close the TIF and a vote against relocating the road.

Discussion on setting a date for TIF workshop

City Administrator Jordan stated that he had sent out an email with three dates: Thursday March 12th at 5:00, Saturday March 14th at 8:30 and Thursday March 19th at 5:00pm. Three people said they could meet at any time, two said they would like Thursday the 12th and two that would like Saturday the 14th. He said they need to make a decision because a representative from Vandewalle & Associates will need to be there to help with the workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to determine a time table and discuss if there are any projects left to do. If there are not any projects, a letter would be sent to the State saying it will be closed. If there are, we would have to go to the JRB to ask them to allow the city to spend whatever is above and beyond what is already in place, along with setting up time tables. Alderman Hill asked who would be attending this workshop. Mr. Jordan stated it would be the Alderpersons and Scott Harrington who

is the TIF person. He also stated that no action will be taken at the workshop. Mayor Connors stated the workshop would be open to the public. He explained that if there are no projects, the TIF funds are returned to the jurisdiction not the people. It would go to the County, the City, Badger High School, Joint 1, and Gateway. It was decided that the workshop will be held on Saturday, March 14th.

Alderman Kupsik also noted that the April Committee of the Whole will be cancelled due to the election.

Standing Committee Reports given:

Finance, License & Regulation Committee, City Administrator Jordan
Personnel Committee, Alderman Kupsik
Public Works Committee, Aldermen Kordus/Hill
Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee, Alderman Wall

Committee, Commission and Board Reports given:

Utility Commission, Aldermen Wall/Hedlund
Tree Board, Alderman Kupsik
Police & Fire Commission, Alderman Hill
Planning Commission, Alderman Kupsik
Board of Park Commissioners, Alderman Kupsik
Historic Preservation, Alderman Kehoe
Cemetery Commission, Alderman Kordus
Parking Commission, Aldermen Kordus/Hill
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, Alderman Kupsik
Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Alderman Chappell
Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, Alderman Kupsik

Kordus/Hill motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried 7 to 0.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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