

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 03, 2019 – 6:00 PM  
CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council President, John Halverson

Alders: Selena Proksa, Doug Skates, Tim Dunn, Cindy Flower, Shari Straube, Ken Howell and Rich Hedlund

Also Present: Mayor Hartz, Deputy Clerk, Nan Elder

Council President Halverson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Ald. Proksa

Roll Call: John Halverson Ald. Selena Proksa, Doug Skates, Tim Dunn, Cindy Flower, Shari Straube, Ken Howell and Rich Hedlund

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**Approval of Minutes from May 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed.**

Ald. Skates motioned to approve the May 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole minutes, second by Proksa. Motioned carried unanimously.

**Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion and consideration.**

*Casey Sheike, Ridge Road, Lake Geneva* he's opposed to what he believes is a downgrade in the quality of living here by developing a carnival atmosphere. Casey stated that the purpose of Council is to govern its citizens and they should be asking is this for the public good of our citizens when making decisions. He's also opposed to private industry such as Ice Castle and Knocherrball using public space for profit, the closing of Wrigley Drive, and affordable housing.

*Dee Fisk, 324 Sage St.* would like to see the signage improved regarding the restrooms i.e. west end of Library Park. She would also like to see an ordinance that makes everything biodegradable, water dispensers for water bottles, recommends the city incorporate garbage's with holes, and that the disc golf course be utilized as an outdoor educational center.

*Bob Lee, 140 Broad St.* 98-206 would like to address ordinance 98-206 outside merchandise displays and request that it be submitted with revisions repealing or rewording merchants be allowed to use their own private property for display.

*Arthur Small, 573 Southwind Dr.*, opposed to the closing of Wrigley Dr.

*Ken Etten, 1109 Wisconsin St.*, appearing on behalf of Historic Preservation Commission to provide an update on how they educate and preserve the history of the community. Lake Geneva was declared a Distinctive Destination in 2009, there are 7 landmarks marked as historic buildings, signage for the old railroad depot, LG Museum, Mill Race, Visitors Center, and Mary Sturges home. The group offers black & gold oval signs earmarking dates/history on buildings. They're currently working on nominations to have Oakhill Cemetery earmarked as a historical site, the Tales of Lake Geneva, developed a brand new Lake Geneva Historic Walking Tour app, and they manage & oversee a website

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*Demitri Anagnos, 148 Cass St./811 Wrigley Dr.*, Celebrating 60 years in business this June, and they've always changed with the times. Times do change and it's necessary. Thinks we need to take time to talk about options for parking/structure, post office location, and boardwalks. Maybe try hosting a block party vs. closing streets down. His restaurant has surveyed over 10,000 customers of all ages and 80-90% of them don't want Wrigley Drive closed.

*Jim Strauss, 1517 Meadow Ridge Circle, Town of Linn*, showed appreciation to the council for their rational to the issues being brought before them.

*Buzz Yeager, 1284 Edgewood*, he used to have a buoy and now has a slip and would like to address his concern that the number of fisherman w/lures and dogs at the piers is out of control and appreciates the Piers Committee for addressing issues.

*MaryJo Fesenmaier, 1085 S. Lake Shore Dr.* expressed her appreciation for supporting Committee of the Whole meetings and allowing the public to speak regarding what's on the agenda. She questioned if there's enough time being allotted regarding input sessions for the Riviera.

*Pete Peterson, 1601 Evergreen Lane*, expressed his concern regarding low income housing, Starry Stonewart, a parking structure & closing Wrigley Drive.

*Bill Hess, 15 Pleasant St.*, opposed to commercialization of parks, parking structure, and closing Wrigley Dr. Our streets need to be repaired. Opposed to Affordable Housing being proposed.

*Jackie Getson, 15 Lakeview Dr.*, Thanked the council for their efforts, and asked the people to download the free Lake Geneva Historic Walking Tour app, suggested closure of motor traffic at night or on specific days/times to place tables and chairs that get picked-up rather than permanent road closures.

*Tom Hartz, 1051 Lake Geneva Blvd.*, he's in agreement with a lot of what's been said and will consider all perspectives, all opinions, and will take time for the big decisions, including meetings for the comprehensive plan. Affordable Housing has taken on a life of its own. The median income in Lake Geneva is \$44,000, the median cost of a home is \$190,000 and homes are disappearing due to state statute allowing for Tourist Rooming Houses (short term rentals). He supports being inclusive and stated that 21-22% of the City's population is Hispanic. The Mayor also stated that the council will be receiving a shared services agreement regarding funding for extracting the Starry Stonewart issue, and he would encourage the Council to review and support it.

*Sheri Ames, 603 Center St.*, stated she was concerned with opposition to the affordable housing because of her experience. She expressed that we are one community, and that we all have to learn to get along.

*Speedo Condos, 1760 Hillcrest Dr.*, Speedo recommends that the council votes, to base it on the majority of the people. His family has been here for 80 years, and he's concerned with affordable housing and asked that the Mayor look at the percentages being served. He thanked the Tourism Commission and Council for bringing the Ice Castle to Lake Geneva stating it was good for business during the Winter.

*Dick Malmin, N1991 S. Lake Shore Dr.*, suggested that the Trinke lagoon be closed down due to the Starry Stonewart.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.** The following Aldermen will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. It is not contemplated that these matters will be discussed or acted on but referrals to the appropriate committees and/or individuals will be made.

Finance, License & Regulation Committee, Alderman Howell

Personnel Committee, Alderman Proksa

Public Works Committee, Alderman Flower

Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee, Alderman Skates

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS.** The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

Utility Commission, Aldermen Hedlund & Flower

Tree Board, Alderman Dunn

Police & Fire Commission, Alderman Skates

Plan Commission, Alderman Skates

Board of Park Commissioners, Alderman Straube

Library Board, Alderman Halverson

Historic Preservation Commission, Alderman Dunn

Cemetery Board, Alderman Howell

Avian Committee, Alderman Proksa

Tourism Commission, Aldermen Hedlund & Straube

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.** The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

VISIT Lake Geneva, Alderman Proksa

Geneva Lake Museum, Alderman Dunn

Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation, Aldermen Howell & Hedlund

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Alderman Skates

Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, Alderman Flower

Geneva Lake Use Committee, Alderman Dunn

Business Improvement District, Alderman Halverson

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Motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm by Ald. Flower, second by Proksa. Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

*6/11/2019 11:00 am*

cc: Aldermen, Mayor, Administrator, Attorney, Media