

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 05, 2019 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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

Pledge of Allegiance – Ald. Hedlund

Roll Call: Council President, John Halverson

Alderspersons: Doug Skates, Tim Dunn, Cindy Flower, Shari Straube, Ken Howell and Rich Hedlund

Absent: Selena Proksa, Shari Straube

Approval of Minutes from July 01, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed.

Ald. Skates motion to approve the July 01, 2019 minutes, second by Howell. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ald. Skates to table item 5, second by Ald. Howell. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4-2 with Dunn & Halverson voting no.

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.

Ald. Straube enters the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Bill Huntress, 1015 Pleasant St. opposed to commercialization of our parks and against the Ice Castle using Dunn Field and turning Lake Geneva into the Wis. Dells. Our parks aren't for sale nor should they be for rent. He believes if this was brought to a referendum, that 85% would turn it down. The parks belong to the residents.

Dr. Jerry Kroleon, 526 Maxwell St. he has a background in research, and he's concerned about the study regarding the future of the city. There are approximately 7,000 adults ages 18 or older in Lake Geneva with only 200 people, maximum being interviewed which means only .02% of population are providing input. That doesn't represent a valid study under any statistical analysis. He also stated the questions from each of the three locations haven't been consistent and request that the consultant conducting the study be consistent in asking the same questions at each session in order to be a valid questionnaire. This in not valid.

Sheri Ames, 603 Center St., Opposed to the committee voting to remove item 5, the Hillmoor presentation especially Mr. Skates. She agree with Mr. Huntress message that Eastview is recreational, not commercial property. In her conversations with tourists they state that it's the quaintness of the town, not big box stores that brings them here. She's opposed to growth of the city, and applauded the aldermen that look up with people when they are speaking at the podium.

Jim Straus, 1517 Meadow Ridge, publisher of the Geneva Shore Report. Questioned how many of the committee members illegally met over the phone or via email before attending tonight's meeting to come to the decision of tabling the presentation by Mr. Kelly. He referenced a letter sent via City Attorney Draper advising the council against permitting the presentation in which he feels is an indictment of the City Attorney. He also questioned the City Attorney's background in development and referenced prior year's business with Hummel. He suggested that Judge Kennedy review the documents.

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Arthur Small, 573 Southwind Dr., he and his family have served in the military and fought to keep the country free. He works at Popeye's and expressed his opposition to the closing of Wrigley Dr. and the significant challenge it would pose to handicapped/elderly people.

Maureen Marks, 834 Dodge St. – believes there's repeated selective application of the law and is opposed to this. She's also opposed to the removal of item #5 being removed.

Charlene Klein, 817 Wisconsin St. requesting COW to reconsider and allow Shawn Kelly to present on the Hillmoor Feasibility Study.

Demitri Agnos, 148 Cass St., shared the cost of running a restaurant here in Lake Geneva and expressed his opposition to the closing of Wrigley Drive.

Spiro Condos, 1760 Cress Dr. opposed to closing of Wrigley Dr. and also requested for an executive order from the Mayor to have cement barriers placed along Big Foot Beach and dredge the beach.

Pete Petersen, 1601 Evergreen – opposed to closing Wrigley Dr. and removal of item 5 from the agenda.

Shawn Kelly, 623 Washington Pkwy, Williams Bay addressed additional titles on faculty of UofW of Landscape Architects & Kelly Design. In the prior presentations Hillmoor was never sold as a public park.

Dick Malmin, N199 S. Lake Shore Dr. there are rules for decision making to remove items from agenda and opposed to the removal of item #5. The people don't want the Hillmoor area rezoned and want it to remain as a community development. He suggested the committee review the comprehensive plan law, that didn't send out a survey - if you're going to make changes. He questions how can all these changes be made without data. The City's mission stands behind Lake Geneva's small town charm, and he doesn't want us to lose that. Opposed to Mr. Hartz & Ald. Skates desire to grow the city. People come for the small town charm.

Mayor Tom Hartz, 1051 Lake Geneva Blvd. Would like to clarify Attorney Draper's partners at the time at Hummel were Buzz Braden, Mr. Olson and another LG attorney. He was not a partner of Mark Sansinetti. He would like to address Spiro's reference, and suggested putting our heads together to resolve the issue. He stated that there are several price points of 3 to 5 million and nothing has been drawn up or presented regarding the plaza. The Mayor stated that he hasn't forgotten about the small town charm, and referenced the number hanging in his office of 45% (level living below poverty in LG). They're looking for opportunity, how they're going to raise their kids here, and that perhaps we can present them with opportunities. Hartz wants to make sure that the small town charm applies to all of our residents. He pointed out that there have been some good, and not so good turnout at the workshops and asked that we remain agreeable in disagreements.

MaryJo Fesenmair, 1085 S. Lake Shore Drive, curious on why is it that the Plan Commission and then the Council was not offered the survey and wasn't on the list. Why didn't Fitzpatrick submit a plan amendment since the feasibility study failed.

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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

1. **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

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Business Improvement District, Alderman Halverson

Ald. Hedlund motion to adjourn, second by Flower . Motion carried 7-0.

*This is a meeting of the Committee of the Whole.
No official Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council will be present.*

08/19/2019 12:00 pm

cc: Aldermen, Mayor, Administrator, Attorney, Media