

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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 and Kupsik. Absent (excused): Alderman Kehoe and Lyon. Also present: City Administrator Jordan.

Kordus/Chappell motion for approval of Minutes from September 2, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed. Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Spyros Condos, 1716 Hillcrest Drive, spoke on the proposed parking structure in the community. Stated he believes we are building the parking structure for everyone in the community.

Kelly Morrissey, Owner of Bejeweled located at 247 Cook Street, spoke on the proposed parking structure as well. Stated that she hears many complaints from customers regarding the parking situation in the City. She fears the impact the current parking situation will have on local businesses over time.

Harold Friestad, General Manager for Lake Geneva Cruise Line, also spoke on the proposed parking structure. Feels it will relieve the pressure of parking in residential areas and is important for the quality of life in Lake Geneva.

James Wilson, 1120 Park Row, spoke on the proposed parking structure. Stated reasons why it may not benefit the City. Mr. Wilson also feels more attention should be paid to the care of the graves and is not pleased with the current condition he found it in. Mr. Wilson also would like the Council to contact the State or Department of Justice to investigate bid rigging for community projects.

Mary Jo Fesenmaier, 955 George Street, thanked the City and County for their work in the completion of the work on George Street.

Darien Schaefer, resident of the Town of Geneva representing the Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the proposed parking structure. Stated that the structure is needed and is a long-term solution to the city's parking problem.

Tom Hartz, 1051 Lake Geneva Boulevard, spoke on the proposed parking structure as well. Stated that a parking structure in the city is long overdue.

Discussion of Girl Scout Government Project – Help enact legislation to protect animals in vehicles in hot weather.

Abby McDonald, W3423 Snake Road, Lake Geneva and Morgan Hallatt, W3211 Lake Forest Lane, Lake Geneva from Girl Scouts Troop 3016 presented their findings on the stages and effects of leaving animals, especially dogs, alone in hot cars. Stated that other municipalities have legislation in place to address this serious matter and urges Lake Geneva to follow in suit.

Discussion on Parking Structure.

Alderman Hill spoke on the need of the proposed parking structure. She summarized the findings of the Rich & Associates' Downtown Parking Study Needs report. Alderman Kupsik directed others to the City website for additional information.

Standing Committee Reports given:

Finance, License & Regulation Committee, Alderman Kupsik and City Administrator Jordan
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

Tree Board, Alderman Kupsik

Police & Fire Commission, City Administrator Jordan & Alderman Hill

Planning Commission, Alderman Kupsik

Board of Park Commissioners, Alderman Kupsik

Library Board, City Administrator Jordan

Historic Preservation, Alderman Kehoe was absent. Committee will wait until next meeting for update.

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, City Administrator Jordan

Kupsik/Chappell motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried 5 to 0.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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