

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020 7:00 P.M.
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Mayor Charlene Klein, Council President, Rich Hedlund, Council Vice President, John Halverson, Alderpersons: Tim Dunn, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Cindy Flower, Ken Howell, Shari Straube, and Joan Yunker

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Dunn, Fesenmaier, Hedlund Howell, Halverson, Yunker, and Flower

Absent: Straube

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes

None

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

Clerk Kropf stated that she received one item of correspondence from George Steffen. His letter stated that he didn't agree with the opening of Riviera Beach and that he was resigning from his position as Beach Manager.

Motion by Fesenmaier to move the agenda item regarding the opening of the beach prior to the agenda item regarding the lifeguard contract, second by Halverson. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion/Action regarding the potential opening of Riviera Beach and other related guidelines

Halverson stated that he feels it is too soon to open the beach due to the pandemic and that maybe it could open in a couple of weeks.

Director of Public Works Earle stated that the beach typically opens for general admission on the Saturday before Memorial Day through that weekend. Then the next week through Friday it is closed, opening again on that following Saturday and then remaining open for the rest of the season.

Motion by Flower to open Riviera Beach on Saturday, May 23, 2020, second by Dunn.

Howell stated that he didn't feel comfortable with the beach opening as it is too difficult to maintain social distancing. Dunn asked for clarification of the term "opening"; in that is the beach available to the public without having to pay fee or closed as in barricaded. He stated that he would be in favor of the beach being available to use even if there aren't lifeguards on staff. Earle stated that he would like some clarification on what "open" is going to mean for the beach and would like some direction from the Council.

Harbormaster Frame stated that she is very sad to see staff resign and no longer work due to the pandemic. She said that she is ready to do whatever the Council wants her to do, but would again like the Council to offer clarification on what "open" means. She stated that she has personal protective equipment for her staff, but she can't mandate that they use them; she can only recommend the use of PPE's. Flower stated that the staff should limit entrances/exits and keep track of how many people are on the beach at any given time. DPW Director Earle stated that he figured out what the guidelines were for occupancy for the beach. Prior to the pandemic the occupancy model allowed for 792 guests on the beach, but factoring in social distancing that occupancy level would decrease to 302. Earle stated that he agreed with the Harbormaster on having on entrance and one exit along with keeping track of the people entering/exiting. Howell and Halverson reiterated that they are not comfortable with the beach opening. Flower stated that whether the beach opens tomorrow or in a month from now, the City still needs to have the conversation about best practices for when it does open.

Fesenmaier stated that the staff needs direction on if the number of attendees should be limited

Motion to amend by Fesenmaier to limit the number of attendees to the beach to 250, no second was offered. Motion failed.

Flower made a motion to amend to open the beach on Saturday, May 23, 2020 through Memorial Day with staff, and that the beach remain open without staff for the remainder of that week and that the staff restart on May 30 for the rest of the season and to include best management practices, second by Hedlund.

Flower called the question. Motion to call the question carried 5-2.

Original motion as amended was re-read. The motion carried 4-3, with Halverson, Howell, and Fesenmaier voting no.

Discussion/Action regarding approval of the 2020 Lifeguard Services Agreement with Water Safety Patrol in an amount not to exceed \$36,845.00

Motion by Hedlund to approve, second by Fesenmaier. The City Attorney added that he would like to add some language to the contract regarding employment and indemnification.

Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Hedlund to adjourn, second by Flower. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.