

CITY OF GENOA

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Meeting Date – January 29, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Municipal Center Council Chambers

AGENDA

This meeting has been cancelled.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

Meeting Date – February 26, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Municipal Center Council Chambers

AGENDA

This meeting has been cancelled.

****NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING****

CITY OF GENOA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MARCH 12, 2018

7:00 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- I. TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
- III. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2017**
- IV. OLD BUSINESS**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) DISCUSSION REGARDING CREATING A LIQUOR LICENSE**
 - REQUEST TO INCREASE G LIQUOR LICENSES FOR A VIDEO GAMING CAFÉ FROM 2 TO 3**
 - B) PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2018 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2019**
 - C) PROPOSED 5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)**
- VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To respect the agenda and flow of the meeting, the Mayor may limit audience participation to 5 minutes per speaker and/or a total of 30 minutes for this portion of the agenda.

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Meeting Date – March 26, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Municipal Center Council Chambers

AGENDA

This meeting has been cancelled.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

NOTICE

The April 23, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2018.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

NOTICE

The May 29, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2018.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

NOTICE

The June 25, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for July 3, 2018.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

NOTICE

The July 30, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2018.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

NOTICE

The August 27, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2018.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

NOTICE

The September 24, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2018.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

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The October 29, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2018.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

NOTICE

The November 26, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2018.

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Committee of the Whole Meeting

NOTICE

The December 24, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2019.

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City Hall
SPECIAL MEETING
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Vicary called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Di Guido, Winter, Cravatta and Lang were present. Aldermen Stevenson and Brust were absent.

Amendments to the Agenda – None

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve the minutes from the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 27, 2017, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION REGARDING CREATING AN ADDITIONAL CLASS “G” LIQUOR LICENSE FROM 2 TO 3 FOR ANOTHER VIDEO GAMING CAFE: George Bravos, the Owner of the Genoa Shopping Center located at the corner of Main Street and Route 23 and his Manager, Jackie Samonides, indicated that they had been previously working with Joe Misurelli regarding opening a video gaming establishment. They stated that Mr. Misurelli had encouraged and assisted them with filling out the application to begin the process of obtaining a “G” liquor license. Mr. Bravos stated that he has been a business owner in Genoa for 15 years and feels he deserves assistance with this situation. Ms. Samonides stated that they are interested in just a beer and wine license, not a full liquor license, as Mr. Misurelli indicated that the fees would be less. Consultant Ganek explained that the Class “G” license is specifically for a video gaming café; as opposed to a bar or restaurant. The “G” liquor licenses are for businesses that their main business is video gaming. The “G” liquor license does not distinguish whether just wine and beer or full liquor is served, so the “G” liquor license fees are the same. Karl Gallagher, Owner of Karlsbad Tavern and Grill stated that he is opposed to another video gaming café being allowed to open. He indicated that most of the people who gamble are local, so by allowing another video gaming establishment to open, it is just diluting the profits of the businesses that are already here in Genoa. A few of the Aldermen asked the petitioners some questions and it was determined that 3 of the 8 units are currently vacant in the Genoa Shopping Center and if approved, their business would employ approximately 4 people. The petitioners were asked if they have attempted to fill the vacancies prior to deciding to open a gaming café. Ms. Samonides responded that it has been difficult finding tenants to rent the vacant units. There was some discussion amongst the Council Members and some of the Aldermen felt that another video gaming café would not be a good fit for Genoa, as it is already saturated with 29 gaming machines between the bars, the Veteran’s Home and the current video gaming establishments. A few of the other Aldermen indicated that they are undecided/open to approving an additional “G” liquor license, as they would like to gather additional information. It was also brought up that it might be beneficial to have units that have been vacant for many years, be filled to allow for growth. Another factor brought up was, that of the 29 gaming machines in Genoa, only 10 of them are at the 2 current gaming café’s, so free enterprise should be considered as well. It was decided that this will go to vote at the April 3, 2018 City Council meeting.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2018 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2019: City Consultant Ganek presented the Council and meeting attendees with the proposed annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year. He stated that there are 17 funds that make up the City of Genoa's 7 million dollar budget. He indicated that the budget is important, as it keeps us disciplined to ensure we stay within expense guidelines so as not to deplete our revenues and cash reserves. Mr. Ganek also stated that cash reserves are crucial in case of a major emergency. The suggested range of reserves is 3 to 6 months. At one time, the City of Genoa had none, but due to staff cuts and additional budget tightening, the City now has approximately 4 months of cash reserves. Consultant Ganek went on to explain the various funds and how they are allocated. He stated that the Public Hearing for the finalized Budget will be on April 3, 2018 at the regular City Council meeting.

PROPOSED 5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP): Consultant Ganek explained that a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) assists the City with planning for future projects. It reduces emergency expenses and helps prioritize projects by necessity. Some of the larger ticket items included in the CIP are road, water and sewer repairs, along with purchasing vehicles and large equipment items for the Police Department and Public Works. Mr. Ganek explained that fixing streets will be a major expense in the CIP. Director Gentile produced a color coded study of the street conditions as it pertains to severity. Mr. Gentile also explained that there is a low interest and loan "forgiveness" program that the City has the opportunity to participate in for a new water main, connecting systems along the streets of Hill, Emmett and Sycamore, which would increase the flow and quality of the water. The "forgiveness" portion of the program would provide 50% of the cost. Mr. Ganek then indicated that we will also need capital for a waste water plant expansion, as we are close to capacity. As Economic Development continues, additional businesses will need water and sewer, so it will be difficult to service them if we don't expand. Lastly, Mr. Ganek indicated that having a 5 year CIP could be favorable to bond rating agencies. When they know that the City's Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) Audits are recognized, and our budgets are recognized, then they know that we have a plan in place, which could potentially mean better bond rates.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative Report – Consultant Ganek had nothing further.

Public Works – Director Gentile reported that the upcoming projects for the CIP will be broken down and detailed. He indicated that we will pursue grant money for the waste water plant expansion.

Police Department – Chief Smith reported that a pedestrian was hit by a train the night before. It is believed to be a suicide attempt. The pedestrian suffered severe damage to his arm, but survived the incident.

Mayor's report – Mayor Vicary had nothing to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Alderman Winter. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.