

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2026 – 7:00 PM
City Hall – 2nd Floor Conference Room
47 Castle Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – Jim Cecere, Mayor

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Brennan, Clr. Kaim, Clr. Petropoulos, Clr. Gillotte, Clr. Lavin, Clr. Gummoe, Clr. Grimaldi

Absent: Clr. Whitfield

2. REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF ETHICS

Mayor Cecere advised Council that he removed Councilor Whitfield from all liaison assignments, effective January 13, 2026. The mayor recommended formal review of the matter by the City's Board of Ethics. Discussion followed.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Petropoulos; seconded by Clr. Lavin

MOVED THAT Councilor Whitfield be formally reviewed by the City of Geneva Board of Ethics

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye - Clr. Brennan, Clr. Kaim, Clr. Petropoulos, Clr. Gillotte, Clr. Lavin, Clr. Gummoe, Mayor Cecere

 Nay - Clr. Grimaldi

MOTION CARRIED (7-1-1 absent)

3. STRATEGY SESSION

Led by Mayor Cecere, Council reviewed each other's input summaries and strategic perspectives. They then identified cross council strategic themes, prioritized strategic areas and drafted a monthly governance framework for 2026.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Kaim; seconded by Clr. Lavin

MOVED THAT council recess for a short break at 7:28pm

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-1 absent)

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gummoe; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos

MOVED THAT council reconvene at 7:39pm

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-1 absent)

4. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gillotte; seconded by Clr. Petropoulos

MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:38pm

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-1 absent)

Nicole Tillotson
City Clerk