

# THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2026 – 7:00 PM  
City Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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