

City Manager Updates September 4, 2024 Council Meeting

Welcome Back Students

While our higher education's campuses have been abuzz for a couple of weeks, today marks the first day for many students as our grade schools opened their doors. City crews are working with all partners to keep health and safety as a key part of our school, campus, and community life. As our higher ed students returned we appreciated their support in assisting with City tasks during orientation and beyond. For our new members of Geneva, please remain mindful of your neighbors as you become a part of the community.

On our GSCD campus we are excited to expand our SRO program in partnership with GCSD. Officer Perry has joined Officer Grenier for this academic year. I would be remiss to not also thank our crossing guards who ensure our students get to school safely. We have additional opportunities available for crossing guards so please reach out to HR if you are interested.

Rate Quote Request

Earlier this year, we shared that CashVest 3+1 engaged with the City to better understand how our City funds could be utilized differently to yield higher earning potential. In the coming weeks, we will be issuing a rate quote request from financial institutions to allow us to further understand what potential we may have for additional earnings from the funds the City currently has. This request will go to our current financial institutions as well as others. This data will allow council to make a well-informed decision. The Comptroller will be reaching out to our current provider prior to the request issuance to collect additional information about the in-kind and other benefits provided by this institution.

Budget Presentation

Thank you to the few dozen folks that responded to the budget 101 survey. The Comptroller and I will be issuing an overview of City of Geneva Budgeting in the next week to allow citizens to better understand the processes utilized in building a municipal budget.

Future Property Disposition

There are many city properties which have not been approved for sale by council or recommended for sale by staff due to the nature of the property (it houses a facility, is a park, is in remediation, could assist the City with another benefit like storm water control, etc.). In the Property Purchase Procedure we outline a process where a party can put in a purchase offer that outlines the intended use of the property to which the Property Acquisition and Disposition Committee will review and make recommendations to council. The PADC will also review all properties annually and make recommendations to council at the end of each year. The 2024 review will begin in October with a recommendation for any properties to be disposed of in 2025.

School Tax Bills

Payment of school tax bills are currently being processed at the County facility located on Seneca Street. The entrance is on the parking lot side of the building.

Vacancies/Hiring

Welcome to Dan Price and Jennifer Sutton. Dan joined the team as a Code Enforcement Officer on August 30. Jennifer will join the team on September 23 as the Grant Coordinator. We will also welcome Thomas Gabriel as our tax clerk. This is a shared position with the City of Canandaigua and will support the Assessor's office. We are currently recruiting for seasonal support at the Rink, DPW, and for school crossing guards. In the coming weeks be on the lookout for the search for a Safety Coordinator.

Halloween

Halloween trick-or-treating will be on October 31, 2024.

Appointments

I have the pleasure of appointing James Anderson and James Engel to the Shade Tree Committee.