

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES
June 23, 2025**

It is noted this meeting was held in person in the City Council Chambers and remotely via Zoom.

Councilmembers present: Tracy Furutani, Deputy Mayor; Larry Goldman, Vice Chair; John Lebo, Ashton McCartney (via Zoom), Semra Riddle

Councilmembers absent: Paula Goode, Ellyn Saunders

Staff present: Tom French, Mayor; Phillip Hill, City Administrator; Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney (via Zoom); Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director; Matt McLean, City Clerk

Others present: 3 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Furutani called the June 23, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Mayor Furutani invited public comments from the audience. There being no one in the audience wishing to speak, Deputy Mayor Furutani closed public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Continued discussion regarding budget challenges, including options for a potential levy to fund public safety services, and review of Draft Resolution 25-2021/Setting a Ballot Proposition for the City to levy the Regular Property Taxes in an amount in excess of the Limitations Provided in RCW 84.55 for Public Safety Services for the 2025 General Election

Deputy Mayor Furutani opened the continued discussion on budget challenges, including what it may look like to reinstate items previously removed from the Mayor's Proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.

Draft Resolution authorizing a sales and use tax increase of 0.1% for public safety purposes pursuant to Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2015

Cmbr. Lebo presented the possibility of a sales and use tax increase of 0.1% to support public safety pursuant to recently passed state legislation. Council discussion followed.

There was Council consensus to direct staff to discern the necessary requirements to impose this increase.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Tracy Furutani

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Tracy Furutani, Deputy Mayor

Matt McLean

Matt McLean, City Clerk









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