

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2026**

It is noted that 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; Paula Goode, Matt Muilenburg (via Zoom), Semra Riddle, Josh Rosenau, Ellyn Saunders (via Zoom)

Councilmembers absent: none

Staff present: Tom French, Mayor; Phillip Hill, City Administrator; Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney; Diego Zanella, Interim Police Chief; Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Matt McLean, City Clerk

Others present: 21 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the regular City Council meeting of August 13, 2026, to order at 7:01 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor French led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Cmbr. Riddle moved to adopt the agenda as presented. **Cmbr. Goode seconded. The motion to adopt the agenda as presented carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor French invited comments from the public.

Philip Nelson provided comments questioning why the L90 culvert project item was removed from the agenda.

Andrew Olson provided comments regarding the L90 culvert project; it seems like a solution looking for a problem.

Don Fiene provided comments in support of staying true to the three-touch rule.

Jeff & Rhonda Okezaki provided comments against any work happening on the L90 culvert.

Melanie Rodger provided comments against making NE 185th St into a one-way street.

Mayor French gave some brief comments replying to L90 comments.

There being no one else in the audience wishing to speak, Mayor French closed public comment.

PROCLAMATIONS

Thanking Jack Tonkin

Mayor French provided brief comments on Jack Tonkin's contributions to the community and read the proclamation.

FINAL CONFIRMATION

Appointing Jean Reid to the Lake Forest Park Planning Commission Position 5 (partial term)

Council interviewed Planning Commission candidate Jean Reid.

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to appoint Jean Reid to the Lake Forest Park Planning Commission, Position 5. **Cmbr. Rosenau seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Cmbr. Saunders was present but did not vote.**

PRESENTATIONS

Revenue & Expenditure Fiscal Year-End Projections for 2025-2026 Biennium

Administrator Hill gave a brief presentation and responded to Council questions.

Washington Collaborative Elected Leaders Institute

Deputy Mayor Furutani gave a brief presentation and responded to Council questions.

Cmbr. Saunders left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Cmbr. Riddle moved to approve the Consent Calendar. **Cmbr. Goode seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

A. July 23, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

- B. A Pre-paid Accounts Payable dated 8/3/2026 Claim Fund Check No. 89570 in the amount of \$11,784.31, an Accounts Payable dated 8/13/2026 Claim Fund Check Nos. 89571 through 89648 in the amount of \$460,222.20, a 7/8/2026 Payroll Fund ACH transaction in the amount of \$255,867.59, a 7/23/2026 Payroll Fund ACH transaction in the amount of \$195,182.73, a 7/23/2026 Direct Deposit transaction in the amount of \$213,067.43, and an 8/7/2026 Direct Deposit transaction in the amount of \$219,773.01. Additional approved transactions: Wire transaction, Chicago Title, \$340,000.00; ACH transaction, US Bank, \$32,733.14. Total approved transactions: \$1,728,630.41.
- C. Resolution 26-2092/Accepting the Horizon View Park Trail Restoration Project
- D. Ordinance 26-1319/Granting to McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC, Its Successors and Assigns, a Nonexclusive Master Permit, for Five Years, to Construct, Maintain, Operate, Replace, and Repair a Telecommunication System, In, Across, Over, Along, Under, Through, and Below Public Rights-of-Way of the City

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-2093 and Resolution 26-2094/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Professional Services Agreements with Facet NW, Inc. for On-Call Arborist Support Services and Arborist Support Services to Support the Sound Transit Bus Rapid Transit (ST3) Permit Review (*first presentation*)

Director Hofman gave a brief presentation and responded to Council questions.

These will be brought back at future meetings.

COUNCILMEMBER/MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Councilmembers reported on meetings they had attended.

Mayor French gave a brief report.

Administrator Hill gave a brief report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session – Qualifications of an Applicant for Public Employment RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and Potential Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

The City Council went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for approximately 20 minutes to discuss qualifications of an applicant for public employment RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

The Council returned from the Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution 26-2095/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Employment Agreement with Diego Zanella for the Chief of Police Position

Administrator Hill gave a brief presentation.

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to approve Resolution 26-2095/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Employment Agreement with Diego Zanella for the Chief of Police Position. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded.**

Interim Chief Zanella shared brief comments and responded to Council questions.

The motion to approve Resolution 26-2095 carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Engagement Letter with the Arete Law Group

Vice Chair Goldman moved to waive the three-touch rule regarding the Engagement Letter with Arete Law Group. **Deputy Mayor Furutani seconded.**
The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Goldman moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Engagement Letter with the Arete Law Group. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor French adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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Tom French, Mayor

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Matt McLean, City Clerk