

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2025**

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

Councilmembers present: Tracy Furutani, Deputy Mayor; Larry Goldman, Vice Chair; Paula Goode, Jon Lebo, Ashton McCartney, Semra Riddle, Ellyn Saunders

Councilmembers absent: none

Staff present: Tom French, Mayor; Phil Hill, City Administrator; Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney; Rebecca Dickinson, Public Works Director; Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Matt McLean, City Clerk

Others present: King County Library System (KCLS) Staff: Alice Darnton, Regional Manager; Katie Boyce, Librarian & Information Services Manager
Library Advisory Committee Members: Lolly Smith, Eloise Boyle
15 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the regular City Council meeting of July 10, 2025, to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Furutani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to approve the agenda as presented. Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion to approve the agenda as presented carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor French invited comments from the public.

The following people provided comments:

- Jeff Snedden – any potential levy rate should be based on data.
- Bryce James – explore other options before asking for a levy lift such as budget cuts and alternate revenues. Restore a Citizen Budget Committee.
- Alan Kiest – personal property tax makeup and a call for fiscal responsibility.
- David Pyle – supports the maximum levy rate. Concerns over services being provided by Republic Services.

- Nate Herzog – concerns about speeding on NE 55th Street. Supports a compromise levy lift rate around 10-12 cent increase.
- Ken Kassover – supports a levy lift to support police services.

Deputy Mayor Furutani read the following names who submitted written comments to the Council:

- Jack Tonkin
- Wynn Harper

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

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Darnton, Ms. Boyce, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Boyle gave a brief presentation on KCLS & the Lake Forest Park Library and responded to Council questions.

FINAL CONFIRMATION

Linda Holman spoke to her application for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and responded to questions from the Council.

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to appoint Linda Holman to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. **Cmbr. McCartney seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- June 23, 2025 City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting Notes
- June 26, 2025 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
- June 26, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- Accounts Payable dated 7/10/2025 Claim Fund Check Nos. 87875 through 87907 in the amount of \$158,585.34, a 6/23/2025 Payroll Fund ACH transaction in the amount of \$181,963.89, and a 6/23/2025 Direct Deposit transaction in the amount of \$195,712.66. Additional approved ACH transactions: US Bank Credit Card, \$64,896.29. Total approved claim fund transactions: \$601,158.18.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

Resolution 25-2021/Providing for a Ballot Proposition to be Submitted to the Qualified Electors of the City at the General Election to be held on November 4, 2025, in Conjunction with the State General Election, of a Proposition Authorizing the City to Levy Regular Property

Taxes in an Amount in Excess of the Limitations Provided in Chapter 84.55 RCW for Police and Public Safety Services Beginning in 2026

Administrator Hill gave a brief presentation. Staff responded to Council questions as they arose during Council discussion.

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to approve Resolution 25-2021/Providing for a Ballot Proposition to be Submitted to the Qualified Electors of the City at the General Election to be held on November 4, 2025, in Conjunction with the State General Election, of a Proposition Authorizing the City to Levy Regular Property Taxes in an Amount in Excess of the Limitations Provided in Chapter 84.55 RCW for Police and Public Safety Services Beginning in 2026 with a rate of \$0.24 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. **Vice Chair Goldman seconded.**

Cmbr. Lebo moved to amend Resolution 25-2021, Section 3, Levy Rate and Duration, to limit the Seattle Region CPI-U increase to not exceed five percent. **Cmbr. Goode seconded. The motion to amend Resolution 25-2021 carried with Cmbr. Riddle dissenting.**

Cmbr. Lebo requested a roll call vote.

Cmbr. McCartney – nay

Cmbr. Saunders – aye

Deputy Mayor Furutani – aye

Vice Chair Goldman – aye

Cmbr. Riddle – aye

Cmbr. Lebo – nay

Cmbr. Goode – nay

The motion to approve Resolution 25-2021 as amended carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice Chair Goldman requested volunteers for two open liaison positions – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee (SCA PIC).

Cmbr. Lebo indicated that he would like to serve as liaison to the SCA PIC.

Cmbr. McCartney volunteered to serve as liaison to the PRAB.

Vice Chair Goldman moved to appoint Cmbr. Lebo as the City representative on the SCA PIC and Cmbr. McCartney as Council liaison to the City PRAB. **Deputy Mayor Furutani seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

COUNCILMEMBER/MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Councilmembers reported on meetings they had attended.

Mayor French gave a brief report.

Administrator Hill gave a brief report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor French adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Tom French

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Tom French, Mayor

Matt McLean

Matt McLean, City Clerk









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Final Audit Report

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