

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 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, Semra Riddle, Josh Rosenau, Ellyn Saunders

Councilmembers absent: none

Staff present: Tom French, Mayor; Phillip Hill, City Administrator; Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney; Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director; Mike Harden, Police Chief; Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Chris Korwel, Stormwater Coordinator; Cory Mattson, Community Programs Planner; Matt McLean, City Clerk

Others present: 8 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the regular City Council meeting of January 8, 2026, to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor French led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

COUNCIL ORGANIZATION MEETING

Adopt City Council Governance Manual

Cmbr. Furutani moved to adopt the City Council Governance Manual. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

Election of Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair

Mayor French called for nominations for the Deputy Mayor position.

Cmbr. Riddle nominated Cmbr. Furutani for the position of Deputy Mayor. Cmbr. Saunders seconded. Cmbr. Furutani was elected Deputy Mayor unanimously.

Mayor French turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Furutani.

Deputy Mayor Furutani called for nominations for Council Vice Chair.

Cmbr. Riddle nominated Cmbr. Goldman for the position of Council Vice Chair. Cmbr. Saunders seconded. Cmbr. Goldman was elected Council Vice Chair unanimously.

Appointment of Committee Chairs

Deputy Mayor Furutani called for nominations for Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Vice Chair Goldman nominated Cmbr. Riddle for the position of Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Cmbr. Goode seconded. Cmbr. Riddle was appointed Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Furutani called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Cmbr. Riddle nominated Cmbr. Goode for the position of Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Cmbr. Saunders seconded. Cmbr. Good was appointed Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Furutani proposed Cmbr. Muilenburg to be a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. There being no other interested parties, Cmbr. Muilenburg was appointed as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Council Appointments on Various Boards and Committees

Vice Chair Goldman was appointed as Council Liaison to the Tree Board.

Liaison appointments to the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board are tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion was held on council appointments to various regional boards and committees and the following appointments were made:

SCA Public Issues Committee (PIC)

Councilmember Furutani, Member; Councilmember Goldman, Alternate

SeaShore Transportation Forum

Mayor French, Member; Councilmember Goldman, co-chair in 2025; Councilmember Rosenau, alternate

Lake Ballinger/McAleer Creek Watershed Forum

Councilmember Goode, Member

Water Resource Inventory Area 8 Salmon Recovery Council (WRIA 8)

Councilmember Muilenburg, Member; Councilmember Goode, Alternate

North King County Coalition on Homelessness

Councilmember Riddle, Member

K4C Outreach Committee

Councilmember Furutani, Member; Councilmember Goldman, Member

Regional Crisis Response Agency (RCR)

Councilmember Saunders, Member; Councilmember Rosenau, Alternate

Evergreen Communities Steering Committee

Councilmember Riddle, Member

Mayor French closed the Council organizational meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor French invited comments from the public.

Minda Martin provided comments on public safety.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Recognizing January 19, 2026 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Mayor French read the proclamation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Cmbr. Goode seconded. The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried unanimously.

- A. December 11, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes
- B. An Accounts Payable dated 12/24/2025 Claim Fund Check Nos. 88595 through 88650 in the amount of \$160,350.19, a 12/8/2025 Payroll Fund ACH transaction in the amount of \$204,817.63, and a 12/8/2025 Direct Deposit transaction in the amount of \$230,087.16.

Additional approved ACH transactions: Elavon, \$1,000.57; Invoice Cloud, \$1,305.75; Wex Bank – Chevron, \$398.12. Total approved claim fund transactions: \$597,959.42.

- C. A Pre-paid Accounts Payable dated 12/31/2025 Claim Fund Check Nos. 88658 through 88701 in the amount of \$228,445.39, an Accounts Payable dated 1/8/2026 Claim Fund Check Nos. 88651 through 88657 in the amount of \$719,248.70, a 12/23/2025 Payroll Fund ACH transaction in the amount of \$189,416.37, and a 12/23/2025 Direct Deposit transaction in the amount of \$217,822.09. Additional approved ACH transactions: State of Washington, \$16,852.31. Total approved claim fund transactions: \$1,371,784.86.
- D. Resolution 26-2053/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Interlocal Agreement with the Lake Forest Park Water District for Construction of Water System Improvements in Conjunction with the SR 104/40th Place NE Roundabout Project
- E. Resolution 26-2055/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the 2026 Economic Development Partnership Agreement with the Port of Seattle
- F. Resolution 26-2057/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Shoreline and City of Lake Forest Park Regarding Early Registration and Resident Rate for City of Shoreline Recreation Programs

FINAL CONFIRMATION

Appointing Ross Baarslag-Benson to the Lake Forest Park Tree Board Position No. 1

Council interviewed Tree Board candidate Ross Baarslag-Benson.

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to appoint Ross Baarslag-Benson to Tree Board Position No. 1. **Cmbr. Rosenau seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

Appointing Minda Martin to the Lake Forest Park Tree Board, Alternate

Council interviewed Tree Board candidate Minda Martin.

Vice Chair Goldman moved to amend the appointment of Minda Martin to the Tree Board as a full member. **Cmbr. Muilenburg seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

Vice Chair Goldman moved to appoint Minda Martin to the Tree Board. **Cmbr. Muilenburg seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION/REFERRAL

Resolution 26-2054/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Washington State Department of Ecology 2025-2027 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Agreement

Stormwater Coordinator Chris Korwel gave a brief presentation and responded to Council questions.

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to waive the three-touch rule regarding Resolution 26-2054/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Washington State Department of Ecology 2025-2027 Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Agreement and place the item on the Consent Calendar for the January 22, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. **Cmbr. Goode seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

Resolution 26-2056/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Amendments 2 & 3 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between King County and the City of Lake Forest Park for Conservation Futures-Funded Open Space Acquisition Projects

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

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to waive the three-touch rule regarding Resolution 26-2056/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Amendments 2 & 3 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between King County and the City of Lake Forest Park for Conservation Futures-Funded Open Space Acquisition Projects and place the item on the Consent Calendar for the January 22, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution 26-2058/Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement with King County to Support Parks Development, Maintenance, and Programs within the City of Lake Forest Park

Community Programs Planner Cory Mattson gave a brief presentation and responded to Council questions.

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to waive the three-touch rule regarding Resolution 26-2058/Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement with King County to Support Parks Development, Maintenance, and Programs within the City of Lake Forest Park and place the item on the Consent Calendar for the January 22, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. **Cmbr. Goode 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 7:58 p.m.

Tom French

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Tom French, Mayor

Matt McLean

Matt McLean, City Clerk

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