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CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 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 (via Zoom), 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; Leslie Peterson, Finance Director (via Zoom); Diego Zanella, Police Chief; Nova Heaton, Public Works Director; Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Shannon Moore, HR Director; Matt McLean, City Clerk

Others present: Alice Darnton, Regional Mgr. – King County Library System (KCLS)
Katie Boyes, Librarian Information Services Mgr. – KCLS
18 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the regular City Council meeting of October 22, 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. ***Vice Chair Goldman seconded.***

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to amend the agenda, moving item 7.A Swearing in of Lake Forest Park Police Chief Diego Zanella to precede item 5 Public Hearing. ***Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion to adopt the agenda as amended carried unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor French invited comments from the public.

Tom Hoffmonn provided comments regarding the 6-inch threshold for tree permits.

Cmbr. Rosenau arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION

Swearing in of Lake Forest Park Police Chief Diego Zanella

Mayor French administered the oath of office to Diego Zanella.

Commander Adams and Chief Zanella shared brief comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget for 2027-2028, 2027 Property Tax Levy, 2027 General Taxes, 2027 Sewer Utility Rates, and 2027 Surface Water Rates

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

Mayor French open the Public Hearing for public comments.

Bryce James asked questions regarding a sewer bond, King County property tax calculations, and surface water rates.

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

Administrator Hill responded to questions raised during the public hearing.

PROCLAMATIONS

Recognizing November 11, 2026 as Veterans Day

Mayor French read the proclamation.

Recognizing November 2026 as Native American Heritage Month

Vice Chair Goldman read the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

King County Library System Update

Ms. Darnton and Ms. Boyes from King County Libraries gave a brief presentation and responded to Council questions.

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Council's Role in Reviewing Sound Transit Permit Applications

Attorney Pratt gave a brief presentation and responded to Council questions.

Cmbr. Saunders left the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. September 28, 2026 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
B. October 1, 2026 City Council Special Work Session Minutes
C. October 8, 2026 City Council Work Session Minutes
D. October 15, 2026 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
E. An Accounts Payable dated 10/22/2026 Claim Fund Check Nos. 89833 through 89880 in the amount of $1,082,912.87, a 10/8/2026 Payroll Fund ACH transaction in the amount of $238,286.87, and a 10/8/2026 Direct Deposit transaction in the amount of $235,693.64. Additional approved transactions: Invoice Cloud, $1,229.30; State of Washington, $11,788.01; State of Washington, $770.40; Wex Bank, $302.59. Total approved transactions: $1,570,983.68.
F. Resolution 26-2098/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Professional Services Agreement with Skillings, Inc. for 100% Design of the Beach Drive Lift Station Project

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 26-1322/Amending the 2026 Budget Positions and Salary Schedule Incorporated in Ordinance 24-1299 Adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget *(Third Presentation)*

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

> ***Vice Chair Goldman moved*** to adopt Ordinance 26-1322/Amending the 2026 Budget Positions and Salary Schedule Incorporated in Ordinance 24-1299 Adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget. ***Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion to adopt Ordinance 26-1322 carried unanimously.***

Withdrawal from the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Interlocal Agreement *(Second Presentation)*

Administrator Hill introduced the item and responded to Council questions.

This will be brought back at a future meeting.

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Ordinance 26-1323/Amending the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, Creating Chapter 3.90, Strategic Opportunity Fund *(Second Presentation)*

Clerk McLean introduced the item and responded to Council questions.

There was Council consensus to place this item on the consent calendar at the next meeting.

Ordinance 26-1324/Amending Section 10.06.050 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, Automated Traffic Cameras – Fines *(Third Presentation)*

Mayor French gave a brief presentation and responded to Council questions along with Administrator Hill.

Vice Chair Goldman moved to table Ordinance 26-1324 and revisit it following New Business items. There was Council consensus.

NEW BUSINESS

Washington Department of Ecology Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships (CBP3) Grant *(First Presentation)*

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

This will be brought back at future meetings.

Cmbr. Goode left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Guardrail Slope Stabilization Design Recommendations *(First Presentation)*

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

This will be brought back at future meetings.

2026-2027 Catch Basin Inspection Services *(First Presentation)*

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

This will be brought back at future meetings.

Otak Task Order 2 for the 37th Avenue NE Missing Link Project *(First Presentation)*

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

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OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 26-1324/Amending Section 10.06.050 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, Automated Traffic Cameras – Fines *(Third Presentation)*

Mayor French reopened discussion on Ordinance 26-1324.

> ***Deputy Mayor Furutani*** moved to adopt Ordinance 26-1324/Amending Section 10.06.050 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, Automated Traffic Cameras – Fines. ***Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion to adopt Ordinance 26-1324 carried unanimously.***

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Comprehensive Financial Management Policies Update Discussion

Cmbr. Riddle opened discussion on the proposed updates to the Comprehensive Financial Management Policies.

There was Council consensus to bring this forward for approval at the next meeting with a resolution.

Proposed 2027-2028 Biennial Budget – City Council Deliberations and Recommendations.

Cmbr. Riddle opened a discussion on the 2027-2028 Biennial Budget with staff available to answer Council questions. Discussion topics included:

- Additional revenue from adopting Ordinance 26-1324
- Public Safety sales tax
- Utility tax increase

COUNCILMEMBER/MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Councilmembers reported on meetings they had attended.

Mayor French gave a brief report.

Clerk McLean gave a brief report.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session – Collective Bargaining, per RCW 42.130.14(4)(b)

Mayor French announced they would be going into Closed Session at 10:10 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes regarding collective bargaining per RCW 42.130.140(4)(b).

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Council returned from Closed Session at 10:25 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor French adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Signed by:
Tom French
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Tom French, Mayor

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Matt McLean
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Matt McLean, City Clerk