

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2023**

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

Councilmembers present: Tom French, Deputy Mayor; Phillippa Kassover, Lorri Bodi (via Zoom), Tracy Furutani, Larry Goldman, Jon Lebo (arrived 7:08 p.m.), Semra Riddle

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Phillip Hill, City Administrator; Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney; Mike Harden, Police Chief; Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director; Jeff Perrigo, Public Works Director; Stephen Bennett, Planning Director; Matt McLean, City Clerk; JoAnne Trudel, Deputy City Clerk

Others present: 15 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor French called the July 27, 2023 City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Boy Scout Troop 348 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATION – Recognition of Service – Planning Director Steve Bennett

Deputy Mayor French read a proclamation recognizing the public service of Planning Director Steve Bennett.

PUBLIC HEARING – Resolution 23-1906/Considering Whether to Take a Position on Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy

City Administrator Hill presented the item and responded to questions.

Deputy Mayor French invited comments/presentations from other agencies in support or opposition to the levy. There was no one in the audience to speak.

Deputy Mayor French opened the public hearing and invited comments from the audience.

There was no one in the audience wishing to speak.

Deputy Mayor French closed the public hearing.

Cmbr. Kassover moved to approve Resolution 23-1906/In Support of King County Proposition No. 1, the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion to approve Resolution 23-1906, in support of the levy, carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 23-1272/Interim Development Regulations as Authorized by the Growth Management Act Relating to Retaining Walls

Planning Director Bennett and City Attorney Pratt presented the item and responded to questions.

Deputy Mayor French opened the public hearing and invited comments from the audience.

The following members of the audience shared comments with the Council:

- Kristin Ellison Oslin, LFP resident
- Stephanie Angelis, LFP resident

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

Planning Director Bennett and City Attorney Pratt addressed questions presented during public comments and from Council.

ORDINANCE 23-1273/Creating Chapter 12.50 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, Retaining Walls

Cmbr. Lebo noted he would recuse himself from this item.

Planning Director Bennett and City Attorney Pratt presented the item and responded to questions.

Cmbr. Kassover moved to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: 12.50.020 section 6 option A by striking the word “should” and insert “the community would benefit from

the inclusion of the assessment”. **Cmbr. Furtunai seconded. Following discussion, the motion to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above failed for lack of a majority, with Cmbrs. Kassover, Furutani, and Goldman voting aye and Cmbrs. Riddle and Bodi and Deputy Mayor French voting nay, with Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

Cmbr. Riddle moved to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: add an i. under 12.50.010 purpose and intent that replicates the definitions of “shall” and “should” as listed under the retaining wall standards language. **Cmbr. Goldman seconded. Following discussion, the motion to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above carried unanimously, with Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

Cmbr. Bodi moved to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: under 12.50.010 c. requires aesthetic and other design features that mitigate these wall impacts and reflect the community environment as adopted in the wall design guidelines; in 12.50.010 b. recognize that retaining walls can be built from different materials to achieve the strength required and achieve mitigation and aesthetic goals; in 12.50.010 b. 3. Notices shall be sent to owners within 500 feet of the project as well as the Planning Commission and the Tree Board; and under the same section, the public works director shall take into account long-term maintenance requirements, constructability, and recommendations on the same from applicants, engineers, and independent third-party engineers. **Cmbr. Kassover seconded. Following discussion, the motion to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above, carried unanimously, with Cmbr. Riddle voting nay and Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

Cmbr. Riddle moved to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: Option A as written in the draft ordinance. **Deputy Mayor French seconded. Following discussion, the motion to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above carried unanimously, with Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

Cmbr. Furutani moved to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: move to change the language on 12.50.020 d. title from “Aesthetic Design” to “Retaining Wall Design.” **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. Following discussion, the motion to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above carried unanimously, with Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

Cmbr. Kassover moved to amend the retaining wall design guidelines for Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: the revised guidelines as proposed. **Cmbr. Goldman seconded. Following discussion, the motion to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above carried unanimously, with Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

Cmbr. Kassover moved to approve as amended Ordinance 23-1273/Creating Chapter 12.50 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, Retaining Walls. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion to approve Ordinance 23-1273 as amended carried unanimously, with Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor French invited comments from the audience:

- Tyler Dittman, attending with members of Boy Scout Troop No. 348 (troop is working on citizenship in the community merit badge)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Cmbr. Riddle moved to approve the consent calendar presented. **Cmbr. Goldman seconded. The motion to approve the consent calendar as presented carried unanimously.**

1. July 13, 2023 City Council Special Work Session Minutes
2. July 13, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of City Expenditures for the Period Ending July 27, 2023, covering Claims Fund Check Nos. 85123 through 85189, in the amount of \$267,380.12; Payroll Fund ACH transactions in the amount of \$171,577.79; and direct deposit transactions in the amount of \$172,802.94; additional approved transactions are Elavon, \$995.75; Lexis Nexis, \$132.60; US Bank, \$31,977.21; Wells Fargo, \$15,378.53; Wex Bank, \$66.49; total approved Claims Fund transactions \$487,508.49

POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF RIFLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Harden presented the item and responded to questions.

Cmbr. Kassover moved to approve suspend the three-touch rule for this item. **Deputy Mayor French seconded. The motion to suspend the three-touch rule carried unanimously.**


Cmbr. Kassover moved to authorize the purchase of 21 rifles for the Police Department. **Deputy Mayor French seconded. The motion to approve the purchase carried unanimously.**


COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Councilmembers reported on meetings they attended. City Administrator Hill gave a brief report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Tom French, Deputy Mayor

Matt McLean, City Clerk