

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 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; Diego Zanella, Interim Police Chief; Nova Heaton, Public Works Director; Jessica Halterman, Deputy City Clerk

Others present: Leslie Peterson, for confirmation as Finance Director
3 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the regular City Council meeting of September 10, 2026, to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor French led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Cmbr. Riddle moved to adopt the agenda as presented. **Deputy Mayor Furutani seconded.**

Vice Chair Goldman moved to amend the agenda by removing item 9.B 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. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded.**

The motion to adopt the agenda as amended carried unanimously.

Cmbrs. Saunders (via Zoom) and Rosenau arrived at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor French invited comments from the public.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Recognizing September 11, 2026 as Patriot Day and a Day of Service and Remembrance

Cmbr. Riddle read the proclamation.

Recognizing September 2026 as National Recovery Month

Vice Chair Goldman read the proclamation.

Recognizing September 2026 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor French read the proclamation.

Recognizing September 2026 as Puget Sound Starts Here Month

Deputy Mayor Furutani read the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

Capital Improvement Plan – Budget Review for 2027-2028

Director Heaton presented the 2027-2028 Capital Improvement Plan and responded to Council questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. August 13, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- B. A Pre-paid Accounts Payable dated 8/11/2026 Claim Fund Check No. 89649 in the amount of \$4,937.48, an Accounts Payable dated 8/27/2026 Claim Fund Check Nos. 89650 through 98700 in the amount of \$464,516.91, an 8/7/2026 Payroll Fund ACH transaction in the amount of \$210,799.40, and an 8/21/2026 Direct Deposit transaction in the amount of \$211,829.12. Additional approved transactions: Elavon, \$1,600.31; Invoice Cloud, \$1,260.70; State of Washington, \$11,085.62; Wex Bank, \$162.44. Total approved transactions: \$906,191.98.
- C. An Accounts Payable dated 9/10/2026 Claim Fund Check Nos. 89701 through 89731 in the amount of \$106,917.62. Additional approved transactions: US Bank, \$78,420.72. Total approved transactions: \$185,338.34.
- D. Resolution 26-2096/Authorizing the mayor to Sign the Interagency Agreement between the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and the Lake

Forest Park Municipal Court for the Language Access and Interpreter Reimbursement Program for the period 2026-2027.

OLD 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 Services to Support the Sound Transit Bus Rapid Transit (ST3) Permit Review

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

These will be brought back at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 26-2097/Confirming the Appointment by the Mayor of Leslie Peterson as the Finance Director

Administrator Hill gave a brief introduction.

Ms. Peterson introduced herself and responded to Council questions.

Cmbr. Saunders left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to approve Resolution 26-2097/Confirming the Appointment by the Mayor of Leslie Peterson as the Finance Director. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion to approve Resolution 26-2097 carried unanimously.**

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Cmbr. Riddle shared a brief reminder that the full Council now makes up the Budget & Finance Committee.

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 8:29 p.m.

Signed by:



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Tom French, Mayor

Signed by:



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Jessica Halterman, Deputy City Clerk