



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: In Person and Virtual / Zoom
17425 Ballinger Way NE Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING THIS MEETING VIRTUALLY:

Please note, this link works for both the Work Session (6:00 p.m.) and Regular Meeting (7:00 p.m.).

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If you are attending the meeting in person, there is a sign-in sheet located near the entrance to the Council Chambers. Simply fill the form out and the Mayor will call your name at the appropriate time. Oral comments are limited to 3:00 minutes per speaker. Oral comments are not being accepted via Zoom.

The meeting is being recorded.

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Written comments will be submitted to the Council if received by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting; otherwise, they will be provided to the City Council the next day. The City Clerk will read your name and subject matter into the record during Public Comments.

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*The Council will not be accepting online public comments. This portion of the agenda is set aside for the public to address the Council on agenda items or any other topic the Council might have purview or control over. However, the Mayor or Council may not respond to comments from the public. If the comments are of a nature that the Council does not have influence or control over, then the Mayor or presiding officer may request the speaker suspend their comments. The Council may direct staff to follow up on items brought up by the public. **Comments are limited to a three (3) minute time limit.***

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- [A.](#) Lake Forest Park Library update from the King County Library System and Library Advisory Committee

6. **FINAL CONFIRMATION**

- [A.](#) Appointment of Linda Holman to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- [A.](#) June 23, 2025 City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting Notes
 - [B.](#) June 26, 2025 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
 - [C.](#) June 26, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
 - [D.](#) City Expenditures for the Period Ending July 10, 2025

8. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION**

- [A.](#) Resolution 25-2021/Providing for a ballot measure 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

9. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A.** Councilmember Reports
- B.** Mayor's Report
- C.** City Administrator's Report

12. ADJOURN

FUTURE SCHEDULE

- Thursday, July 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Budget & Finance Committee Meeting – *hybrid meeting (City Hall and via Zoom)*
- Monday, July 21, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole Meeting – *hybrid meeting (City Hall and via Zoom)*
- Thursday, July 24, 2025, 7:00 p.m. City Council Regular Meeting – *hybrid meeting (City Hall and via Zoom)*

As allowed by law, the Council may add and take action on items not listed on the agenda.

Any person requiring a disability accommodation should contact city hall at 206-368-5440 by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting for more information.



Lake Forest Park Library

King County Library System
&
Library Advisory Committee

Overview

Introductions

Library Stats

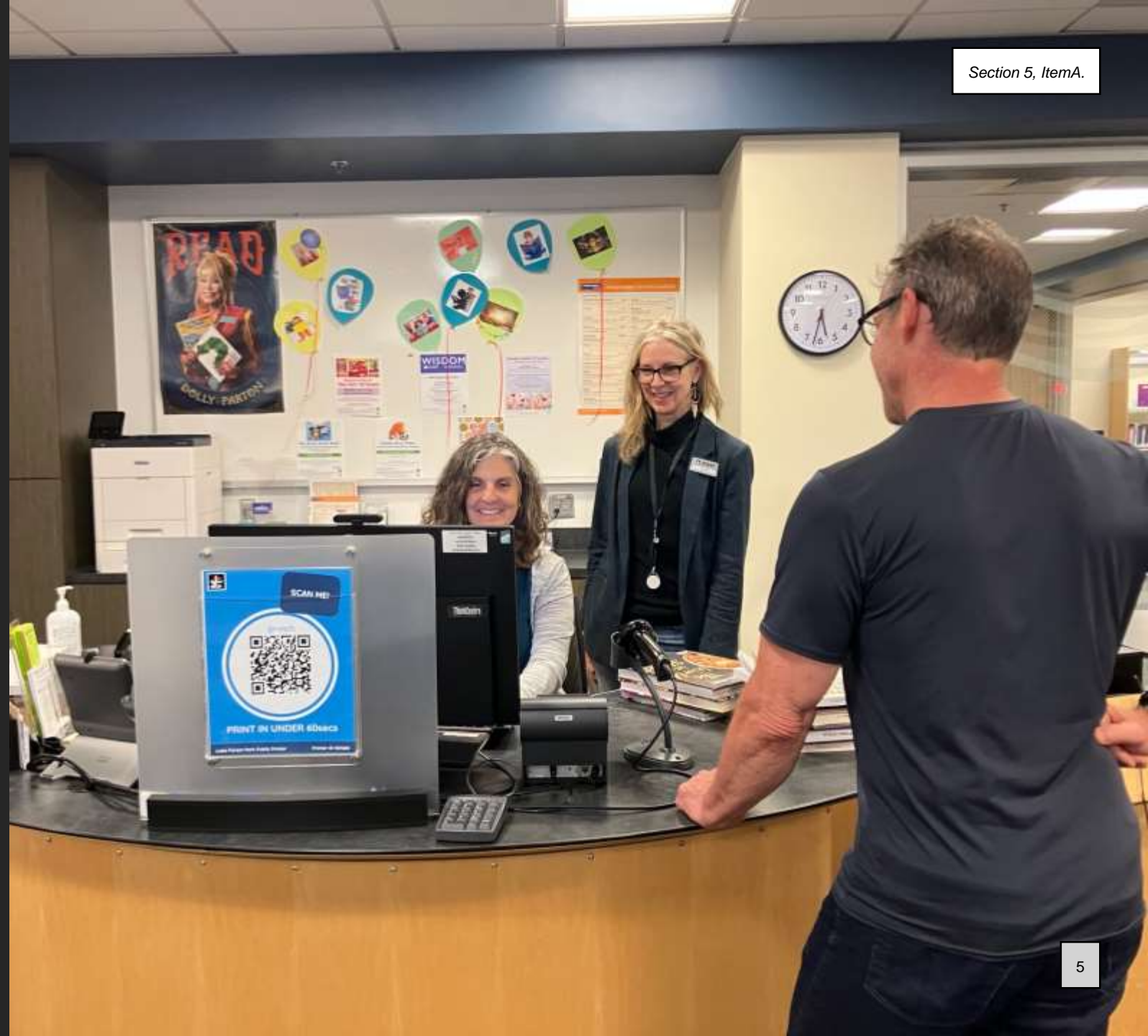
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Programs & Outreach

Library Advisory Council -

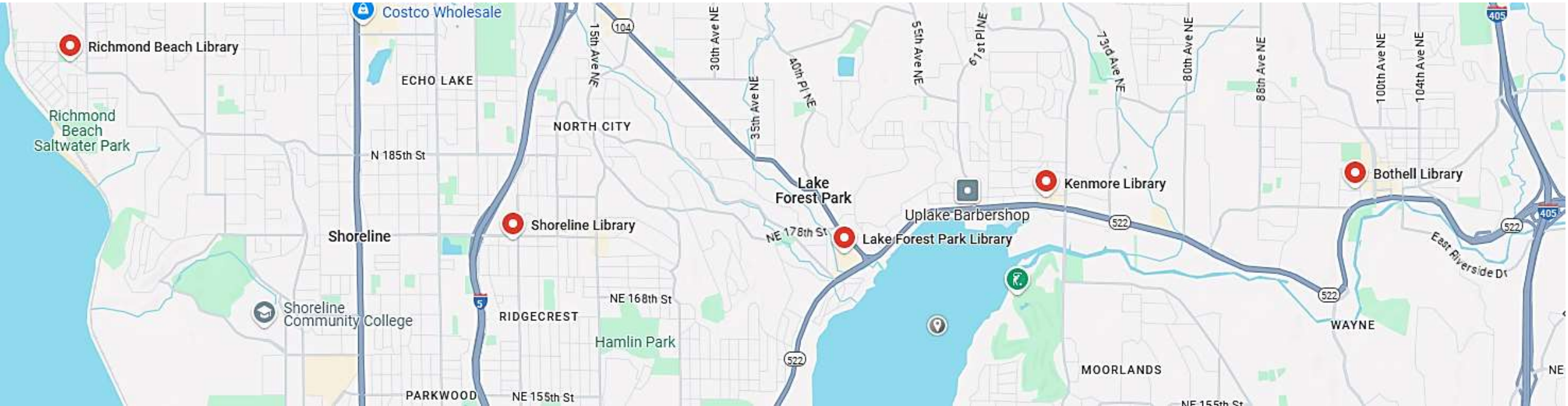
- Library History
- Celebrating the Freedom to Read

Questions



50 locations in King County Library System!

Section 5, Item A.



Alder Region

Bothell

Kenmore

Lake Forest Park

Shoreline

Richmond Beach

Lake Forest Park Library Stats

	2023	2024
Door Count	72,720	80,687
Average Door Count per Open Hour	32	35
Checkouts at Lake Forest Park Library	95,149	97,595
Computer Sessions	6,223	6,193
Active Patrons	7,421	8,581
Lake Forest Park Patron Checkouts (includes digital)	172,926	222,878

Library Online Resources



The New York Times



Consumer Reports

Press Reader

Libby

Hoopla & Kanopy

Mango & Rosetta Stone

And more!

Library Programs

- ❑ Story Times
 - Thursdays at 10am and 11a
- ❑ Teen Leadership Council
- ❑ Screen Printing
 - Saturday, July 12, 1-4pm
- ❑ Wisdom Café
 - Friday, July 18, 12:30-2pm
- ❑ READs Program – Author Event
 - Tuesday, July 29, 7-8pm, Third Place Commons Stage

Exit Interview The Life and Death of My Ambitious Career **Kristi Coulter**

AUTHOR OF NOTHING GOOD CAN COME FROM THIS



Summer Reading

Book Bingo for Adults with
Seattle Public Library

Curious Creatures for Ages 0-17



Library Advisory Committee

Lake Forest Park Library History



Section 5, Item A.

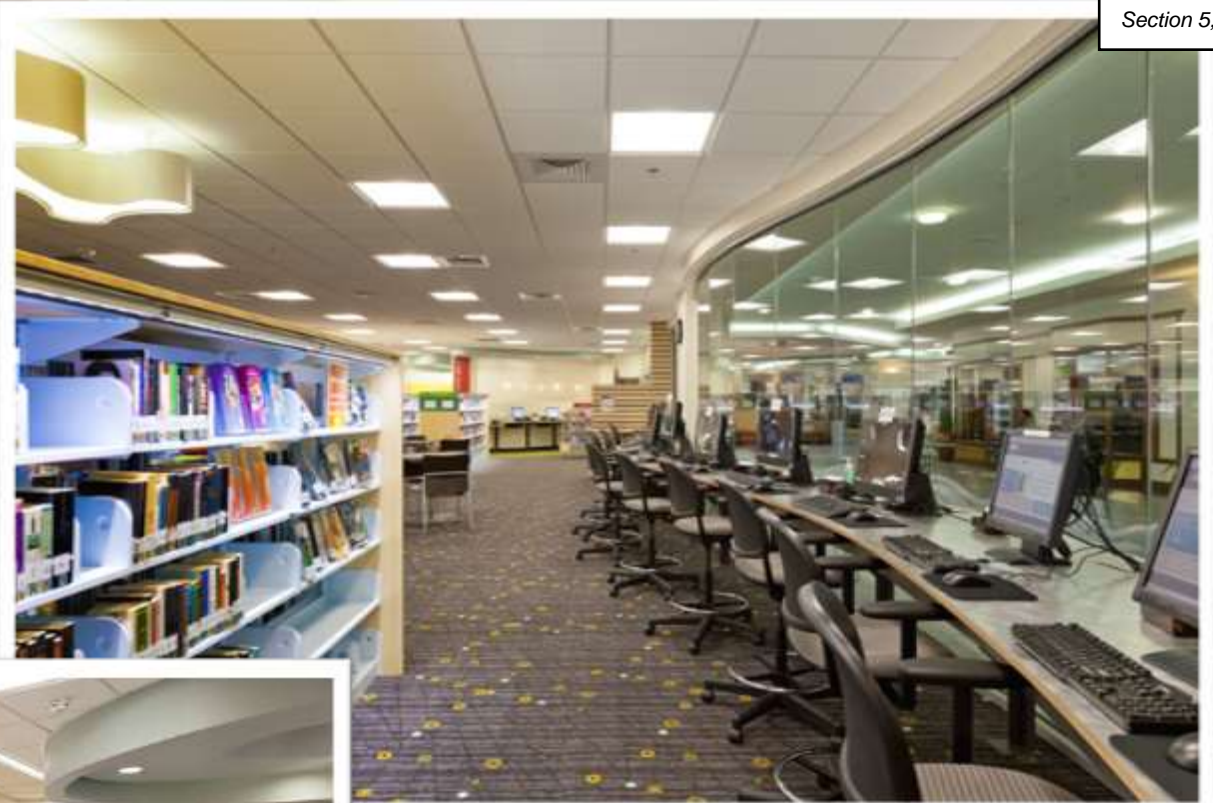
1965 - 1995





1996-2011





2012-2025



Questions?

Thank You!

Alice Darnton, Regional Manager

Katie Boyes, Librarian & Information
Services Manager

Lolly Smith and Eloise Boyle, Library
Advisory Committee





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Submission information

Form: [City of Lake Forest Park Boards and Commissions Application](#) [1]

Submitted by Visitor (not verified)

Tue, 05/27/2025 - 10:23am

First Name

Linda

Last Name

Holman

Home Address

Mailing Address (if different from above)

Phone Number

Do you own property in Lake Forest Park?

Yes

Email

lhholman@comcast.net

Board, Commission, Committee

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Years a Resident of this Municipality

41

Experience/Professional Expertise/Education (Please provide dates of education and experience.)

Master Gardener, Master Pruner, Rain Garden educator, completing certification for Pollinator Steward, former member of Park Board, Community Services Commission, current member Climate Action Committee, Chair LFP Rotary Environmental Committee

Current or Prior Experience on Boards/Commissions/Committees

Park Board, Community Services Commission, Climate Action Committee

Civic Activities and Memberships (Roles with fraternal, business, church, or social groups-please provide dates)

LFP Rotary, King County Master Gardener Program

Reasons for Wanting to Serve

I would like to return to this group in the hope of working on renovation of some of our older parks which have been neglected. I believe it's critical to the community and the city to preserve these public spaces. I would also like to see educational opportunities for the community.

Are you able to attend evening meetings?

Yes

Resume, Education, etc. (Optional)

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Links

[1] <https://lakeforestpark-wa.municodemeetings.com/bc/application>

CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING NOTES
June 23, 2025

It is noted 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; John Lebo, Ashton McCartney (via Zoom), Semra Riddle

Councilmembers absent: Paula Goode, Ellyn Saunders

Staff present: Tom French, Mayor; Phillip Hill, City Administrator; Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney (via Zoom); Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director; Matt McLean, City Clerk

Others present: 3 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Furutani called the June 23, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Mayor Furutani invited public comments from the audience. There being no one in the audience wishing to speak, Deputy Mayor Furutani closed public comments.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Continued discussion regarding budget challenges, including options for a potential levy to fund public safety services, and review of Draft Resolution 25-2021/Setting a Ballot Proposition for the City to levy the Regular Property Taxes in an amount in excess of the Limitations Provided in RCW 84.55 for Public Safety Services for the 2025 General Election

Deputy Mayor Furutani opened the continued discussion on budget challenges, including what it may look like to reinstate items previously removed from the Mayor’s Proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.

Draft Resolution authorizing a sales and use tax increase of 0.1% for public safety purposes pursuant to Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2015

Cmbr. Lebo presented the possibility of a sales and use tax increase of 0.1% to support public safety pursuant to recently passed state legislation. Council discussion followed.

1 There was Council consensus to direct staff to discern the necessary requirements to impose this
2 increase.

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4 **ADJOURNMENT**

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6 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 26, 2025**

It is noted that this meeting was held in person in the Emergency Operations Center at City Hall and virtually via Zoom.

Budget & Finance Committee members present: Jon Lebo, Chair; Semra Riddle, Vice Chair; Paula Goode

Budget & Finance Committee members absent: none

Other Councilmembers present: Tracy Furutani, Larry Goldman

Staff present: Tom French, Mayor; Phillip Hill, City Administrator; Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director; Matt McLean, City Clerk

Others present: 4 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lebo called the May 29, 2025, Budget and Finance Committee special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May 2025 Budget Monitoring Dashboard

Director Vaughn reviewed the May budget monitoring dashboard and responded to questions.

NEW BUSINESS

2025-2026 Budget Amendment List

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

Review of the Traffic Safety Fund

Director Vaughn gave a brief presentation and responded to Council questions along with staff.

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CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 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 (via Zoom), Semra Riddle

Councilmembers absent: Ellyn Saunders

Staff present: Tom French, Mayor; Phil Hill, City Administrator; Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director; Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney; Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Matt McLean, City Clerk

Others present: Library Advisory Committee Members: Catherin Kernan, Lolly Smith, Eileen de la Cruz
Kirsten Peterson, SCJ Alliance
7 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the regular City Council meeting of June 26, 2025, to order at 7:01 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Vice Chair Goldman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to amend the agenda by moving item 7, Ordinances and Resolutions for Action, to precede item 6, Ordinances and Resolutions for Council Discussion. **Cmbr. Lebo seconded. The motion to approve the agenda as amended carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor French invited comments from the public.

Members of the Library Advisory Committee provided an update on the summer READS program and other summer reading programs.

The following people provided comments voicing concern for the levy lid lift process:

- Jack Tonkin

— Bryce James

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- A. June 4, 2025 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
- B. June 5, 2025 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
- C. June 9, 2025 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
- D. June 12, 2025 City Council Work Session Minutes
- E. June 12, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
- F. June 16, 2025 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
- G. Accounts Payable dated 6/26/2025 Claim Fund Check Nos. 87814 through 87874 in the amount of \$298,737.22, a 6/6/2025 Payroll Fund ACH transaction in the amount of \$230,824.13, and a 6/6/2025 Direct Deposit transaction in the amount of \$233,961.73. Additional approved transactions are: AWC, \$18,150.00; Elavon, \$1,029.43; Invoice Cloud, \$1,146.15; State of Washington, \$15,032.66; Wex Bank – Chevron, \$245.69. Total approved claim fund transactions: \$799,127.01.
- H. Resolution 25-2020/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Grant Agreement Between King County and the City of Lake Forest Park for Development Funding for the Future Lakefront Part Property

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

Ordinance 25-1309/Amending the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code for Consistency with Recent Washington State Legislation for Lot Subdivision
Ordinance 25-1310/ Amending the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code for Consistency with Recent Washington State Legislation for Middle Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units

Director Hofman gave a brief presentation.

Vice Chair Goldman moved to adopt Ordinance 25-1309/Amending the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code for Consistency with Recent Washington State Legislation for Lot Subdivision. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion to adopt Ordinance 25-1309 carried unanimously.**

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to adopt Ordinance 25-1310/ Amending the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code for Consistency with Recent Washington State Legislation for

Middle Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units. **Cmbr. Goode seconded. The motion to adopt Ordinance 25-1310 carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Resolution 25-2021/Providing for a Ballot Proposition to be Submitted at the 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 (Revised Code of Washington) for Public Safety Services Beginning in 2026

Deputy Mayor Furutani facilitated a continued discussion on the proposed Resolution. Staff were available to answer Council questions.

Deputy Mayor Furutani took Council votes on various levy amounts:

- **\$0.32** – Supporting: Deputy Mayor Furutani, Cmbr. Riddle; Opposed: Vice Chair Goldman, Cmbrs. Goode, Lebo, McCartney.
- **\$0.30** – Supporting: Deputy Mayor Furutani, Cmbr. Riddle; Opposed: Vice Chair Goldman, Cmbrs. Goode, Lebo, McCartney
- **\$0.28** – Supporting: Deputy Mayor Furutani, Vice Chair Goldman, Cmbr. Riddle; Opposed: Cmbrs. Goode, Lebo, McCartney
- **\$0.24** – Supporting: Deputy Mayor Furutani, Vice Chair Goldman, Cmbrs. Goode, McCartney, Riddle; Opposed: Cmbr. Lebo

City Administrator Hill stated that staff will bring back three resolutions for consideration at the July 10 Regular Meeting, each with a different levy rate.

COUNCILMEMBER/MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Councilmembers reported on meetings they had attended.

Mayor French gave a brief report.

Cmbr. Lebo moved to excuse Cmbr. Saunders. **Deputy Mayor Furutani seconded. The motion to excuse Cmbr. Saunders carried with Cmbr. Riddle dissenting.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor French adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Tom French, Mayor

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Matt McLean, City Clerk

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City of Lake Forest Park
SORTED TRANSACTION CHECK REGISTER
7/10/25

VOUCHER CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL

We, the undersigned members of the Finance Committee of the City of Lake Forest Park, Washington, do hereby certify that the merchandise or services hereinafter specified have been received, an 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 are approved for payment this 10th day of July 2025.

Additional approved transactions are:
ACH transaction US Bank Credit Card in the amount \$64,896.29

Total approved claim fund transactions: \$601,158.18

City Clerk

Mayor

Finance Committee

Accounts Payable

Check Register Totals Only

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87875	07/10/2025	ASPECT	Aspect Consulting, LLC	12,595.00	87,875
87876	07/10/2025	AURORARE	Aurora Rents, Inc.	111.45	87,876
87877	07/10/2025	AUTOGATE	Automated Gates	3,564.00	87,877
87878	07/10/2025	BRANDONC	Brandon Carlsrud	175.00	87,878
87879	07/10/2025	BRIGHTID	Bright Idea Shops	3,381.00	87,879
87880	07/10/2025	CHUCKOLS	Chuck Olson Inc	126.37	87,880
87881	07/10/2025	LYNNWOOD	City of Lynnwood	5,552.00	87,881
87882	07/10/2025	CNAS	CNA Surety	30.00	87,882
87883	07/10/2025	CODEPUB	Code Publishing Company	355.72	87,883
87884	07/10/2025	DAILYJOU	Daily Journal of Commerce	789.70	87,884
87885	07/10/2025	DATABAR	Databar	2,155.78	87,885
87886	07/10/2025	NEOGOV	GovernmentJobs.com, Inc	6,151.88	87,886
87887	07/10/2025	GRAY&OS	Gray & Osborne, Inc.	17,811.14	87,887
87888	07/10/2025	IWORQ	IWORQ Systems	19,000.00	87,888
87889	07/10/2025	CONFIDAT	James Santerelli Enterprises	100.00	87,889
87890	07/10/2025	JETCITY	Jet City Printing, Inc.	49.64	87,890
87891	07/10/2025	KAISER	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Was	549.00	87,891
87892	07/10/2025	LFP Anim	Lake Forest Park Animal Hospital	95.00	87,892
87893	07/10/2025	NAVIA-1	Navia Benefit Solutions	300.00	87,893
87894	07/10/2025	NORCOM	Norcom 911	510.00	87,894
87895	07/10/2025	NORTHUTI	Northshore Utility District	36,828.45	87,895
87896	07/10/2025	OFFICEDE	Office Depot, Inc.	33.40	87,896
87897	07/10/2025	PACOFFA	Pacific Office Automation	689.42	87,897
87898	07/10/2025	PITNEYSU	Pitney Bowes Inc.	715.12	87,898
87899	07/10/2025	PSE	Puget Sound Energy	98.10	87,899
87900	07/10/2025	PSESINC	Puget Sound Executive Services, Inc.	696.00	87,900
87901	07/10/2025	RCRA	Regional Crisis Response Agency	29,232.50	87,901
87902	07/10/2025	ROBHALF	Robert Half International, Inc.	449.97	87,902
87903	07/10/2025	SCHINDES	Samantha Schindele	34.97	87,903
87904	07/10/2025	SCJALL	SCJ Alliance	3,956.50	87,904
87905	07/10/2025	SMHINC	Stewart MacNichols Harmell, Inc., P.S	10,000.00	87,905
87906	07/10/2025	SUMMITLA	Summit Law Group PLLC	2,183.50	87,906
87907	07/10/2025	VAUGHNL	Lindsey Vaughn	264.73	87,907
Check Total:				158,585.34	

Accounts Payable

Section 7, ItemD.

Checks by Date - Summary by Check Date

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Check No	Vendor No	Vendor Name	Check Date	Check Amount
ACH	LEOFFTR	LEOFF TRUST	06/23/2025	39,326.49
ACH	NAVIA	Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.	06/23/2025	537.41
ACH	NAVIAFSA	Navia - FSA	06/23/2025	62.50
ACH	PFLTRUST	LFP PFL Trust Account	06/23/2025	2,630.46
ACH	TEAMDR	National D.R.I.V.E.	06/23/2025	4.45
ACH	Z401AL	Vantagepoint Transfer Agents-107084 ICM	06/23/2025	1,689.80
ACH	Z457	Vantagepoint Transfer Agents-304508 ICM	06/23/2025	9,607.36
ACH	ZAWC	AWC	06/23/2025	2,031.15
ACH	ZEMPSEC	Employment Security Dept.	06/23/2025	571.87
ACH	ZEMPWACA	Wa.Cares Tax	06/23/2025	916.43
ACH	ZGUILD	LFP Employee Guild	06/23/2025	925.00
ACH	ZICMA	Vantagepoint Transfer Agents-107084 ICM	06/23/2025	34,145.62
ACH	ZL&I	Washington State Department of Labor & I	06/23/2025	8,186.75
ACH	ZLEOFF	Law Enforcement Retirement	06/23/2025	16,407.41
ACH	ZLFPIRS	Lake Forest Park/IRS	06/23/2025	39,642.52
ACH	ZPERS	Public Employees Retirement	06/23/2025	24,719.35
ACH	ZTEAM	Teamsters Local Union #117	06/23/2025	174.72
ACH	ZWATWT	Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust	06/23/2025	384.60
Total for 6/23/2025:				181,963.89
Report Total (18 checks):				181,963.89

Bank Reconciliation

Section 7, ItemD.

Checks by Date

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Bank Accounts: PPOperat
System:
Cleared and Not Cleared Checks
Check Date: From 06/23/2025 To 06/23/2025
Print ACH Checks: True



Check No	Check Date	Name	Comment	Module	Clear Date	Amount
0	6/23/2025		DD 00523.06.2025	PR		195,712.66
Total Check Count:						1
Total Check Amount:						195,712.66

Bank Reconciliation

Section 7, Item D.

Checks by Date

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System:
Cleared and Not Cleared Checks
Check Date: From 07/10/2025 To 07/10/2025
Print ACH Checks: True



Check No	Check Date	Name	Comment	Module	Clear Date	Amount
87875	7/10/2025	Aspect Consulting, LLC		AP		12,595.00
87876	7/10/2025	Aurora Rents, Inc.		AP		111.45
87877	7/10/2025	Automated Gates		AP		3,564.00
87878	7/10/2025	Brandon Carlsrud		AP		175.00
87879	7/10/2025	Bright Idea Shops		AP		3,381.00
87880	7/10/2025	Chuck Olson Inc		AP		126.37
87881	7/10/2025	City of Lynnwood		AP		5,552.00
87882	7/10/2025	CNA Surety		AP		30.00
87883	7/10/2025	Code Publishing Company		AP		355.72
87884	7/10/2025	Daily Journal of Commerce		AP		789.70
87885	7/10/2025	Databar		AP		2,155.78
87886	7/10/2025	GovernmentJobs.com, Inc		AP		6,151.88
87887	7/10/2025	Gray & Osborne, Inc.		AP		17,811.14
87888	7/10/2025	IWORQ Systems		AP		19,000.00
87889	7/10/2025	James Santerelli Enterprises		AP		100.00
87890	7/10/2025	Jet City Printing, Inc.		AP		49.64
87891	7/10/2025	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Wash:		AP		549.00
87892	7/10/2025	Lake Forest Park Animal Hospital		AP		95.00
87893	7/10/2025	Navia Benefit Solutions		AP		300.00
87894	7/10/2025	Norcom 911		AP		510.00
87895	7/10/2025	Northshore Utility District		AP		36,828.45
87896	7/10/2025	Office Depot, Inc.		AP		33.40
87897	7/10/2025	Pacific Office Automation		AP		689.42
87898	7/10/2025	Pitney Bowes Inc.		AP		715.12
87899	7/10/2025	Puget Sound Energy		AP		98.10
87900	7/10/2025	Puget Sound Executive Services, Inc.		AP		696.00
87901	7/10/2025	Regional Crisis Response Agency		AP		29,232.50
87902	7/10/2025	Robert Half International, Inc.		AP		449.97
87903	7/10/2025	Samantha Schindele		AP		34.97
87904	7/10/2025	SCJ Alliance		AP		3,956.50
87905	7/10/2025	Stewart MacNichols Harmell, Inc., P.S.		AP		10,000.00
87906	7/10/2025	Summit Law Group PLLC		AP		2,183.50
87907	7/10/2025	Lindsey Vaughn		AP		264.73

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62506312	JOBTARGE	JOBTARGET	06/12/2025	424.00
62506313	WSAOFM	Washington State Association of Fire Marsh	06/12/2025	50.00
62506314	HOLIDAYI	Holiday Inn	06/12/2025	357.50
62506315	JOBTARGE	JOBTARGET	06/12/2025	700.00
62506316	LANDSEND	Lands' End	06/12/2025	-70.91
62506317	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	30.00
62506318	NEKTER	Nekter	06/12/2025	20.00
62509381	SECRETAR	Secretary of State	06/12/2025	132.80
62509382	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	29.68
62509383	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	421.14
62509384	COSTCO	Costco Warehouse	06/12/2025	79.98
62509385	COSTCO	Costco Warehouse	06/12/2025	163.43
62509386	COSTCO	Costco Warehouse	06/12/2025	154.40
62527511	ADOBE	Adobe Inc.	06/12/2025	522.63
62527512	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	13.18
62527513	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	1,099.69
62527514	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	761.06
62527515	ADOBE	Adobe Inc.	06/12/2025	7.68
62527517	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	67.23
62527518	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	181.03
62527519	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	88.45
62527881	GUARDSEC	Guardian Security	06/12/2025	177.16
62527882	INTEGPHN	Integra Telecom, Inc.	06/12/2025	1,121.39
62527883	PACTOP	Pacific Topsoils, Inc.	06/12/2025	318.90
62527884	NORTHCIT	North City Water District	06/12/2025	55.29
62527885	NORTHCIT	North City Water District	06/12/2025	114.86
62527886	GUARDSEC	Guardian Security	06/12/2025	595.62
62527887	SEALIGHT	Seattle City Light	06/12/2025	402.08
62527888	SEALIGHT	Seattle City Light	06/12/2025	32.31
62527889	SEALIGHT	Seattle City Light	06/12/2025	19.24
62529901	DESIGNA	Designa Parking	06/12/2025	15.00
62533461	CWTTRAIN	CWT Training Academy	06/12/2025	200.00
62533462	CWTTRAIN	CWT Training Academy	06/12/2025	441.20
62533463	COMFORT	Comfort Inn & Suites	06/12/2025	147.09
62533464	EVERGREP	Evergreen Plumbing & Drain Liability Co	06/12/2025	3,713.99
62534641	4IMPRINT	4imprint, Inc.	06/12/2025	930.79
62534642	JETCITY	Jet City Printing, Inc.	06/12/2025	537.78
62557001	VISTAPRI	VistaPrint	06/12/2025	3,531.82
62568881	AXON	Axon Enterprise, Inc.	06/12/2025	895.00
62568882	STICKYB	Sticky Brand	06/12/2025	106.43
62568883	CHEWY	Chewy.com	06/12/2025	111.61
62568884	SENSORSW	Sensor Swarm	06/12/2025	75.00
62568885	SENSORSW	Sensor Swarm	06/12/2025	75.00
62568886	HAMPTON	Hampton Inn	06/12/2025	735.85
62568887	CALIBRE	Calibre Press	06/12/2025	399.00

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62568888	CALIBRE	Calibre Press	06/12/2025	359.00
62589532	WAPRO	Washington Association of Public Records	06/12/2025	65.00
62589533	MRT	Mr. T's Trophies	06/12/2025	42.81
62589534	AGHFLOWE	AGH Flowers	06/12/2025	130.69
62589561	WAPRO	Washington Association of Public Records	06/12/2025	65.00
62596351	FAIRFIEL	Fairfield Inn & Suites	06/12/2025	421.18
62599151	SAFEWAY	Safeway	06/12/2025	19.38
62599152	STARBUCK	Starbucks Store #373	06/12/2025	46.12
62599153	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	49.61
62599154	LOWES	Lowe's Company, Inc.	06/12/2025	494.80
62599155	WESTACE	Westlake Hardware WA-153	06/12/2025	40.76
62599156	WESTACE	Westlake Hardware WA-153	06/12/2025	1.97
62599157	TRUPANIO	Trupanion	06/12/2025	114.38
62599158	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	28.66
625275110	AMAZON	Amazon Capital Services Inc	06/12/2025	63.84
625275111	WASABI	Wasabi Technologies, Inc	06/12/2025	65.45
625275112	ADOBE	Adobe Inc.	06/12/2025	549.09
625278810	SEALIGHT	Seattle City Light	06/12/2025	3,215.98
625278811	FIRESYST	Fire Systems West, Inc.	06/12/2025	714.19
625278812	FIRESYST	Fire Systems West, Inc.	06/12/2025	497.46
625278813	LEXISNEX	LexisNexis Risk Data Mgmt. Inc.	06/12/2025	140.81
625278814	NWCASCA	Northwest Cascade, Inc.	06/12/2025	526.11
625278815	NWCASCA	Northwest Cascade, Inc.	06/12/2025	439.07
625278816	NWCASCA	Northwest Cascade, Inc.	06/12/2025	185.05
625278817	SOUNDSEC	Sound Security Inc. (Sonitrol)	06/12/2025	2,060.69
625278818	SMARSH	Smarsh	06/12/2025	2,471.32
625278819	SEALIGHT	Seattle City Light	06/12/2025	38.55
625278820	PACTOP	Pacific Topsoils, Inc.	06/12/2025	333.46
625278821	SMARSH	Smarsh	06/12/2025	2,471.32
625278822	SEATIMEA	The Seattle Times	06/12/2025	2,035.00
625278823	SEALIGHT	Seattle City Light	06/12/2025	23,985.84
625278824	SEALIGHT	Seattle City Light	06/12/2025	381.42
625278825	GOODTOGO	Good To Go	06/12/2025	9.40
625278826	NWCASCA	Northwest Cascade, Inc.	06/12/2025	526.11
625278827	NWCASCA	Northwest Cascade, Inc.	06/12/2025	439.07
625278828	NWCASCA	Northwest Cascade, Inc.	06/12/2025	201.55
625278829	NORTH CIT	North City Water District	06/12/2025	103.04
625278830	NORTH CIT	North City Water District	06/12/2025	75.35
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CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date

July 10, 2025

Originating Department

Executive

Contact Person

Phillip Hill, City Administrator

Kim Adams-Pratt, City Attorney

Title

Resolution 25-2021/Providing for a ballot measure 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

Legislative History

- Monday, April 21, 2025 – Committee of the Whole
- Thursday, April 24, 2025 – City Council Regular Meeting
- Monday, May 19, 2025 – Committee of the Whole
- Thursday, May 22, 2025 – City Council Regular Meeting
- Monday, June 9, 2025 – City Council Special Meeting
- Thursday, June 12, 2025 – City Council Work Session & Regular Meeting
- Monday, June 16, 2025 – City Council Special Meeting
- Monday, June 23, 2025 – Committee of the Whole
- Thursday, June 26, 2025 – Budget and Finance Committee
- Thursday, June 26, 2025 – City Council Regular Meeting
- Thursday, July 10, 2025 – City Council Regular Meeting

Attachments:

1. Resolution 25-2021 – version with rate of \$0.24/\$1000 of assessed value
2. Resolution 25-2021 – version with rate of \$0.26/\$1000 of assessed value
3. Resolution 25-2021 – version with rate of \$0.28/\$1000 of assessed value
4. Levy Rate Calculations
5. Possible item funding for levy

Executive Summary

Resulting from four years of higher-than-average inflation and extraordinary growth in costs for outside services related to Public Safety, the City's growing disparity between expenditures and revenues ballooned to roughly \$1.5 million per year, as identified during the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget process. The adopted 2025-2026 budget cut approximately \$455,000 in needed staffing, fleet services, and operations. Still, a nearly \$900,000 annual deficit remains, necessitating that the city council balance the budget with one-time funds from savings.

Given the high growth in costs for outside services and the costs for core services provided by the city, it is wise to assume that costs will continue to escalate, further widening the gap between expenditure and revenues. Those costs, plus continued inflation, are anticipated to deplete the city's savings, in excess of emergency reserves, by approximately 2030. Any unanticipated costs, responding to increases in outside services, and federal and state mandates, will only accelerate this trajectory.

Resolution 25-2021 is before the city council for consideration of placing a ballot measure before the voters for the November 2025 general election, to temporarily increase the city's general tax levy for 6 years to cover the existing deficit. As a temporary levy, a similar ballot measure would need to be presented to the residents of Lake Forest Park in 2031 to continue funding these services.

Background

Chapter 84.55 RCW limits the amount of the City's regular property tax levy to 101% (or 100% plus inflation, if inflation is less than 1%) of the prior highest lawful levy amount (the "levy lid"), plus an additional amount for increases in assessed value from or due to new construction, construction of certain renewable energy facilities, improvements to property and state-assessed property. These increases are authorized by a majority vote of the council on an annual basis. Increases beyond this statutorily authorized amount require voter approval.

City services are primarily funded through property taxes, which are deposited into the general fund. Of the property taxes King County collects from Lake Forest Park property owners, the city receives 7.7%. This means the city gets \$0.077 (less than 8 cents) for every dollar city property owners pay in property taxes.

As property values go up, the levy rate goes down to ensure the city is limited to the same amount of money each year, plus a 1% increase allowed by law. For example, in 2024, the levy rate was about \$0.80 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Due to the substantial increase in property values, the levy rate in 2025 was lowered, per state law, to \$0.71 per \$1,000, to ensure the city's property tax revenue stays the same, except for the 1% increase.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

Fiscal implications for taxpayers

Council requested that the Administration produce a final draft resolution to include a \$1.2 million annual levy amount, resulting in a property tax rate for collection in 2026 of \$0.95367 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (an approximately \$0.24 per \$1,000 increase) beginning in the 2026 calendar year that includes an exemption from the levy increase for qualifying low-income seniors, disabled veterans and others with disabilities under RCW 84.36.381. If enacted by the voters, the levy would have the following effects based on the King County Assessor's Office assessed values. Per Council's discussion on June 26, versions of Resolution 25-2021 at rates of 26 cents and 28 cents per \$1000 of assessed value have also been attached for review.

Assessed Property Value	Monthly Cost	Annual Cost
\$714,000	\$14.28	\$171.36
\$914,000	\$18.28	\$219.36
\$1,114,000	\$22.28	\$267.36

Note: \$914,000 is the City of Lake Forest Park’s median assessed property value in 2025.

Fiscal Implications for the City

New revenue sources would address the City’s current funding deficit, providing for continued levels of service without reliance on one-time funds from the City’s savings.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass Resolution 25-2021	The ballot measure will be placed on the ballot for the November 2025 General Election
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not pass Resolution 25-2021	The ballot measure will not be placed on the ballot for the November 2025 General Election

Staff Recommendation

Consider the priorities of the residents, the testimony and feedback received through the City’s public process, and the goals of the City Council and Mayor.

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WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park is committed to providing essential public safety services, including police protection, 911 dispatch, jail services, criminal justice services such as prosecution and public defense, and mental health crisis response alternatives (together “Public Safety Services”); and

WHEREAS, residents of Lake Forest Park prioritized police and public safety services as their top priority for City spending; and

WHEREAS, the City’s regular property tax levy rate is currently \$0.71367 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; which is \$2.65746 per \$1000 of assessed value *less* than what is statutorily authorized; and

WHEREAS, chapter 84.55 RCW limits the amount of the City’s regular property tax levy to a 1% increase per year (“Levy Lid”), which was \$34,500 in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing Public Safety Services has increased significantly over the past four years (See attachment A.) from the 2023–2024 biennium to the adopted 2025–2026 budget, driven by rising costs for police, equipment for their safety, 911 dispatch services; jail services; prosecution; public defense; and mental health and crisis intervention programs in addition to a 24% increase in inflation over those same four years; and

WHEREAS, the City cut over \$455,000 in proposed spending in the 2025–2026 budget and is operating without sufficient staff to perform necessary city functions; and

WHEREAS, the City has diligently pursued contracts beneficial to the City for jail and 911 dispatch services, but providers for these services have fixed costs out of the City’s control; and

WHEREAS, the City has allocated traffic safety camera revenue to public safety expenses to the extent allowed by state statute; and

WHEREAS, the City relied on approximately \$880,000 in one-time funding to balance the 2025–2026 biennial budget, which is not sustainable long-term without a revenue enhancement or a reduction in services; and

WHEREAS, maintaining Public Safety Services requires the expenditure of permanent and regular (i.e., sustainable) revenue in excess of the current Levy Lid; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the Levy Lid (a “Levy Lid Lift”) if the increased levy is authorized by a ballot proposition approved by a majority of the voters at a general election held within the taxing district; and

WHEREAS, approval of a Levy Lid Lift ballot proposition would help maintain current levels of Public Safety Services;

WHEREAS, to fund Public Safety Services as described in this resolution and continue that funding for a period of six years, the City Council finds that it is in the City’s best interest to present a ballot proposition to the City’s voters to increase the City’s regular property tax levy above the highest allowable levy lid lift of 1% limitation; and

WHEREAS, when the Levy Lid Lift expires in six years, the Levy will decrease to what it would have been if the Levy Lid Lift never existed and the City had only taken the annual 1% increase; and

WHEREAS, the Levy Lid Lift proposed would authorize an increase of approximately \$1.2 million in the City’s regular property tax levy by an increase of approximately \$0.24 per 1,000 of assessed valuation, to a maximum rate of \$0.95367/\$1,000, in 2026, as allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW; and increase the annual levy in the amount of the rate of inflation (Seattle region CPI-U) for 2027-2031; and until said Levy Lid Lift expires.

WHEREAS, the approximately \$1.2 million in additional levy funds will only be used to pay for Public Safety Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The City Council (the “City Council”) of City of Lake Forest Park, Washington (the “City”), takes note of the foregoing recitals and incorporates them into this resolution as findings and determinations of the City Council.

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qualified voters of the City, at the general election to be held on November 4, 2025, of a proposition authorizing a multi-year Levy Lid Lift to support Public Safety Services.

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This proposition would fund Public Safety Services per the Resolution including police services, safety equipment, 911 dispatch, emergency management services, jail services, and mental health crisis response by temporarily setting the maximum total regular levy rate at \$0.95367/\$1000 for collection in 2026, with annual increases for five years based on inflation (Seattle region CPI-U). Qualifying low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and other disabled persons are exempt under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Section 8. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Director of Elections and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The chief administrative officer of the City (the “City Administrator”) or his designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Elections no later than August 5, 2025 and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the City’s voters at the General Election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levy in 2025 for collection in 2026 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW and to use the dollar amount of such levy for the purpose of computing the limitations for the City’s subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW for the succeeding five years.

Section 9. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the City Council hereby designates (a) the City Administrator (Phillip Hill), telephone: 206-368-5440; email: phill@cityofflp.com; and (b) the City Attorney (Kim Adams Pratt), telephone: 425-201-5111; email: Kim@MadronaLaw.com. The City Administrator is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, as determined necessary.

Section 10. General Authorization and Ratification of Prior Acts. This resolution may be executed by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor of the City, and attested by the City Clerk in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other City ordinance, resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney, Finance Director of the City, and other appropriate officers of the City are individually authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such documents, records and signatures (including in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form, under any security procedure or platform,

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Section 11. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction, all appeals having been exhausted or all appeal periods having run, holds any provision of this resolution invalid or unenforceable, then the offending provision is null and void, is separate and severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and in no way affects the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of the regular property taxes as so authorized herein.

Section 12. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect upon its adoption.

Section 13. Corrections. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including the correction of scrivener’s errors, references, ordinance or resolution numbering, and ballot title formatting as required by King County Elections.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this __ day of _____, 2025.

APPROVED:

Tom French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Mathew McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
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This proposition would fund Public Safety Services per the Resolution including police services, safety equipment, 911 dispatch, emergency management services, jail services, and mental health crisis response by temporarily setting the maximum total regular levy rate at \$0.97367/\$1000 for collection in 2026, with annual increases for five years based on inflation (Seattle region CPI-U). Qualifying low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and other disabled persons are exempt under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Section 8. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Director of Elections and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The chief administrative officer of the City (the “City Administrator”) or his designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of Elections no later than August 5, 2025 and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the City’s voters at the General Election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levy in 2025 for collection in 2026 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW and to use the dollar amount of such levy for the purpose of computing the limitations for the City’s subsequent levies under chapter 84.55 RCW for the succeeding five years.

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and notwithstanding any other City ordinance, resolution, rule, policy or procedure) as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 11. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction, all appeals having been exhausted or all appeal periods having run, holds any provision of this resolution invalid or unenforceable, then the offending provision is null and void, is separate and severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and in no way affects the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of the regular property taxes as so authorized herein.

Section 12. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect upon its adoption.

Section 13. Corrections. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including the correction of scrivener's errors, references, ordinance or resolution numbering, and ballot title formatting as required by King County Elections.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this ___ day of _____, 2025.

APPROVED:

Tom French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Mathew McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
RESOLUTION NO.:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, 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; SETTING FORTH THE BALLOT TITLE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park is committed to providing essential public safety services, including police protection, 911 dispatch, jail services, criminal justice services such as prosecution and public defense, and mental health crisis response alternatives (together “Public Safety Services”); and

WHEREAS, residents of Lake Forest Park prioritized police and public safety services as their top priority for City spending; and

WHEREAS, the City’s regular property tax levy rate is currently \$0.71367 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; which is \$2.65746 per \$1000 of assessed value *less* than what is statutorily authorized; and

WHEREAS, chapter 84.55 RCW limits the amount of the City’s regular property tax levy to a 1% increase per year (“Levy Lid”), which was \$34,500 in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing Public Safety Services has increased significantly over the past four years (See attachment A.) from the 2023–2024 biennium to the adopted 2025–2026 budget, driven by rising costs for police, equipment for their safety, 911 dispatch services; jail services; prosecution; public defense; and mental health and crisis intervention programs in addition to a 24% increase in inflation over those same four years; and

WHEREAS, the City cut over \$455,000 in proposed spending in the 2025–2026 budget and is operating without sufficient staff to perform necessary city functions; and

WHEREAS, the City has diligently pursued contracts beneficial to the City for jail and 911 dispatch services, but providers for these services have fixed costs out of the City’s control; and

WHEREAS, the City has allocated traffic safety camera revenue to public safety expenses to the extent allowed by state statute; and

WHEREAS, the City relied on approximately \$880,000 in one-time funding to balance the 2025–2026 biennial budget, which is not sustainable long-term without a revenue enhancement or a reduction in services; and

WHEREAS, maintaining Public Safety Services requires the expenditure of permanent and regular (i.e., sustainable) revenue in excess of the current Levy Lid; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050 provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the Levy Lid (a “Levy Lid Lift”) if the increased levy is authorized by a ballot proposition approved by a majority of the voters at a general election held within the taxing district; and

WHEREAS, approval of a Levy Lid Lift ballot proposition would help maintain current levels of Public Safety Services;

WHEREAS, to fund Public Safety Services as described in this resolution and continue that funding for a period of six years, the City Council finds that it is in the City’s best interest to present a ballot proposition to the City’s voters to increase the City’s regular property tax levy above the highest allowable levy lid lift of 1% limitation; and

WHEREAS, when the Levy Lid Lift expires in six years, the Levy will decrease to what it would have been if the Levy Lid Lift never existed and the City had only taken the annual 1% increase; and

WHEREAS, the Levy Lid Lift proposed would authorize an increase of approximately \$1.4 million in the City’s regular property tax levy by an increase of approximately \$0.28 per 1,000 of assessed valuation, to a maximum rate of \$0.99367/\$1,000, in 2026, as allowed by Chapter 84.55 RCW; and increase the annual levy in the amount of the rate of inflation (Seattle region CPI-U) for 2027-2031; and until said Levy Lid Lift expires.

WHEREAS, the approximately \$1.4 million in additional levy funds will only be used to pay for Public Safety Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The City Council (the “City Council”) of City of Lake Forest Park, Washington (the “City”), takes note of the foregoing recitals and incorporates them into this resolution as findings and determinations of the City Council.

Section 2. Ballot Proposition Authorized. The City Council hereby finds that the best interests of the residents of Lake Forest Park requires the submission to the

qualified voters of the City, at the general election to be held on November 4, 2025, of a proposition authorizing a multi-year Levy Lid Lift to support Public Safety Services.

Section 3. Levy Rate and Duration. If approved by a majority of voters, the City shall be authorized to temporarily levy an additional regular property tax in the amount of \$0.28 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for levy in 2025 and collection in 2026.

This levy shall be:

- Collected annually for six (6) consecutive years, from 2026 through 2031;
- Increased each year in January by the annual percentage growth in the June-to-June Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

Section 4. Use of Levy Proceeds. The additional revenue generated by this levy shall be used exclusively for Public Safety Services, including but not limited to:

- Police staffing, training, and safety equipment
- 911 dispatch
- Emergency management services
- Jail services
- Prosecution and public defense costs
- Crisis intervention and mental health diversion programs

Section 5. Exemption for Low-Income Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons. As provided under RCW 84.36.381, low-income senior citizens, disabled veterans, and other disabled persons who qualify shall be exempt from the Levy Lid Lift authorized by this resolution to the extent allowed by law. It is the intent of the City to ensure that this levy does not impose an undue burden on vulnerable residents living on fixed incomes.

Section 6. Calling of Election. The Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the “Director of Elections”), is requested to call and conduct a special election, in the manner provided by law, to be held in the City on November 4, 2025 (the “General Election”), for the purpose of submitting to the City’s voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levy in 2025 for collection in 2026 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW and to use the dollar amount of such levy for the purpose of computing the limitations for the City’s subsequent five levies under chapter 84.55 RCW adjusted by the rate of inflation (Seattle region CPI-U).

Section 7. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the City Attorney of the City has prepared the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

City of Lake Forest Park
Proposition No. 1
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Mathew McLean
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO.:

LEVY RATE CALCULATIONS

Section 8, ItemA.

Budget as Adopted						6/23/25	
Budget year(s)	2025-2026	2027-2028	2029-2030	2031-2032	% increase		
GF revenue	\$ 25,565,787.00	\$ 26,974,548.00	\$ 28,472,297.00	\$ 30,066,745.63	5.60	annual	
GF expenses	\$ 26,388,486.00	\$ 28,607,815.00	\$ 30,201,076.00	\$ 31,892,336.26	5.60	annual	
variance	\$ (822,699.00)	\$ (1,633,267.00)	\$ (1,728,779.00)	\$ (1,825,590.62)			
levy rate 2025 AV	\$ 1,197,086.68	\$ 2,502,988.54	\$ 2,655,420.54	\$ 1,387,751.55			
balance using 2025 AV	\$ 374,387.68	\$ 869,721.54	\$ 926,641.54	\$ (437,839.07)			
running balance using 2025 AV	\$ 374,387.68	\$ 1,244,109.22	\$ 2,170,750.76	\$ 1,732,911.69			
Budget cuts restored						restored funding: 2027-2028	
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balance using 2025 AV	\$ 374,387.68	\$ 414,721.54	\$ 437,384.90	\$ (954,494.08)			
running balance using 2025 AV	\$ 374,387.68	\$ 789,109.22	\$ 1,226,494.12	\$ 272,000.04			
Budget year	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	CPI % increase
levy rate	0.24	0.2472	0.254616	0.26225448	0.270122114	0.278225778	3.00 annual
2025 LFP levy lid lift rate	0.71367						
2025 LFP AV							
4,987,861,169	0.30073	\$ 1,500,000.00					
	0.32078	\$ 1,600,000.00					
Notes:						Levy rate	0.24
From 6 year forecast in adopted budget: carries in both models							
Using the 5.6% increase as the 6 year does not go out to 2031-2032							
2025 LFP AV 4,987,861,169 - in previous spreadsheet a rounded 4,900,000,000 has been used							
\$455,000 restored cut funding in 2027-2028 budget							
Budget cut restored carry through							
Impact on Homeowner							
	Value	Div/1,000	Increase	Monthly	Annually		
	\$ 514,000.00	\$ 514.00	\$ 0.24	\$ 10.28	\$ 123.36		
	\$ 614,000.00	\$ 614.00	\$ 0.24	\$ 12.28	\$ 147.36		
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	\$ 814,000.00	\$ 814.00	\$ 0.24	\$ 16.28	\$ 195.36		
2025 Median Home Value	\$ 914,000.00	\$ 914.00	\$ 0.24	\$ 18.28	\$ 219.36		
	\$ 1,114,000.00	\$ 1,114.00	\$ 0.24	\$ 22.28	\$ 267.36		
	\$ 1,214,000.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 0.24	\$ 24.28	\$ 291.36		
	\$ 1,314,000.00	\$ 1,314.00	\$ 0.24	\$ 26.28	\$ 315.36		
	\$ 1,414,000.00	\$ 1,414.00	\$ 0.24	\$ 28.28	\$ 339.36		

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levy rate 2025 AV	\$ 1,296,843.90	\$ 2,711,570.92	\$ 2,876,705.59	\$ 1,503,397.52		
balance using 2025 AV	\$ 474,144.90	\$ 1,078,303.92	\$ 1,147,926.59	\$ (322,193.11)		
running balance using 2025 AV	\$ 474,144.90	\$ 1,552,448.82	\$ 2,700,375.41	\$ 2,378,182.30		
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Budget year(s)	2025-2026	2027-2028	2029-2030	2031-2032	% increase	restored funding: 2027-2028
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balance using 2025 AV	\$ 474,144.90	\$ 623,303.92	\$ 658,669.95	\$ (838,848.12)		
running balance using 2025 AV	\$ 474,144.90	\$ 1,097,448.82	\$ 1,756,118.77	\$ 917,270.65		
Budget year	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031 CPI % increase
levy rate	0.26	0.2678	0.275834	0.28410902	0.292632291	0.301411259 3.00 annual
2025 LFP levy lid lift rate	0.71367					
2025 LFP AV						
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	\$ 614,000.00	\$ 614.00	\$ 0.26	\$ 13.30	\$ 159.64	
	\$ 714,000.00	\$ 714.00	\$ 0.26	\$ 15.47	\$ 185.64	
	\$ 814,000.00	\$ 814.00	\$ 0.26	\$ 17.64	\$ 211.64	
2025 Median Home Value	\$ 914,000.00	\$ 914.00	\$ 0.26	\$ 19.80	\$ 237.64	
	\$ 1,114,000.00	\$ 1,114.00	\$ 0.26	\$ 24.14	\$ 289.64	
	\$ 1,214,000.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 0.26	\$ 26.30	\$ 315.64	
	\$ 1,314,000.00	\$ 1,314.00	\$ 0.26	\$ 28.47	\$ 341.64	
	\$ 1,414,000.00	\$ 1,414.00	\$ 0.26	\$ 30.64	\$ 367.64	

Section 8, Item A.

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As of July 10, 2025

Temporary levy to support the city's Police and Public Safety needs in 2026-2031

A proposed temporary levy rate increase of \$0.24/\$1000 of assessed valuation for properties within Lake Forest Park would provide an additional **\$1,200,000** in revenue. The additional levy amount would be indexed to inflation (CPI) and expire in 2031 if not renewed by voters.

The revenue generated by the levy increase would be allocated to the following city public safety services:

Category	Ongoing Costs & Cost Increases	Detail
Maintain police staffing levels	\$280,000	2025-2026 Adopted Budget, p. 89
Safety gear, equipment & training for police officers	\$114,000	2025-2026 Adopted Budget, p. 89
911 dispatch services	\$284,000	"Discussing Budget Challenges"
Mental health crisis response	\$122,269	2025-2026 Adopted Budget, p. 75
Jail costs	\$197,000	"Discussing Budget Challenges"
Insurance costs for city, including police department	\$45,000	"Discussing Budget Challenges"
Replacement patrol vehicles for police department	\$61,542	2025-2026 Budget & Finance Fleet Presentation 04.10.2025, slide 12
Increase in Prosecutor costs	\$74,400*	2025-2026 Adopted Budget, p. 92 – *Current contract negotiations
Increase in Public Defender costs	\$14,750	2025-2026 Adopted Budget, p. 92
TOTAL COSTS TO FUND:	1,199,961	
Difference to savings	\$7,039.00	



CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY

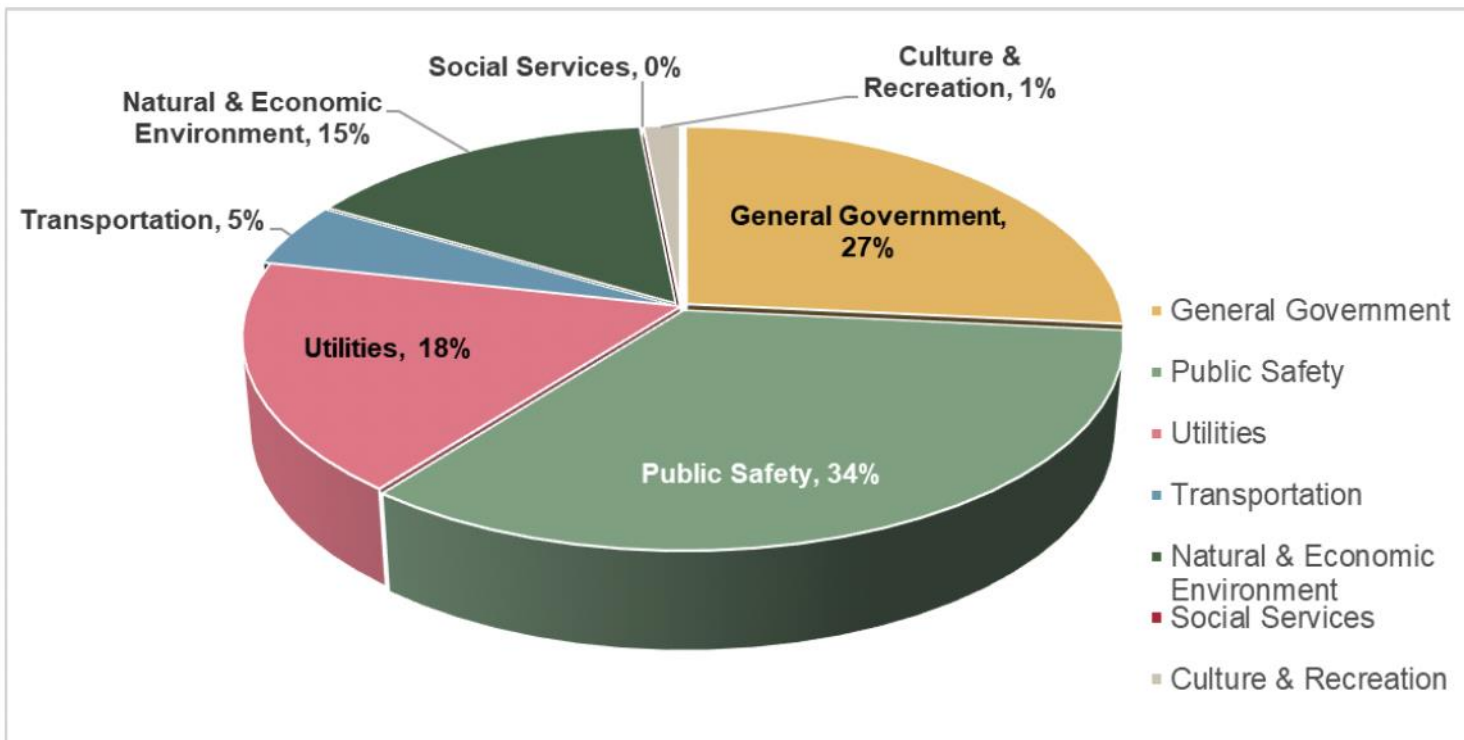
November 4, 2025, General Election

Budget Challenges

- Inflation has risen nearly 24% in four years.
- Without a vote of approval by LFP residents, the city's revenue growth is limited by state law to 1%, which for 2025 amounted to \$34,500.
- During the 2023/2024 Biennium, the city realized the following cost increases, beyond inflation.
 - 911 dispatch services increased \$284,000 per year.
 - Jail costs increased \$197,000 per year.
 - Insurance costs rose by over \$109,000 per year in 2023 and again by \$84,000 per year in 2024.

Budget Challenges

Citywide Expenditures by Category, All Funds



- Public Safety = 34% of budgeted expenses
 - Officers & gear
 - 911 dispatch services
 - Mental health crisis response
 - Jail costs
 - Insurance
 - Patrol vehicles
 - Prosecuting attorney
 - Public defenders

Budget Challenges

- The 2024/2025 Biennial budget cut approximately \$455,000 in needed staffing, fleet services and operations.
- Despite these cuts, a nearly \$900,000 annual deficit remained, funded with savings.

Budget Challenges

- \$0.24

Impact on Homeowner					
	Value	Div/1,000	Increase	Monthly	Annually
	\$ 514,000.00	\$ 514.00	\$ 0.24	\$ 10.28	\$ 123.36
	\$ 614,000.00	\$ 614.00	\$ 0.24	\$ 12.28	\$ 147.36
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Budget Challenges

- \$0.26

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	\$ 514,000.00	\$ 514.00	\$ 0.26	\$ 11.14	\$ 133.64	
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Budget Challenges

- \$0.28

Impact on Homeowner					
	Value	Div/1,000	Increase	Monthly	Annually
	\$ 514,000.00	\$ 514.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 11.99	\$ 143.92
	\$ 614,000.00	\$ 614.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 14.33	\$ 171.92
	\$ 714,000.00	\$ 714.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 16.66	\$ 199.92
	\$ 814,000.00	\$ 814.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 18.99	\$ 227.92
2025 Median Home Value	\$ 914,000.00	\$ 914.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 21.33	\$ 255.92
	\$ 1,114,000.00	\$ 1,114.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 25.99	\$ 311.92
	\$ 1,214,000.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 28.33	\$ 339.92
	\$ 1,314,000.00	\$ 1,314.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 30.66	\$ 367.92
	\$ 1,414,000.00	\$ 1,414.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 32.99	\$ 395.92

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: July 10, 2025

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

CC: Honorable Mayor Tom French
Leadership Team

The City Administrator Report is meant to provide the council, staff and community an update on the activities of the City and on issues that concern the City. This memo will be provided in each Council packet and is divided into key sections.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information about any of the following items and please feel free to contact any of the department heads for additional information.

I. Intergovernmental and local issues update.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Notable Incidents

Behavioral Health

A well-known subject called several times regarding Elon Musk compromising her devices. RCR involved.

Subject in crisis not making any sense. She was transported to Northwest Hospital for evaluation.

A community member called the police regarding a male walking around without shoes. Officers contacted him and tried to provide him with some assistance, but he refused.

Civil Issue

A community member came to the PD because she was upset with her ex-husband. No DV. The officer explained how to obtain a court order.

Burglary

A contractor had his tools stolen from inside a home that had been renovated. The investigation is in progress.

Suicide

Officers responded to a subject walking into traffic in the 19900 block of 30th Ave NE. The subject stated that he wanted to commit suicide. He was immediately detained by the officers and later transported to Evergreen Hospital for evaluation.

Fire Assist

A resident activated their medical emergency pendant. Officers started to make forced entry when they were advised that it was an accidental call.

Sgt. Parrish was on proactive patrol when he saw a vehicle on fire in the vicinity of NE 145th St. & Bothell Way NE. He assisted the Fire Department and Seattle PD with traffic control. Nobody was injured.

Theft

Attempted theft at Safeway. The subject dropped the merchandise and left as he was about to be contacted by the officers.

Juvenile problem

Several juveniles creating multiple party/noise calls at NE 183rd & 25th Ave NE (Shoreline).

Three juveniles trying to get to LFP Elementary from the roof. Officers caught them and contacted the parents.

Assist

Intoxicated subject, who lives at the Sacred Medicine House, trying to get into Taco Bell lobby when they are closed. Officers explained that Taco Bell is not a 24-hour business.

Officers assisted Bothel PD with a weapon offense call.

Missing Juvenile

Non-verbal 7-year-old boy missing from his residence. Shoreline PD officers found him. Officers advised the parents to contact RCR for assistance.

Disturbance

Rolling DV that occurred in Seattle and ended in LFP. Our officers detained the suspect and called Seattle PD who stated that they didn't have anybody available. Seattle PD eventually took over the investigation (after several calls from NORCOM and from our sergeant on duty), but it took two hours before their arrival on scene.

Traffic Accident

Driver who was going very fast lost control on NE 180th and crashed against the church property. He was cited and released.

DUI

Female DUI driving with heavily damaged vehicle. Her breath test result was twice the legal limit. She was arrested and booked.

Lake Forest Park



Traffic Safety

June 2025	
Traffic Stops	333
Traffic General	104
Traffic Collisions	7
Traffic Abandon	9
Hit and Run	3
Parking tickets	67

Emphasis Patrol

With the speed changing to 25 mph on 55th Ave NE (and now the bridge closing on 61st for maintenance), patrol units have been watching for speeding vehicles. Patrol reported that most drivers were traveling between 30-37mph and a lot of them over 40mph. One Officer conducted 20 stops and issued 14 tickets.

Hit and Run

On June 16 at approximately 7:30PM, a call came in of a hit and run on Beach Dr. There, a White SUV was found with severe damage to the driver side bumper. Dispatch advised the suspect vehicle was a large black SUV and was seen driving northbound on Beach Drive. The Officer located the vehicle and attempted to stop them, but the SUV driver rammed into the patrol vehicle and fled the scene. The suspect's vehicle was eventually stopped by road spikes deployed by an assisting agency, that ended with the vehicle crashing at 9th and Bothell Way. The suspect was found to be a convicted felon (Assault 3rd Degree) with a suspended license (DWLS 3rd degree) and an Officer Safety warning from Seattle PD. That night he was also charged with Eluding and Vehicular Assault. The Officer whose vehicle was hit was not injured.

Enforcement recognized

While Support Officers were out providing maintenance on the digital speed signs at the 4900 Blk of NE 193rd St, a citizen who has been in contact with the Traffic Calming Team about speeding in that area, came out to personally thank them for re-installing the speed signs. The citizen mentioned a noticeable difference in decreased speeders on his road.

DUI enforcement: 1

MV Prowl:

- 19200 blk of Forest Park Dr.
- 19100 blk of Ballinger
- 4500 blk of 170th ST.

Traffic Accidents

- (3) from the 14500 to the 17100 blk of Bothell Way
- at the 17700 blk of Ballinger Way
- at 180th and 178th St
- 5500 blk of 193rd St
- 18500 blk of 26th

Traffic Abandoned

- (2) on Forest Park Dr.
- (4) on 195th St
- 165th and Bothell Way
- at the 15800 blk of 37th

Distracted Driving Awareness

Patrol continues to be vigilant on providing education and enforcement when addressing distracted driving.

II. Internal City Information**Municipal Services****Passports**

In June, we processed 579 passports and took 369 photos, generating total revenue of \$27,645. In comparison, the revenue in June 2024 was \$20,550.

Month	Passport Revenue	Photo Revenue	Total
June	\$20,265	\$7,380	\$27,645

Public Records Requests

During the first six months of 2025, the City received 51 public records requests and closed 41 of them, yielding an 80% closure rate. The average turnaround was 14 days. Ten requests remain open; most involve multi-department searches or extensive e-mail correspondence that require additional review and redaction.

Over the same period, the Police Department handled a substantially higher volume—150 requests—yet closed 141, achieving a 94 percent closure rate. Fulfillment times were notably faster, averaging just four days. Eight police requests are still active, primarily tied to ongoing investigations or large audio and video files awaiting redaction.

Laserfiche project

The first kickoff meeting was held on July 1, 2025, at which we reviewed the scope of work and outlined some of the tasks to be completed. The official start date for work on this project will be August 5.

III. Council Information**IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments****V. Contract Reporting**

- Negotiations with Teamsters 117 (Public Works) continued in June. Additional dates are set in July and early August.

VI. Legislative Update**Interim Legislative Report
July 1, 2025**

This month picked up the pace with the release of the June Economic and Revenue Forecast, the Association of Washington Cities Conference, emerging policy and rulemaking, federal matters, and more. Below is a recap of the most pressing issues that occurred last month.

June Revenue Forecast

The Economic and Revenue Forecast Council unanimously adopted the [latest revenue forecast](#) on June 25. Click [here](#) to watch the presentation to Council on TVW. Compared to the last forecast in March, economic changes to the forecast (excluding the legislative revenue package passed this session) increase revenues by \$407 million in 2023–25 but decrease revenues by \$490 million in 2025–27 and by \$638 million in 2027–29. Legislative impacts such as the B&O tax rate changes have provided a significant boost in revenue, but it is estimated that the state government will collect \$721 million less over the next four years than what was predicted when the legislature passed its most recent budget. The Legislature left \$2.3 billion in reserves, which means this decline will not trigger a special session.

After the forecast was released, Governor Ferguson [issued a statement](#) in which he said that he does not anticipate calling a special session at this time, echoing the sentiments of the Council and reiterating that variables at the federal level that would influence a special session are being closely monitored.

The Transportation Economic and Revenue Forecast Council adopted the [latest forecast](#) on June 25. Click [here](#) to watch the presentation to Council on TVW. Overall, the revenue forecast for the current biennium is up 0.2 percent or \$11 million. For the next two biennia combined, it's estimated to be up 19.4 percent or \$2.78 billion relative to what was shown in March. The Climate Commitment Act was highlighted as providing 11 percent of state-generated transportation revenues in the 2023-25 biennium. Washington electric vehicle registrations are projected to be up 29 percent by the end of this fiscal year. Ferry service and ridership have still not fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels, though they are going up year over year. Legislative changes are a major driver of revenue changes across all years.

Association of Washington Cities Activities

On June 26, the [AWC Legislative Priorities Committee](#) (LPC) convened for its second meeting during the annual conference held in Kennewick. The Committee reviewed results from the membership-wide survey on preferred priorities for the 2026 legislative session. The top five overarching themes that were selected by the 45 cities that participated in the survey include:

- *Finance, Revenue & Taxes*: Lifting the 1 percent property tax, creative/flexible revenue options, reducing tax burdens on citizens.
- *Public works, Infrastructure & Utilities*: Funding, preservation and maintenance, state highways as city streets issue.
- *Public Safety & Criminal Justice*: Public defense costs, alternative response, funding for law enforcement staff.
- *Housing & Homelessness*: Funding, review of recent state policies for effectiveness, reduce cost of construction, address infrastructure backlog to support housing, coordinated response to potential federal cuts.
- *Land Use & Planning*: Urban Growth Area expansion, cost of implementation, state vs. local decision making.

The LPC also discussed issues such as the “double dipping” when using family medical leave from the state and federal government, nutrient permitting, manufactured home parks, unfunded mandates, state shared revenues, mental health, and more.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24.

Implementation & Emerging Issues

Clean Building Performance Standards: On June 18, the Department of Commerce held its first informational workshop for the rulemaking process related to newly passed legislation, [House Bill 1543](#). By way of background, the bill expands compliance options for building owners under Washington’s clean buildings performance standards. The bill allows the Department of Commerce to develop alternative metrics for energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, alongside existing energy use intensity (EUI) targets, and provides conditional compliance pathways for building owners who meet these alternative metrics. It broadens exemptions for compliance, including historic preservation and financial hardship, and introduces requirements for Tier 2 buildings, such as benchmarking and operations planning, while prohibiting penalties from being passed on to tenants.

Commerce will conduct additional workshops over the next several months, diving into specific components of the rulemaking efforts (i.e., extensions, exemptions, alternative compliance metrics) with the hope of having finalized rules by December of this year. The rulemaking process begins with the filing of a CR-101. After, Commerce will hold three to four workshops to receive public feedback, input, and carry out draft reviews. After every workshop, draft rules are emailed to registrants and later posted online; individuals will have two weeks to comment on the draft texts, and feedback will be summarized at the subsequent workshop. Next, a CR-102 is submitted, including draft rules and a small business economic impact statement. A formal public comment period, usually lasting 30 days, will follow, and a public hearing will also take place. The finalized rules are filed as a CR-103 and will be adopted 30 days after filing.

Joint Transportation Committee: During the legislative interim, committees often hold work sessions on topics likely to be discussed during the upcoming legislative session. On June 24, the [Joint Transportation Committee](#) met in conjunction with the AWC conference to discuss several topics related to cities. Below is a recap of the meeting:

- *Transportation challenges and successes in the Quad Cities:* The Committee heard from the cities of Kennewick, Pasco, Richland, and West Richland on the various challenges and successes they have had over the last several years. Click [here](#) to view their presentation.
- *Recommendations for transit-oriented development policies:* In 2024, the Legislature funded a study to develop policy recommendations to advance transit-oriented development (TOD). This included reviewing TOD conditions in cities in King, Pierce, Spokane, Clark, and Snohomish counties that have populations of more than 12,500 and have at least one major transit stop. While completing this work, the Legislature passed a bill on TOD this session, [House Bill 1491](#). Given that, the study also builds upon the passage of House Bill 1491 and identifies best practices around TOD. The [Urban Institute](#) (UI), a nonprofit research organization, was hired to complete the study.

The [draft findings](#) show that although people and development are concentrating near transit, it is occurring in cities with high housing costs, while low-housing-cost cities are not attracting more projects near transit. The UI suggests increased investment in neighborhood infrastructure near transit, including expanding the state's existing Community Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP), funding the grant program established in House Bill 1491, and directing a portion of WSDOT's capital funds for neighborhood infrastructure. The UI also suggests expanding direct affordable housing funding and purchasing of public lands. They suggest further upzoning near light rail stations with a focus on taller buildings and refining the Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) Program to meet the needs and economic realities of different cities. The UI has been given further direction from the Legislature to build upon the study and provide further details on the MFTE project in different submarkets in TOD areas, and an analysis of the density requirements established in House Bill 1491. They will present these topics to the Legislature in late fall 2025.

- *WSDOT project delivery and innovative practices:* In 2024, the Legislature funded a study to review the Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) project delivery practices, analyze alternative methods, conduct stakeholder outreach, and recommend changes that could reduce costs, improve competition, and shorten delivery schedules. The recommendations are divided into programmatic and project level, and organized into five categories: cost estimating, competition, procurement practices, project delivery method selection, and project administration. Many of the recommendations will require additional funding to implement. Click [here](#) to view the slides from the presentation and [here](#) to view the final draft report.
- *MRSC local project delivery streamlining workgroup:* This study was funded in 2024 by the Legislature and focused on convening a project delivery streamlining work group to review options and recommend practices that support expedited local project delivery. The final report outlines six key recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local transportation project delivery and aims to address the most significant barriers identified by local jurisdictions: complex federal funding requirements and protracted state agency review processes. The recommendations are: 1) Improve Federal Funding Allocation & Create a Permanent Federal Fund Exchange Program, 2) Improve Timeliness of WSDOT Review, 3) Coordinate and Simplify Interagency Environmental Review, 4) Continue Refining DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) Requirements, 5) Offer Technical Assistance to Local Jurisdictions, and 6) Collect Project-Level Data Across WSDOT Regions. Click [here](#) to view the slides from the presentation and [here](#) to view the final report.

Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit: Several years ago, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a permit requiring wastewater treatment plants to reduce the amount of nutrients being discharged into the Puget Sound – also known as the Nutrient General Permit. That permit was found invalid by the Pollution Control Hearings Board in March 2025. This means that the former general permit requirements for nutrients are now voluntary for permittees. Ecology released a [proposed voluntary general permit](#) for public comment through August 27 and intends to implement it by the end of the year.

If a city does not opt-in to the voluntary permit, then there will be individual permits and an advanced restoration plan that drives the same type of improvements as was included in the Nutrient General Permit. The general consensus from impacted cities is that even if all wastewater treatment plants derived nutrients were removed, there would still be significant nutrient contamination in the Puget Sound from other sources, and that any requirement around nutrient discharges needs to be rooted in recent science and modeling (the early 2000's is the source of most of Ecology's data).

AWC has been working on advocacy strategies with King County to engage with Ecology, the Governor's Office, and Legislators to ask for a different process to regulate nutrients and emphasize the scale of investment with little environmental return. AWC and involved communities also plan to develop a collective request letter to extend the comment period deadline to September.

Liquor and Cannabis Board Buffer Zones Proposal: The Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) has proposed a rule change that could shrink the buffer zones between cannabis stores and sites such as schools, parks, and libraries. Currently, buffer zones are measured as a radial distance from the restricted locations' property line. The proposed change would alter that measurement to instead be the path of travel, which has the potential to reduce the size of a buffer zone if the path to a restricted site follows an indirect route. By way of background, licensed cannabis retailers cannot be within 1,000 feet of the property perimeter of an elementary school, playground, recreation center or facility, childcare center, public park, public transit center, library, or all-ages arcade. By enacting an ordinance, cities can reduce that buffer to 100 feet. Click [here](#) for more background shared by AWC. It is encouraged that cities provide comments on the proposed change, which has a deadline of July 4. AWC plans to send a letter to the LCB objecting to the rule change prior to the comment deadline period.

Response to Federal Issues

Travel Ban: At a [news conference](#) on June 10, Governor Bob Ferguson addressed President Donald Trump's recently announced federal travel restrictions which heavily target African and Middle Eastern nations. Twelve countries have been banned from entering the United States along with heightened restrictions to seven more.

By way of background, Trump issued several travel bans during his first administration and Washington was the first state to challenge them; a successful effort that was led by then-Attorney General Bob Ferguson. The Attorney General's Office has filed 21 cases against the Trump administration so far this year and is actively looking at avenues to challenge this current order.

While no direct flights from the countries on the banned list land at Sea-Tac airport, 24 percent of King County residents were born outside of the US, and this order will have far-reaching impacts throughout the Pacific Northwest. As Seattle is set to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Mayor Bruce Harrell noted that now is the time for Washington to be a trusted destination that highlights its diversity.

Medicaid: At a [press conference](#) in Kennewick on June 26, 2025, Governor Ferguson discussed the potential impacts of proposed Medicaid cuts in the "One Big Beautiful Bill" Act pending before Congress. Governor Ferguson warned that if the proposed Medicaid cuts pass, approximately 200,000 Washingtonians could lose their health care coverage by the next calendar year.

Washington spends about \$21 billion a year on Medicaid, with \$13 billion coming from the federal government. Ferguson, along with healthcare workers and advocates, expressed deep concerns about the proposed cuts and the potential ripple effects on the state's healthcare system, noting that 31 rural hospitals in Washington are at risk of losing services, with 18 at risk of closing and 7 facing immediate closure.

VII. Community Events

VIII. Upcoming City Sponsored Events



Story Walks around LFP Parks this Summer!

Throughout July and August, explore our beautiful community parks while enjoying the fun STEM adventures of Iggy Peck / Pedro Perfecto, Ada Twist / Ada Magnífica, and Rosie Revere / Rosa Pionera - available in both English and Spanish! Send us your comments, reviews and suggestions for future story walks and be entered in a prize raffle! Details provided at the story walk.

Check out the story walks at:

- Whispering Willow Park
- Horizon View Park
- Eagle Scout Park
- Five Acre Woods
- Lyon Creek Waterfront Preserve
- Grace Cole Nature Preserve

Brought to you by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, sponsored by BNBuilders, and presented in partnership with the LFP King County Library System.

IX. Meetings Calendar**City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meeting (hybrid meeting)**

July 17, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting (hybrid meeting)

July 21, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (hybrid meeting)

July 22, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)

City Council Regular Meeting (hybrid meeting)

July 24, 2025, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM City Hall and via Zoom

[More Details](#)