

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2025**

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

**City Councilmembers present:** Tracy Furutani, Deputy Mayor; Larry Goldman, Paula Goode, John Lebo, and Semra Riddle

**City Councilmembers absent:** Ellyn Saunders

**City Staff present:** Tom French, Mayor; Phil Hill, City Administrator; Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney; Matt McLean, City Clerk

**Others present:** 3 visitors

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor French called the May 12, 2025, special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor French led the pledge of allegiance.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Deputy Mayor Furutani moved** to adopt the agenda. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion to adopt the agenda as presented carried unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

***Authorizing the Mayor to direct the administration to begin the processes needed to fill the vacant City Council position per the City's Governance Manual***

Attorney Pratt gave a brief presentation with an overview of the State law (RCWs) governing filling a vacant Council seat as well as the City's Governance Manual.

Attorney Pratt and Clerk McLean responded to Council questions.

**Deputy Mayor Furutani moved** to authorize the Mayor to direct the Administration to begin the processes needed to fill the vacant City Council position per the City's Governance Manual. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

1    ***Application process and setting deadlines for filling the Council vacancy***

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3    Deputy Mayor Furutani opened and led a discussion on determining interview questions for  
4    candidates for the vacant Council seat.

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6    The deadline was set for applications to be turned in by the end of the day on May 27, 2025.  
7    The Council will review and determine applicants at a special meeting on May 29, 2025, with  
8    interviews scheduled on June 4 and 5, 2025.

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10   **ADJOURNMENT**

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12   There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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17    Thomas French, Mayor

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21    Matt McLean, City Clerk