CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 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, Matt Muilenburg, Semra Riddle, Josh Rosenau

Councilmembers absent: Ellyn Saunders

Staff present: Tom French, Mayor; Phillip Hill, City Administrator; Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney; Leslie Peterson, Finance Director; Diego Zanella, Police Chief; Nova Heaton, Public Works Director; Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Matt McLean, City Clerk

Others present: 18 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the regular City Council meeting of September 24, 2026, to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor French led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Goldman moved to amend the agenda by adding items 6.C Recognizing October 1-8, 2026 as Week Without Driving and 6.D Recognizing September 25, 2026 as Dolly Parton Day. ***Deputy Mayor Furutani seconded. The motion to adopt the agenda as amended carried unanimously.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor French invited comments from the public.

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STATEWIDE INITIATIVE MEASURES

Staff overview of the process for Council adoption of Resolutions supporting or opposing Initiative Measures IL26-002, IL 26-638, IP26-645.

Clerk McLean gave a brief overview of the process and responded to Council questions.

Public Comment Regarding Resolution 26-2100/Considering Whether to Take a Position on Statewide Initiative IL26-001 Concerning Parental Rights Relating to Their Children in Public School

Mayor French opened the public hearing regarding Statewide Initiative IL26-001.

The following people provided comments in opposition to IL26-001:

- Jan Young
- David Farkas
- Catherine Kernan
- Cailin Welsh (opposed but did not provide oral comment)

The following people provided written comments in opposition to IL26-001:

- Justine Alexandra
- Ginger Chien
- Gay Armsden
- Donna & Gary Hawkey
- Amy Cadwell
- Sally & Sadie Yamasaki
- Lina, Lara & Dan Benson
- Sarah Phillips
- Connie & Byron Barnes
- Luanne Brown

The Council received no comments in support of IL26-001.

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

Deputy Mayor Furutani moved to approve a Resolution opposing IL26-001. ***Cmbr. Riddle seconded. The motion to approve Resolution 26-2100/In Opposition to Initiative Measure No. IL26-001 Concerning Parental Right Relating to Their Children in Public School.***

Public Comment Regarding Resolution 26-2101/Considering Whether to Take a Position on Statewide Initiative IL26-638 Concerning Participation in Athletics at K-12 Schools.

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Mayor French opened the public hearing regarding Statewide Initiative IL26-638.

The following people provided comments in opposition of IL26-638:

- Jan Young
- Jean Farkas
- Catherine Kernan
- Martha Welsh
- Cailin Welsh
- Ken Kassover (opposed but did not provide oral comment)

The following people provided written comments in opposition to IL26-638:

- Justine Alexandra
- Ginger Chien
- Gay Armsden
- Donna & Gary Hawkey
- Amy Cadwell
- Sally & Sadie Yamasaki
- Lina, Lara & Dan Benson
- Sarah Phillips
- Connie & Byron Barnes
- Luanne Brown
- Kelly Weibel

The Council received no comments in support of IL26-638.

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

> ***Cmbr. Riddle moved*** to approve a Resolution opposing IL26-638. ***Vice Chair Goldman seconded. The motion to approve Resolution 26-2101/In Opposition to Initiative Measure No. IL26-638 Concerning Participation in Athletics at K-12 Schools.***

Public Comment Regarding Resolution 26-2102/Considering Whether to Take a Position on Statewide Initiative IP26-645 Concerning State and Local Taxes.

Mayor French opened the public hearing regarding Statewide Initiative IP26-645.

The following people provided comments in opposition of IP26-645:

- Catherine Kernan
- David Farkas
- Ken Kassover
- Jean Farkas (opposed but did not provide oral comment)
- Cailin Welsh (opposed but did not provide oral comment)

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The following people provided written comments in opposition to IP26-645:

- Sally & Sadie Yamasaki
- Lina, Lara & Dan Benson
- Sarah Phillips
- Connie & Byron Barnes

The Council received no comments in support of IP26-645.

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

> ***Cmbr. Riddle moved*** to approve a Resolution opposing IP26-645. ***Cmbr. Rosenau seconded. The motion to approve Resolution 26-2102/In Opposition to Initiative Measure No. IP26-645 Concerning State and Local Taxes.***

PROCLAMATIONS

Recognizing October 2026 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Cmbr. Riddle read the proclamation.

Recognizing October 2026 as Freedom to Read Month

Mayor French read the proclamation.

Recognizing October 1-8, 2026 as Week Without Driving

Vice Chair Goldman read the proclamation.

Recognizing September 25, 2026 as Dolly Parton Day

Cmbr. Rosenau read the proclamation.

Mayor French called for an 8-minute recess at 8:15 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Preliminary 2027-2028 Biennial Budget

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

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. September 10, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
B. September 17, 2026 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
C. An Accounts Payable dated 9/24/2026 Claim Fund Check Nos. 89732 through 89788 in the amount of $1,116,563.93, an 8/21/2026 Payroll Fund ACH transaction in the amount of $188,958.34, a 9/8/2026 Payroll Fund ACH transaction in the amount of $207,703.84, and a 9/8/2026 Direct Deposit transaction in the amount of $217,988.00. Additional approved transactions: Elavon, $1,317.32; Invoice Cloud, $1,575.75; State of Washington, $11,470.62; Wex Bank, $74.80. Total approved claim fund transactions: $1,745,652.60.
D. Resolution 26-2099/Cancelling, Pursuant to RCW 39.56.040, Certain Checks of the City of Lake Forest Park not Presented to the City for Payment Within One Year of their Issues to be Turned Over to the State

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

Director Hofman briefly introduced the item.

Cmbr. Riddle moved to approve Resolution 26-2093/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Professional Services Agreement with Facet NW, Inc. for On-Call Arborist Support Services to Support Tree Permit Review. ***Deputy Mayor Furutani seconded. The motion to approve Resolution 26-2093 carried unanimously.***

Cmbr. Riddle moved to approve Resolution 26-2094/Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Professional Services Agreement with Facet NW, Inc. for On-Call Arborist Services to Support the Sound Transit Bus Rapid Transit (ST3) Permit Review. ***Deputy Mayor Furutani seconded. The motion to approve Resolution 26-2094 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.

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Mayor French gave a brief report.

Administrator Hill gave a brief report.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor French adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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Tom French, Mayor

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Matt McLean, City Clerk

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