

RESOLUTION NO. 24-1948

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, CREATING A TEMPORARY POLICY ADVISORY TASK FORCE FOR CLIMATE PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Administration and City Council are in agreement that climate change poses real hazards to the City of Lake Forest Park and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and City Council recognize that many citizens of Lake Forest Park possess important expertise pertaining to the effects and mitigations of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.22 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code (LFPMC), Volunteer Commission System, provides in section 2.22.020.C for the creation of task forces or committees on a temporary or indefinite basis to deal with a specific policy area or issue; and

WHEREAS, under the Growth Management Act (GMA), the City of Lake Forest Park is required to perform a periodic update of its comprehensive plan by the end of 2024; and

WHEREAS, separate but related to the effort for the periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan, the City of Lake Forest Park is required to comply with the additional climate planning requirements of Washington State legislation passed in 2023 (HB 1181). The legislation adds a climate goal to the Growth Management Act (GMA) and requires local comprehensive plans to have a climate element with resilience and greenhouse gas emissions mitigation sub-elements; and

WHEREAS, to assist with the climate planning policies and development regulations work needed to comply with GMA legislation, the State Legislature has provided essential funding available to local jurisdictions to help offset the burden and cost of compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Commerce has awarded the City a grant of \$500,000 to assist with climate planning Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations as required by the GMA; and

WHEREAS, Task 2.1 of the Scope of Work for the Commerce Climate Planning Grant includes formation of a Climate Policy Advisory Team; and

WHEREAS, the city seeks broad qualified community member advice on policy and regulations resulting in the addition of a climate element to the Comprehensive Plan.

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

Section 1 CREATION OF CLIMATE POLICY ADVISORY TEAM. Pursuant to Section 2.22.020.C of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code (LFPMC), the Mayor and City Council do jointly create a temporary task force, titled the Climate Policy Advisory Team. The function of the Climate

Policy Advisory Team is to act as a temporary task force advising on climate planning resulting in a new climate element added to the city's Comprehensive Plan.

The Climate Policy Advisory Team will consist of up to nine volunteer members, nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, to be filled by (up to) three (3) members of the Planning Commission, (up to) three (3) members of the Climate Action Committee, one (1) member of the Tree Board, and two (2) qualified interested residents. Each member will be appointed to a term consistent with the primary purpose and duration of the Climate Policy Advisory Team, likely through Summer or Fall, 2025.

The Climate Policy Advisory Team will internally select a chair and vice chair, will meet at least monthly, and all public meetings will be held in accord with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 42.30 RCW. The City Council will appoint a Council Liaison and Alternate. The Climate Policy Advisory Team will be administered by the Community Development Director, who will have the support of the Community Development and Public Works Departments, as well as a qualified climate planning consulting firm performing the scope of work for the Climate Planning Grant.

Section 2. PURPOSE. The primary purpose of the task force is to advise the city on policy and regulations resulting in the addition of a climate element to the Comprehensive Plan.

Section 3. DISBANDMENT. The Climate Policy Advisory Team may be disbanded jointly by the Mayor and City Council at any time.

Section 4. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this ____ day of _____, 2024.

APPROVED:

Tom French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matt McLean
City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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