

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
June 5, 2025**

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

City Councilmembers present: Tracy Furutani, Deputy Mayor; Larry Goldman, Vice Chair, Paula Goode, John Lebo, Semra Riddle, and Ellyn Saunders

City Councilmembers absent: none

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

Others present: 7 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor French called the special meeting of June 5, 2025, to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND/OR ACTION

Interviews of City Council Candidates:

- Ashton McCartney
- Fiaz Mir
- Richard Saunders

Mayor French facilitated interviews of the City Council candidates. After brief introductory statements from the candidates, Councilmembers asked six predetermined questions of the candidates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor French invited the public to comment.

Don Fiene provided comments in support of Richard Saunders filling the council vacancy.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor French closed the public comment.

1 **FURTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND/OR ACTION**

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3 **Executive Session – Review of City Council Candidate’s Qualifications per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)**

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5 The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. for approximately 40 minutes to
6 review the City Council candidate’s qualifications pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(h).

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8 Council returned from the Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.

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10 **Selection of Candidate to Temporarily Fill the Vacancy of City Council Position No. 2**

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12 Vice Chair Goldman proposed a similar nomination and voting system to the one used to select
13 the Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair.

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15 Cmbr. Goode nominated Ashton McCartney.

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17 Cmbr. Riddle nominated Fiaz Mir.

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19 Vice Chair Goldman nominated Sebastian Quesada.

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21 Cmbr. Saunders nominated Richard Saunders.

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23 Councilmembers spoke about their nominations. Mayor French called for a vote.

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25 Two votes for Candidate McCartney: Cmbr. Goode and Deputy Mayor Furutani.

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27 One vote for Candidate Mir: Cmbr. Riddle.

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29 One vote for Candidate Quesada: Vice Chair Goldman.

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31 Two votes for Candidate Saunders: Cmbrs. Saunders and Lebo.

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33 Receiving only one vote, Candidates Fiaz and Quesada were eliminated.

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35 Councilmembers spoke again about their nominations of Candidates McCartney and Saunders.
36 Mayor French called for a vote.

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38 Five votes for Candidate McCartney: Deputy Mayor Furutani; Vice Chair Goldman; Cmbrs.
39 Goode, Riddle, and Saunders.

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41 One vote for Candidate Saunders: Cmbr. Lebo.

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43 With the majority vote, Candidate Ashton McCartney was appointed to fill the Position 2
44 Council vacancy temporarily.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Thomas French, Mayor

Matt McLean, City Clerk