



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date February 12, 2026

Originating Department Municipal Services

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Title Consider Reappointments to the City's Advisory Bodies

Legislative History

- First Presentation February 12, 2026 Council Meeting
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Attachments - none

Executive Summary

Several positions on the city's boards, commissions, and committees expire on February 28, 2026. In addition, there are currently several vacancies, one of which is a partial-term position with a term expiration in 2027.

The positions addressed in this agenda item are only those where incumbents whose terms expire on February 28, 2026, and have expressed interest in being reappointed. Regarding the currently vacant positions, the Mayor and appropriate city leadership continue to conduct interviews with applicants and will make recommendations to the Council at future meetings.

Background

Per LFPMC 2.22, terms are limited to two consecutive full-term appointments, except in "extenuating circumstances where the city council finds it is in the best interest of the city to allow for reappointment for an additional term."

Staff has determined the incumbents' interest, and the Mayor recommends the Council confirm the following reappointments:

- **Planning Commission (9 members, 3-year terms)**
 - Position 4, Cherie Finazzo – finishing 1st full term; Mayor recommends reappointment to a 2nd full term that would expire 2/28/2029
 - Position 6, Sam Castic - finishing 1st full term; Mayor recommends reappointment to a 2nd full term that would expire 2/28/2029

- **Tree Board (8 members, 3-year terms)**
 - Position 3, Mark Phillips – finishing a partial term; Mayor recommends reappointment to a 1st full term that would expire 2/28/2029
 - Position 4, Richard Saunders – finishing a partial term; Mayor recommends reappointment tot a 1st full term that would expire 2/28/20289

- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (7 members, 3-year terms)**
 - Position 5, Maurice Jones, Jr. – finishing 1st partial term; Mayor recommends reappointment to a 1st full term that would expire 2/28/2029
 - Position 4, Tyler Dittman – with the Lakefront Park Project continuing, the Mayor recommends extending Mr. Dittman’s term beyond his second term for an additional 3 years. This keeps knowledge and experience on the Board through the Lakefront Park Project.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

Keeping the City’s advisory body membership as full as possible helps mitigate the risk of meetings being canceled due to a lack of quorum. In addition to reappointing interested incumbents to their current positions, the administration is actively recruiting applicants, who are then interviewed by the Mayor.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reappoint interested incumbents 	Helps keep the advisory bodies more fully staffed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not reappoint incumbents 	Risk of meetings canceled due to lack of a quorum, as well as loss of established members with background knowledge of ongoing issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to recruit to fill the currently vacant positions 	Following interviews and the Mayor’s recommendation, confirm new appointments to fill existing vacancies as quickly as possible

Staff Recommendation

Confirm the Mayor’s appointments as listed above.