



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	July 27, 2023
Originating Department	Administration
Contact Person	Phillip Hill, City Administrator
Title	Resolution 23-1906/Considering whether to take a position on Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy

Legislative History

- First Presentation July 13, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - Second Presentation/Public Hearing July 27, 2023 Regular Meeting
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Attachments:

1. Resolution 23-1906
 2. Prop 1 Question and Explanation
 3. Ballot Measure Statements
 4. King County Ordinance 19604
 5. Presentation from July 13, 2023
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Executive Summary

This is a noticed public meeting that enables the City Council to take public testimony pertaining to King County Proposition No. 1, discuss whether to take a position, and determine whether to pass a resolution favoring, opposing, or not taking a position.

Background

At the July 13, 2023, Regular Meeting, the City Council received a presentation from King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski regarding the renewal of the Veterans, Seniors & Human Services Levy for a fourth time. On May 2, 2023, the King County Council approved placing the measure on the ballot. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax levy for collection beginning in 2024 at

\$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the 2024 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases by 3.5% in 2025-2029. After receiving the presentation, the City Council asked to hold a public meeting consistent with the requirements of RCW 42.17A.555 to take public testimony and to decide further whether to approve a resolution in favor or against Proposition No. 1.

The ability for a City Council to take a position on a ballot measure comes by way of exception in RCW 42.17A.555. This requires the posting of an open public meeting for the purpose of taking input on a ballot measure during which persons with supporting and opposing views are given approximately equal opportunities to speak to the measure. The following has occurred prior to Council consideration of this agenda item:

- The public hearing has been duly posted and advertised in the newspaper of record;
- The notice included the number and ballot title of the measure;
- The King County Elections office provided the names of one group writing in the Voter’s Pamphlet in favor of the measure. They were contacted at the e-mail address or telephone number provided and invited to testify at the public meeting. There were no written oppositions to the proposition in the Voter’s Pamphlet.
- Additionally, staff invited representatives from North Urban Human Services Alliance, Northshore Senior Center, and Shoreline Lake Forest Park Senior Center to testify at the public hearing.

The Council meeting agenda has two entries for Proposition No. 1: first for the public hearing and second for consideration of Resolution 23-XXXX taking a position. During the public hearing, the City Council will listen to the testimony and ask questions if needed for clarity. During the second agenda item, Council members may make statements in favor or against, deliberate and discuss the matter, and vote on Resolution 23-XXXX.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The levy would have a duration of six years beginning in 2024. The rate in the first year would be limited at \$0.10 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the prior year’s assessed valuation. The dollar amount of the levy collected in the first year would be the base for calculating annual increases of up to 3.5% in years 2025 – 2029 and would be limited by chapter 84.55 RCW. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and disabled persons would be eligible for exemption from the levy under RCW 84.36.381.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support	Notice to that effect will be posted on the City’s website.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oppose	Notice to that effect will be posted on the City’s website.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take no Action	Notice to that effect will be posted on the City’s website.

Staff Recommendation

Hold the public hearing, deliberate, and determine whether to take a position.