

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2023**

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

Councilmembers present: Tom French, Deputy Mayor; Phillippa Kassover, Lorri Bodi (via Zoom), Tracy Furutani, Larry Goldman, Jon Lebo (arrived 7:08 p.m.), Semra Riddle

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Phillip Hill, City Administrator; Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney; Mike Harden, Police Chief; Lindsey Vaughn, Finance Director; Jeff Perrigo, Public Works Director; Stephen Bennett, Planning Director; Matt McLean, City Clerk; JoAnne Trudel, Deputy City Clerk

Others present: 15 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor French called the July 27, 2023 City Council regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Boy Scout Troop 348 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Cmbr. Kassover moved to approve the agenda as presented. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded.**
The motion to approve the agenda as presented carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION – Recognition of Service – Planning Director Steve Bennett

Deputy Mayor French read a proclamation recognizing the public service of Planning Director Steve Bennett.

PUBLIC HEARING – Resolution 23-1906/Considering Whether to Take a Position on Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy

City Administrator Hill presented the item and responded to questions.

1 Deputy Mayor French invited comments/presentations from other agencies in support or
2 opposition to the levy. There was no one in the audience to speak.

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4 Deputy Mayor French opened the public hearing and invited comments from the audience.

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6 There was no one in the audience wishing to speak.

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8 Deputy Mayor French closed the public hearing.

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10 **Cmbr. Kassover moved** to approve Resolution 23-1906/In Support of King County
11 Proposition No. 1, the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy. **Cmbr. Riddle**
12 **seconded. The motion to approve Resolution 23-1906, in support of the levy, carried**
13 **unanimously.**

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15 **PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 23-1272/Interim Development Regulations as Authorized by**
16 **the Growth Management Act Relating to Retaining Walls**

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18 Planning Director Bennett and City Attorney Pratt presented the item and responded to
19 questions.

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21 Deputy Mayor French opened the public hearing and invited comments from the audience.

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23 The following members of the audience shared comments with the Council:

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 - Kristin Ellison Oslin, LFP resident
 - Stephanie Angelis, LFP resident26
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28 There being no one else in the audience wishing to speak, Deputy Mayor French closed the
29 public hearing.

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31 Planning Director Bennett and City Attorney Pratt addressed questions presented during public
32 comments and from Council.

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34 **ORDINANCE 23-1273/Creating Chapter 12.50 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code,**
35 **Retaining Walls**

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37 Cmbr. Lebo noted he would recuse himself from this item.

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39 Planning Director Bennett and City Attorney Pratt presented the item and responded to
40 questions.

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42 **Cmbr. Kassover moved** to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: 12.50.020 section 6
43 option A by striking the word “should” and insert “the community would benefit from

1 the inclusion of the assessment”. **Cmbr. Furtunai seconded. Following discussion, the**
2 **motion to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above failed for lack of a majority,**
3 **with Cmbrs. Kassover, Furutani, and Goldman voting aye and Cmbrs. Riddle and Bodi**
4 **and Deputy Mayor French voting nay, with Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

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6 **Cmbr. Riddle moved** to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: add an i. under 12.50.010
7 purpose and intent that replicates the definitions of “shall” and “should” as listed under
8 the retaining wall standards language. **Cmbr. Goldman seconded. Following discussion,**
9 **the motion to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above carried unanimously, with**
10 **Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

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12 **Cmbr. Bodi moved** to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: under 12.50.010 c. requires
13 aesthetic and other design features that mitigate these wall impacts and reflect the
14 community environment as adopted in the wall design guidelines; in 12.50.010 b.
15 recognize that retaining walls can be built from different materials to achieve the
16 strength required and achieve mitigation and aesthetic goals; in 12.50.010 b. 3. Notices
17 shall be sent to owners within 500 feet of the project as well as the Planning
18 Commission and the Tree Board; and under the same section, the public works director
19 shall take into account long-term maintenance requirements, constructability, and
20 recommendations on the same from applicants, engineers, and independent third-party
21 engineers. **Cmbr. Kassover seconded. Following discussion, the motion to amend**
22 **Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above, carried unanimously, with Cmbr. Riddle voting**
23 **nay and Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

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25 **Cmbr. Riddle moved** to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: Option A as written in the
26 draft ordinance. **Deputy Mayor French seconded. Following discussion, the motion to**
27 **amend Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above carried unanimously, with Cmbr. Lebo**
28 **recused.**

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30 **Cmbr. Furutani moved** to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as follows: move to change the
31 language on 12.50.020 d. title from “Aesthetic Design” to “Retaining Wall Design.”
32 **Cmbr. Riddle seconded. Following discussion, the motion to amend Ordinance 23-1273**
33 **as recorded above carried unanimously, with Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

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35 **Cmbr. Kassover moved** to amend the retaining wall design guidelines for Ordinance 23-
36 1273 as follows: the revised guidelines as proposed. **Cmbr. Goldman seconded.**
37 **Following discussion, the motion to amend Ordinance 23-1273 as recorded above**
38 **carried unanimously, with Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

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40 **Cmbr. Kassover moved** to approve as amended Ordinance 23-1273/Creating Chapter
41 12.50 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, Retaining Walls. **Cmbr. Riddle seconded.**
42 **The motion to approve Ordinance 23-1273 as amended carried unanimously, with**
43 **Cmbr. Lebo recused.**

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2 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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4 Deputy Mayor French invited comments from the audience:

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6 • Tyler Dittman, attending with members of Boy Scout Troop No. 348 (troop is working on
7 citizenship in the community merit badge)
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9 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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11 **Cmbr. Riddle moved** to approve the consent calendar presented. **Cmbr. Goldman**
12 **seconded. The motion to approve the consent calendar as presented carried**
13 **unanimously.**
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- 15 1. July 13, 2023 City Council Special Work Session Minutes
16 2. July 13, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
17 3. Approval of City Expenditures for the Period Ending July 27, 2023, covering Claims Fund
18 Check Nos. 85123 through 85189, in the amount of \$267,380.12; Payroll Fund ACH
19 transactions in the amount of \$171,577.79; and direct deposit transactions in the
20 amount of \$172,802.94; additional approved transactions are Elavon, \$995.75; Lexis
21 Nexis, \$132.60; US Bank, \$31,977.21; Wells Fargo, \$15,378.53; Wex Bank, \$66.49; total
22 approved Claims Fund transactions \$487,508.49
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24 **POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF RIFLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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26 Police Chief Harden presented the item and responded to questions.

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28 **Cmbr. Kassover moved** to approve suspend the three-touch rule for this item. **Deputy**
29 **Mayor French seconded. The motion to suspend the three-touch rule carried**
30 **unanimously.**
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32 **Cmbr. Kassover moved** to authorize the purchase of 21 rifles for the Police Department.
33 **Deputy Mayor French seconded. The motion to approve the purchase carried**
34 **unanimously.**
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36 **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL/MAYOR/CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

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38 Councilmembers reported on meetings they attended. City Administrator Hill gave a brief
39 report.
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1 **ADJOURNMENT**

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3 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
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8 Tom French, Deputy Mayor
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13 Matt McLean, City Clerk

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