



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	September 10, 2026
Originating Department	Executive
Contact Person	Phillip Hill, City Administrator
Title	Resolution 26-2097/Confirming the appointment of Leslie Peterson as the Finance Director

Legislative History

- First Presentation September 10, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting
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Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 26-2097 confirming the appointment
 2. Leslie Peterson Cover Letter & Resume
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Executive Summary

The administration interviewed two applicants for the vacant Finance Director position on August 24, 2026. Leslie Peterson was the unanimous pick of the three interview panels.

Background

The administration has been recruiting for the Finance Director position. Three panels interviewed two candidates, consisting of city staff, a Finance Director from a neighboring city, two council members, and the mayor. The three panels recommended hiring Leslie Peterson as the city's new Finance Director.

Section 2.08.095 establishes the position and allows the mayor to appoint an individual to it, subject to confirmation by a majority of the city council.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

The 2025/2026 biennial budget provides sufficient budget for this position.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
• Adopt Resolution 26-2097 confirming the Mayor's appointment of Leslie Peterson as the Finance Director.	Ms. Peterson will begin working for the city on September 16, 2026.
• Do not adopt Resolution 26-2097 confirming the Mayor's appointment of Leslie Peterson as the Finance Director.	The administration would continue recruiting for the position.

Staff Recommendation

Waive the three-touch rule and adopt Resolution 26-2097 confirming the Mayor's appointment of Leslie Peterson as the Finance Director.