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**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
City Council
Public Hearing and Study Session
September 16, 1999**

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Councilmembers present: Donald MacGilvra, Alan Kiest, Peggy Gerdes, Carolyn Armanini, Dwight Thompson (6:15 p.m.), Mary Jane Goss, Nate Herzog

Staff present: David R. Hutchinson, Mayor; Douglas Jacobson, City Administrator; Michael Ruark, City Attorney; Frank Zenk, Director of Public Services; Joyce Papke, Finance Director; Sarah Phillips, Government and Community Relations Coordinator; Susan Stine, City Clerk; Evelyn Jahed, Deputy City Clerk

Others present: Four visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Real Estate Matters

The meeting was recessed to executive session at 6:10 p.m. for discussion of real estate matters for approximately one hour.

At 7:10 p.m., the executive session was extended for approximately 15 minutes for continuation of the discussion of real estate matters.

The executive session was concluded at 7:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the study session to order at 7:32 p.m. He noted that an executive session to discuss real estate matters for approximately 15 minutes has been added to the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

Initiative 695

Mayor Hutchinson opened the public hearing on Initiative 695 at 7:33 p.m.

1 Richard Yukubousky, Executive Director of Municipal Research Service Center, gave a brief
2 history on the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax. He discussed the process for setting tax rates, rate
3 increases and sales tax equalization. He noted that should Initiative 695 be approved, the
4 effective date would be January 1, 2000. He discussed the fiscal impacts and gave a brief
5 overview on how this will affect state and local governments as well as the impact it would have
6 on elections. He noted that the status of the personal property tax is being studied.

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9 Finance Director Joyce Papke referred to her Sept. 16, 1999 memo regarding the financial
10 impacts of Initiative 695 in the year 2000 which was distributed to council and discussed the
11 highlights of that memo. She said that if Initiative 695 passes in November, then the city of
12 Lake Forest Park would lose approximately \$1.4 million to \$1.5 million of revenue the first year.
13 She stated that approximately \$1.3 million of the \$1.4 to -\$1.5 million would be lost from the
14 general fund that represents about 28% in the year 2000.

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16 In response to a question from Cmbr. Herzog, Papke discussed R-49 appropriations for the
17 future years if Initiative 695 is approved and the schedule for distribution of these funds.

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19 Yukubousky gave a brief summary of what experiences other states, specifically Virginia and
20 California, have had where the motor vehicle excise tax has been successfully challenged and
21 how each state handled this reduction of revenue.

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24 Ed Sterner, 3836 NE 189th Pl., said he is very thankful that council is paying attention to this
25 issue and encouraged council to pass a resolution in opposition of this initiative. He
26 encouraged council to look at all the possible revenues for the city and to take actions so that
27 the city will not need to dismantle services and programs that are currently being provided. He
28 expressed his support for the council as they deal with this very difficult issue.

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30 There being no further comments, the public hearing on Initiative 695 was closed at 8:13 p.m.

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33 **NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION**
34 **Resolution 564/Opposing Initiative 695**

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36 **Cmbr. Armanini moved** to adopt Resolution 564/Opposing Initiative 695. **MacGilvra**
37 **seconded.**

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40 A five-minute recess was taken at 8:15 p.m.

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42 The meeting was resumed at 8:23 p.m.

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45 **Cmbr. Thompson moved to amend** Resolution 564 to include any grammatical changes
46 proposed by Cmbr. MacGilvra. **Armanini seconded.** **The motion carried unanimously.**

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49 **Herzog moved to amend** as follows:

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51 Page 1, line 24: "...potential results ~~would~~ may include: a reduction of police officers..."

1 **Armanini seconded.**

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3 In response to a comment from Thompson, Herzog said his reason for this amendment is that
4 council has not made such policy decisions yet.

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6 MacGilvra said he concurred with Cmbr. Thompson's reservations regarding this amendment.

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8 **The motion to amend carried 4-2 (Aye—Armanini, Kiest, Gerdes, Herzog; Nay—**
9 **MacGilvra, Thompson). (Goss absent from vote)**

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12 **Armanini moved to amend** as follows:

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14 Page 1, line 28: "...fees and services is excessive substantial, and..."

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16 **Herzog seconded. The motion to amend carried unanimously.**

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19 **Herzog moved to amend** as follows:

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21 Page 1, line 39, add the following:

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23 "WHEREAS, I-695 would be contrary to the intent of three previously approved
24 measures by the voters of Washington, namely Initiative 601, Referendum 47, and Referendum
25 49."

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27 **Armanini seconded. The motion to amend carried unanimously.**

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30 **The motion to adopt Resolution 564/Opposing Initiative 695 as amended carried**
31 **unanimously.**

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33 Cmbr. Kiest suggested that we consult with the city attorney on publicizing this resolution.

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36 **King County Transit Request for Diamond Lane Usage/SR 522**

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38 City Administrator Jacobson distributed the results of two studies and noted it is for
39 informational purposes only. Lane usage is restricted currently to outbound peak hours only by
40 agreement. Bus operators had asked if this lane could be used during non-peak hours.
41 Jacobson said prior to taking this to the council, he asked if this would increase transit reliability
42 and decrease travel time and would there be a noise impact. He said the results indicated that
43 transit reliability would be increased and travel time decreased, and noise would not be a factor.

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45 In response to a question from Jacobson, Thompson suggested that Sheridan Beach residents
46 be informed that this matter is under discussion and to give them 30 days to comment.

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48 Gerdes said that Kenmore has already approved this and noted that pollution reduction is a
49 secondary benefit.

1 Kiest stressed the importance of involving Sheridan Beach residents in this discussion and
2 requested that property owners on the north side of Bothell Way be included also.

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4 Armanini said she supports the targeted invitations to comment on this but we have to make a
5 point to get them pertinent information for their review. She said an added benefit of the
6 proposed change might be reduction of the inappropriate use of the lane by drivers turning onto
7 side streets.

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9 Kiest said the Department of Transportation should be requested to re-stripe the diamond lanes
10 if this is approved by the city.

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12 In response to a question from Herzog, Jacobson said the timing of the stop light signals at the
13 Ballinger Way and Bothell Way intersection is already under review.

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17 Gerdes said a meeting was held with Phil Miller of Alta Engineering, Bill Moritz and City
18 Administrator Jacobson and Director of Public Services Zenk, and a letter is being sent to King
19 County Councilmember Maggi Fimia requesting that she organize a group to study the Burke
20 Gilman Trail issues.

21 22 23 **WCIA Loss Summary**

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25 Jacobson shared information on Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) loss summary
26 and discussed various items included in the report.

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28 In response to Kiest, Jacobson discussed the indemnity payments and legal expenses that have
29 been paid by WCIA on claims made to the City of Lake Forest Park.

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31 In response to questions from Thompson, Zenk discussed sanitary sewer claims and sidewalk
32 issues. Zenk noted that a sidewalk inventory has identified areas where maintenance is needed
33 and a rating system and plan is in place.

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35 In response to questions from councilmembers, Jacobson said he will review open insurance
36 claims in a brief executive session later in the meeting.

37 38 39 **Ordinance 790/Budget Amendments**

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41 Jacobson said that the first proposed budget amendment has been held and will be combined
42 with the second amendment and done under Ordinance 790.

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44 Jacobson said that Director of Public Services Frank Zenk has prepared information for the
45 budget amendment related to the interlocal agreement with the city of Kenmore for public
46 services. He discussed the line item adjustments and reviewed the reasons for the changes.
47 He noted that the Kenmore interlocal agreement will increase revenue by \$17,000. The staff
48 engineer position has not been filled, and he proposed to reduce the salary line by \$15,000 and
49 place that amount in Professional Services because staff of the city's engineering firm has been
50 used rather than filling the staff engineer position.

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2 Thompson noted that the anticipated revenue from the interlocal is not shown and requested
3 that the meeting minutes show the information regarding the adjustments.
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5 **Street Fund**

6 <i>Salaries as adopted</i>	\$90,415.
7 <i>Proposed revision</i>	-15,000.
8 <i>Kenmore interlocal</i>	<u>+17,000.</u>

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10 *Adjusted salaries* **\$92,415.**

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12 *Professional services* **+\$15,000.**

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14 In response to a question from Thompson, Jacobson said a public hearing regarding the budget
15 amendments will be scheduled for the October 14, 1999 regular council meeting.
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18 Frank Zenk reported that request for qualifications have been received for improvements to the
19 proposed vicinity of Northeast 170th and SR 522. Jacobson noted that verbal approval has
20 been received from the Regional Council for use of Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency
21 Act (ISTEA) monies for this project.
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23 Armanini requested that this project be coordinated with other proposed SR 522 improvements
24 to ensure compatibility.
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27 Mayor Hutchinson noted that the next item on the agenda is an executive session for
28 approximately 30 minutes to discuss open insurance claims and real estate matters. Those not
29 required to remain for executive session exited the council chambers at this time.
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32 A three-minute recess was called for at 9:17 p.m.
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35 The meeting was resumed at 9:22 p.m.
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38 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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40 The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:23 p.m. for discussion of insurance claims
41 and real estate matters.
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44 The meeting was resumed at 9:39 p.m.
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47 A five-minute recess was called for at 9:40 p.m.
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2 The meeting was recessed to executive session at 9:45 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes for
3 discussion of real estate matters.
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6 At 10:05 p.m., the executive session was extended for approximately 20 minutes for
7 continuation of the discussion of real estate matters.
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10 The meeting was resumed at 10:20 p.m.
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13 **Real Estate Services Contract**

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15 **MacGilvra moved** to authorize the mayor to sign a contract with New Ventures Group for real
16 estate services.
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18 **Armanini seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**
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22 **ADJOURNMENT**

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24 There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.
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29 Susan Stine, City Clerk

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37 David R. Hutchinson, Mayor

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