

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK  
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
March 25, 2004**

**Councilmembers present:** Dwight Thompson, Mayor *pro tempore*; Alan Kiest, Carolyn Armanini, Mary Jane Goss, Nate Herzog, Roger Olstad

**Councilmember excused:** Ed Sterner

**Staff present:** David R. Hutchinson, Mayor; Karen Haines, City Administrator; Sarah Phillips, Community and Government Affairs Manager; Neil Jensen, City Engineer; Dennis Peterson, Police Chief; Susan Stine, City Clerk

**Others present:** Three visitors

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hutchinson called the study session meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM/DISCUSSION**

**Public Safety Commission/Police Chief Dennis Peterson**

Chief Peterson reviewed previous meeting agendas for the Public Safety Commission and noted recurring topics for discussion. Peterson discussed specific commission projects including the teen court, the dispatch study, and the report on the D.A.R.E. program.

Councilmembers discussed the background and history of the commission and proposed various tasks including ~~a survey to determine~~ an evaluation of the department's relationship with youth in the community, a review of the Human Services Commission needs assessment process, development of an agenda or tasks list set by the council and mayor, and a joint study with the Transportation Committee of cut-through traffic. *(Council Approved 4/8/04)*

Hutchinson expressed his concern regarding the recent teen suicide and noted that the commission and the Human Services Commission could work jointly on topics concerning youth.

**Fire District Levy Lid Lift Ballot Measure/Fire Chief Bob Peterson**

Fire Chief Bob Peterson informed the council of the May 18, 2004 ballot measure requesting a levy lid lift for the Northshore Fire District. He provided information regarding a change in the formula for calculating the benefit charge and discussed the need for the levy lid lift.

1 In response to a question from Herzog, Peterson said that the benefit charge would be  
2 reduced if the ballot measure is approved, and he noted that the goal is to keep the  
3 benefit charge below \$1.50 average combined levy and benefit charge at an equivalent  
4 of no more than \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Armanini noted that the benefit  
5 charge must not exceed 60 percent of the district's operating budget. (Council approved 4/8/04)  
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7 Peterson also reported on the fire marshal services that the district provides for the cities  
8 of Lake Forest Park and Kenmore by interlocal agreement. Peterson said that the  
9 records from King County have been reviewed, and he discussed the role of the city of  
10 Bothell in providing technical expertise.  
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12 Peterson said that Medic One services would be provided from Lake Forest Park Station  
13 57 as of Monday, March 29, 2004. He noted that a ribbon cutting ceremony is planned  
14 for March 29 at 10 a.m. Peterson said that current paramedic services originate from  
15 the ~~Kenmore station~~ Bothell Station 42 or from Shoreline. He said the Station 57 ~~aid car~~  
16 Medic One unit would provide better coverage of the area. (Council approved 4/8/04)  
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### 19 **Sewer Rate Study/City Engineer Neil Jensen**

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21 City Engineer Neil Jensen reviewed the proposed agreement with Financial Consulting  
22 Solutions Group, Inc. and the process by which the firm had been selected. He  
23 discussed the proposed sanitary sewer rate study to be done by the consultant and the  
24 amount budgeted for their work.  
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### 27 **Council Retreat Review**

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29 In response to a question from Thompson, councilmembers discussed the proposal to  
30 forward the draft council retreat summary to commissions and to city staff for comment.  
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32 Following discussion, councilmembers agreed that commissions should be asked for  
33 feedback on the values and priorities identified in the draft council retreat summary and  
34 staff members should review the summary and assess the strategies.  
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### 37 **Adjournment**

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39 There being no objection, the study session meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.  
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Susan Stine, City Clerk  
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47 David R. Hutchinson, Mayor