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<p style="text-align: center;">CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES January 13, 2005</p>
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Councilmembers present: Dwight Thompson, Mayor *pro tempore*; Alan Kiest, Carolyn Armanini, Mary Jane Goss, Nate Herzog, Roger Olstad, Ed Sterner (6:30 p.m.)

Staff present: David R. Hutchinson, Mayor; Karen Haines, City Administrator; Sarah Phillips, Community and Government Affairs Manager; Neil Jensen, City Engineer; John Hawley, Finance Director; Susan Stine, City Clerk

Others present: Four visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council study session meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There being no objection, the agenda was adopted as presented.

AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

Report – Sewer Rate Study

Barbara Shosten and David Findlay/Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc.

Hutchinson said that the presentation regarding the sewer rate study would focus on the operation and maintenance of the sewer system and sewerage unsewered areas in the city.

City Administrator Karen Haines provided information regarding questions and issues requiring council decisions regarding the city's sewer system.

David Findlay of Financial Consulting Solutions Group discussed issues related to the public benefit derived by providing sewer service including preservation of the city's environmental quality and revenue to the city for maintenance and operation costs. He noted that the private benefit could be associated with property value and land use as well as addressing the issue of failing septic systems.

1 Councilmembers discussed various points of view regarding public and private benefit,
2 the role of the city in establishing a process, and the formation of ULIDs (utility local
3 improvement districts) by property owners for providing sewers to unsewered
4 neighborhoods.

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6 In response to a question from Cmbr. Thompson, City Engineer Neil Jensen noted that
7 some of the city's sewage conveyance pipes follow the stream beds, and the city may
8 decide to address this issue in the future.

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10 Cmbr. Herzog commented on the potential benefits of providing sewer service for
11 property owners as well as the city. He requested additional information or calculations
12 regarding the public health benefit of providing sewers.

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14 Cmbr. Armanini noted that the city should consider the cost to the community of the
15 sewer construction phase related to travel or service delays or disruptions.

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17 In response to a question from Thompson, Jensen discussed the number of properties
18 currently without sewer service and noted the potential for future subdivisions if sewer
19 service were available.

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21 Thompson noted the ultimate value of completing a major public project if sewer service
22 were provided to all unsewered areas.

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24 Councilmembers requested information for property owners to show the benefit of
25 sewerage unsewered areas, property information in various subsets, and potential rewards
26 or added value for early ULID formation.

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28 Shosten said that they would come back with several scenarios for further consideration
29 and discussion.

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32 **ADJOURNMENT**

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34 There being no objection, the Council study session meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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