

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2005**

Councilmembers present: Alan Kiest, Carolyn Armanini, Mary Jane Goss (7:45 p.m.),
Nate Herzog, Roger Olstad

Councilmembers excused: Dwight Thompson, Ed Sterner

Staff present: David R. Hutchinson, Mayor; Michael Ruark, City Attorney; Sarah
Phillips, Community and Government Affairs Program Manager; Stephen
Bennett, Planning and Building Director; Susan Stine, City Clerk

Others present: 10 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the council regular meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Cmbr. Kiest led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

REPORT Adopt a Stream Foundation Report on Department of Ecology Grant

Hutchinson welcomed Tom Murdoch, Director of the Adopt-A-Stream Foundation.

Murdoch noted that this year is the 20th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Stream Foundation
whose mission is to teach people how to care for their watersheds.

He said that he had been privileged to do some stream walks on Lyon and McAleer
Creeks and said that their findings noted areas of degradation. He said that the Adopt-A-
Stream Foundation and the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation would jointly host
a forum to provide information about how to adopt a stream. Field training will follow
the forum, and he said that their work in Lake Forest Park would continue into 2006.

In response to a question from Cmbr. Olstad, Murdoch said that they have found that
most streams are not suitable for contact recreation, and they could have selected any
area for a starting point for their current project. He said that they decided to work from
east to west and to begin with McAleer Creek.

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2 In response to a question from Cmbr. Armanini, Murdoch said that a summary report of
3 their field work that was done a few years ago could be made available to the city.

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5 In response to questions from councilmembers, Murdoch said that statistically one of
6 every two stream crossings in roadways are barriers to fish passage. He also said that
7 garden products create a large amount of pollution in streams and discussed their native
8 plant program.

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10 Murdoch said that tentative plans for the watershed forum are to hold it at the Third Place
11 Commons toward the end of September.

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14 At 7:45 p.m., Cmbr. Goss arrived at the meeting.

15 16 17 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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19 Hutchinson reported that he participated in a retreat for the Association of Washington
20 Cities Board of Directors and discussed Initiatives 900 and 912. He noted that the state
21 audit is underway at the city. He said that information has been provided regarding the
22 city's solid waste contract and encouraged councilmembers to provide their feedback.

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24 Hutchinson noted that Jennifer Rigg has been named the new community affairs manager
25 for north county for the United Way of King County.

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27 He said that the city had hosted a meeting with the council candidates to introduce the
28 leadership team and to provide information about the city and how it works.

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31 Cmbr. Kiest said that recent news articles have highlighted automobile theft in King
32 County and he asked the mayor to provide a report on the problem in Lake Forest Park.

33 34 35 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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37 *Armanini moved* adoption of the council regular meeting agenda as proposed. *Goss*
38 *seconded. The motion to adopt carried unanimously.*

39 40 41 **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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43 Emmanuel Fletakis, 3221 NE 205th St., reported on his experience regarding a land
44 use application process and expressed his concern regarding contradictory information
45 that he received.

1 Sally Renn, 3934 NE 157th Pl., provided additional information regarding vehicle theft
2 statistics and noted that Washington is fifth in the nation for vehicle thefts.

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4 Carol Dahl, 14828 39th Ave. NE, expressed her appreciation that the administration
5 invited the candidates to a meeting with city staff and were provided information about
6 the city. She said that this was a very positive outreach and an excellent way to inform
7 candidates about the city.

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10 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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12 Cmbrs. Kiest and Armanini requested that the July 28, 2005 council regular meeting
13 minutes be pulled from the consent calendar.

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15 Kiest noted that on Page 12, line 11, the minutes indicated that he noted the time at 10:28
16 p.m. He said that it is important that the minutes correctly show that the time was 10:36
17 p.m. because he noted the time when the meeting was over according to the agenda.

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19 Herzog noted that five councilmembers are present; however, he and Cmbr. Goss were
20 not at the July 28 meeting. Therefore, he recommended that the July 28, 2005 council
21 study session minutes and council regular meeting minutes should be held over for
22 approval at the August 25, 2005 council meeting.

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24 Armanini said that she had three paragraphs that she would like to add to the minutes to
25 clarify the discussion of the proposed sensitive areas ordinance, and she provided her
26 amendments to the city clerk to distribute with the August 25, 2005 council meeting
27 packet.

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29 **Armanini moved** adoption of the consent calendar as follows:

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31 August 11, 2005 Finance Committee Report covering warrant nos. 48153 through
32 48231 in the amount of \$266,073.10 drawn from the Claims clearing fund and warrant
33 nos. 28971 through 29064 in the amount of \$215,402.75 drawn on the payroll clearing
34 fund.

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36 **Goss seconded.**

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38 Armanini noted that she had received a message from City Administrator Karen Haines
39 regarding the warrant from the July 28, 2005 finance committee report that was pulled,
40 and she noted that Haines would provide additional information at the August 25, 2005
41 council meeting after completing her research on this issue.

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43 **The motion carried unanimously.**

1 **SECOND READING CALENDAR**

2 **Ordinance 909/Relating to the City’s Conditional Use Ordinance; Amending**
3 **LFPMC Section 18.52.048 and Adding a New Section 18.52.047 Authorizing Trails**
4 **in the City as Conditional Uses**

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6 Armanini moved to hold Ordinance 909 on second reading for the August 11, 2005
7 council agenda when Cmbr. Sterner would be present. Kiest seconded. The motion
8 carried unanimously.

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11 **Ordinance 930/Repealing and Adding New Chapter 16.16, “Environmentally**
12 **Sensitive Areas”**

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14 Kiest requested that City Attorney Ruark advise the council regarding amendments to the
15 proposed ordinance or future iterations that might weaken the city’s position. Kiest said
16 that the council needs to know the implications of its actions.

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18 Armanini asked for information regarding the rationale for requiring 2 to 1 replacement of
19 trees in sensitive areas. Bennett said that trees in a sensitive area actually have more
20 function than trees in areas that are not environmentally sensitive.

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22 Goss noted that some trees with shallow roots may create more damage in a landslide and
23 recommended that the city develop a tree list.

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25 Following further discussion, Armanini moved to amend Ordinance 930 as follows:

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27 Page 19, line 16: “...a ratio of ~~two~~one replacement ~~trees~~tree for each tree removed (~~2:1~~
28 1:1) ...”

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30 Goss seconded. The motion carried 3-2 (Aye—Goss, Armanini, Herzog; Nay—Kiest,
31 Olstad).

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33 Armanini noted that the city attorney has been requested to provide information regarding
34 the gross misdemeanor language.

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36 Armanini noted that the Town Center is treated completely different from any other zone
37 in the city on page 30, lines 10-18, and said that this rubs against her sense of fair play.

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39 Bennett said that the proposed language provides an incentive to enhance the stream
40 buffers in the Town Center zone.

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42 Goss expressed her agreement with Armanini and noted that she believes that this is
43 intended to allow more density at the Town Center site.

1 Herzog said that he supported the proposed language because it would allow for positive
2 redevelopment of the site. He noted that it might be more difficult to identify similar
3 properties in the city, but he would consider similar options if others were identified.
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5 Olstad said that the Sustaining a Livable Lake Forest Park task force is aware that the
6 environmental assets on the town center site are degraded, and a high priority was given
7 to making some improvements by providing this option.
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9 Armanini said that the city would require a study prepared by a qualified professional to
10 identify how similar incentives could be used at other sites including neighborhood
11 business zones.
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13 Goss expressed her concern that the city would be willing to allow an exception to the
14 100-foot buffer requirement in order to squeeze more density on the town center site.
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16 Armanini moved to hold Ordinance 930 on the second reading calendar for the August
17 25, 2005 council meeting. Olstad seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
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20 **Ordinance 932/Adopting the “2005 Lake Forest Park Comprehensive Plan”**

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22 Bennett provided information regarding recent decisions of the Growth Management
23 Hearings Board regarding the cities of Normandy Park and Issaquah regarding density.
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26 **Ordinance 931/Adopting Regulations, Imposing Excise Tax for Use of Septic** 27 **Systems When Public Sewer is Available**

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29 Herzog said that he appreciated the council action adopting amendments recommended
30 by the council finance committee. He proposed changing the amount of the tax to allow
31 for a more seamless transition for customers now paying the availability fee.
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33 Herzog moved to amend Ordinance 931 as follows:
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35 Page 7, line 8: “...an excise tax in the amount of ~~\$12~~\$10 per month....”
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37 Kiest seconded.
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39 Goss expressed her concern regarding the proposed amendment and noted that the
40 council was not provided with any information regarding the impact of the amendment.
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42 Following further discussion, the motion carried 4-1 (Aye—Olstad, Armanini, Kiest,
43 Herzog; Nay—Goss).
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45 Herzog said he believes that the ordinance is ready for final action tonight or at the next
46 meeting.

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2 Armanini moved to place Ordinance 931 on the final action calendar for the August 25,
3 2005 council meeting. Herzog seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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6 **NEW BUSINESS**
7 **Communications**

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9 Kiest requested discussion of the letter regarding the Burke Gilman Trail Citizen
10 Advisory Group at the August 25 council meeting.

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13 **ADJOURNMENT**

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15 At 9:08 p.m., Armanini moved to adjourn. Goss seconded. The motion carried
16 unanimously.

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21 Susan Stine, City Clerk

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26 David R. Hutchinson, Mayor
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