

CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2005

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

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

Others present: Six visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Hutchinson called the council study session meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Hutchinson requested that the discussion item, Burke Gilman Trail—Transportation Consultant Update, be taken as the last item on the agenda.

Cmbr. Thompson moved adoption of the agenda as re-ordered. **Cmbr. Olstad seconded.**
The motion carried unanimously.

CONFIRMATION REVIEW CALENDAR

Hutchinson introduced David Ehrlichman, his nominee for the Environmental Quality Commission, Position 4.

At the request of the mayor, Ehrlichman discussed his interest in serving on the Environmental Quality Commission. As a high school student, he said that he looks forward to the experience of contributing to his community in this way and noted that he has lived in Lake Forest Park all of his life. He discussed various projects and his plans after high school in response to questions from councilmembers.

1 **AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION**

2 **Update and Outline of Schedule Related to Unsewered Areas**

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4 City Engineer Jensen provided information regarding a proposed schedule for providing
5 sewers to unsewered areas. Councilmembers expressed their interest in being included in
6 the process, and Jensen discussed points at which the city would typically contract with
7 engineering firms for services related to proposed sewer projects.

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10 **Reappointment Process for Municipal Court Presiding Judge**

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12 Hutchinson noted that the term of the presiding judge will expire at year-end, and he
13 reviewed a process for reappointment for council consideration.

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15 Discussion followed regarding election of judges and various issues regarding
16 reappointment.

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19 **Burke Gilman Trail—Transportation Consultant Update**

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21 City Administrator Haines discussed a draft scope of work for engineering services,
22 which was prepared in response to the council’s request for assistance in its review of
23 reports related to the Burke Gilman Trail project. Haines said that the city engineer had
24 discussed the draft scope of work informally with several engineering consultants.

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26 Cmbr. Armanini expressed her interest in council involvement in defining the desired
27 qualifications of a consultant and in the selection process.

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29 Kiest expressed his interest in contacting the consultant involved with a recent trail
30 project and noted that he found his work meritorious. Kiest said that he would value Mr.
31 Bill Haro’s expertise regarding safety and liability issues. Cmbrs. Armanini and Goss
32 said that they agreed with Kiest.

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34 Goss noted her eight-year involvement on transportation-related issues and expressed her
35 concern that she had been overlooked for the position of council representative on the
36 Burke Gilman Trail Citizen Advisory Group.

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38 In response to a concern expressed by Goss regarding the preparation of the draft scope
39 of work, Cmbr. Herzog noted that the scope of work has not been finalized and therefore
40 is open to discussion by the council.

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42 Armanini expressed her appreciation for Cmbr. Goss’s remarks. Armanini also agreed
43 with Kiest’s comments and said that a consultant should not be eliminated from
44 consideration simply because of an opinion differing from that of the county. She
45 suggested a meeting to review the draft scope of work open to all councilmembers
46 interested in participating.

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2 **Thompson moved** to refer the draft scope of work for the engineering consultant to the
3 council ad hoc committee. **Herzog seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

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5 Discussion followed regarding the time frame for finalizing the scope of work and the
6 consultant selection process.

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8 In response to a question from Hutchinson, Sterner said that consistency and conformity
9 seem to be key design priorities for the county.

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11 Goss expressed her interest in local control for proposed projects affecting the Lake
12 Forest Park section of the trail.

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14 Olstad said that he would like to have a consultant whose qualifications are
15 unquestionable and who is absolutely independent.

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17 Sterner expressed his interest in hiring a highly qualified expert. He also discussed
18 possible funding sources for the county's trail project.

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21 **ADJOURNMENT**

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23 There was no objection to Thompson's recommendation that the mayor immediately call
24 for a 10-minute recess after opening the regular meeting.

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26 There being no objection, the council study session was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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30 Susan Stine, City Clerk

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35 David R. Hutchinson, Mayor