

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2006**

Councilmembers present: Dwight Thompson, Mayor *pro tempore*; Alan Kiest, Roger Olstad, Ed Sterner (by speakerphone), Don Fiene, Sandy Koppenol, Donovan Tracy

Staff present: Karen Haines, City Administrator; Frank Zenk, Public Works Director; John Hawley, Finance Director; Dennis Peterson, Police Chief; Susan Stine, City Clerk

Others present: 13 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor *pro tempore* Dwight Thompson called the city council study session meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There being no objection, the study session agenda was approved as proposed.

AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

Interviews – Candidates for Interim City Council Position

Thompson said that nominees had drawn straws for the order of the interviews. The order is as follows: Thomas French, Susan Reichmann, Catherine Stanford, and Stephen Plusch.

Thompson reviewed the interview process noting that each nominee will be limited to a three-minute opening statement. This will be followed by up to two questions from each participating councilmember, and he noted that the order for the questions is: Cmbr. Kiest, Cmbr. Olstad, Cmbr. Sterner, Cmbr. Tracy, Cmbr. Koppenol, and Cmbr. Fiene. The nominee's response to each question will be limited to one minute. Following the questions, the nominee may make a closing statement limited to two minutes.

1 At 6:05 p.m., Thompson called for a brief recess so that Cmbr. Sterner could
2 be contacted.

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4 The meeting was resumed at 6:08 p.m., and Sterner joined the meeting by
5 speakerphone.

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8 **Nominee--Thomas French**

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10 French gave his opening statement and responded to questions from
11 councilmembers. Following French's closing statement, the interview was
12 concluded.

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15 **Nominee—Susan Reichmann**

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17 Reichmann gave her opening statement and responded to questions from
18 councilmembers. Following Reichmann's closing statement, the interview
19 was concluded.

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21 Cmbr. Sterner arrived at the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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24 **Nominee—Catherine Stanford**

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26 Stanford gave her opening statement and responded to questions from
27 councilmembers. Following Stanford's closing statement, the interview was
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31 **Nominee—Stephen Plusch**

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33 Plusch gave his opening statement and responded to questions from
34 councilmembers. Following Plusch's closing statement, the interview was
35 concluded.

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38 The interview process concluded at 7:35 p.m.

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41 Thompson said that the meeting schedule calls for the council to appoint the
42 councilmember *pro tempore* at the November 16, 2006 Council budget
43 workshop/special meeting.

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2 Thompson noted that the Council regular meeting is scheduled to begin at
3 8:30 p.m. In response to a question from Thompson, councilmembers agreed
4 to proceed with several items not requiring action from the regular meeting
5 agenda.

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8 **Reports—Council**

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10 Cmbr. Koppenol provided a brief report on the November 8, 2006 Suburban
11 Cities Association Public Issues Committee meeting.

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14 **Proclamation—Honoring Cmbr. Dwight Thompson**

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16 Olstad noted that Mayor *pro tempore* Thompson, Colonel, U.S. Army
17 Reserve, has announced that his military leave will commence November 16,
18 2006, and this is the final council meeting at which Thompson will be
19 available to participate. Olstad said that the council wishes to honor and
20 recognize Thompson for his dedicated service to the community as a city
21 councilmember. Olstad then read a proclamation honoring Mayor *pro*
22 *tempore* and Cmbr. Thompson. Olstad noted that a small city flag has been
23 ordered for Thompson as a token of appreciation and to serve as a reminder
24 of the City of Lake Forest Park during his deployment in Afghanistan.

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26 Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for Mayor *pro tempore*
27 Thompson and wished him well during his tour of duty.

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30 **ADJOURNMENT**

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32 There being no objection, the council study session meeting was adjourned at
33 7:47 p.m.

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37 Susan Stine, City Clerk

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41 Dwight A. Thompson, Mayor *pro tempore*