

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
November 30, 2006**

Councilmembers present: Roger Olstad, Mayor *pro tempore*; Alan Kiest (6:16 p.m.), Ed Sterner, Don Fiene, Donovan Tracy

Councilmembers absent/excused: Sandy Koppenol, Stephen Plusch

Councilmember excused: Dwight Thompson (on military leave)

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

Others present: Two visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the city council study session meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He noted that the study session would conclude at 7 p.m. for the reception honoring City Administrator Karen Haines. Cmbr. Fiene expressed his appreciation for City Administrator Haines, her resignation notwithstanding.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Cmbr. Olstad moved adoption of the study session agenda as proposed.

Cmbr. Fiene seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION

Draft 2007 Legislative Agenda

Hutchinson noted that the draft 2007 legislative overview had been developed from previous discussions and council recommendations. He discussed various items related to municipal finance, law and justice, land use and planning, state support for cities, telecommunications, transportation, social and human services, and public health funding. Cmbr. Kiest's addition to the legislative agenda was also noted, which would make operating a bicycle under the influence of alcohol or drugs a criminal offense.

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2 Olstad noted that special emphasis should be placed on the item under the
3 municipal finance heading regarding adoption of Streamlined Sales Tax
4 legislation.

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6 Cmbr. Tracy discussed the multiplier effect of the property tax increase on
7 homeowners who have recently received new assessments.

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9 Kiest discussed his interest in legislation regarding cyclists under the
10 influence of alcohol or drugs, and Cmbr. Sterner expressed support for
11 further exploration of Kiest's request.

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13 Kiest also noted that legislation might be in order to address the issue of the
14 condominium designation that the city was confronted with recently.

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16 Sterner expressed his concern regarding the Puget Sound Regional Council
17 recommendation regarding affordable housing, and he noted that the term
18 seems to be code for multi-family condominiums or apartments, especially
19 when it coincides with a push to protect rural lands. He noted that this topic
20 might require additional work at the state level.

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23 Hutchinson noted that the early adjournment of the study session meeting
24 would allow councilmembers and staff to attend the reception honoring City
25 Administrator Karen Haines.

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28 **ADJOURNMENT**

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30 There being no objection, the council study session meeting was adjourned at
31 6:54 p.m.

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35 Susan Stine, City Clerk

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39 David R. Hutchinson, Mayor