

The City of Lake Forest
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Proceedings of the Tuesday, January 21, 2025
City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers
220 E. Deerpath, Lake Forest, IL 60045

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FINANCE COMMITTEE AT 6:30 PM

Members

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Honorable Mayor Tack called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m., and City Clerk Margaret Boyer called the roll of Council members.

Present: Honorable Mayor Tack, Alderman Novit, Alderman Clemens, Alderman Notz, Alderman Powers, Alderman LeVert, Alderman Weber and Alderman Walther.

Absent: Alderman Goshgarian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

COMMENTS BY MAYOR

1. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Retiring Finance Director Elizabeth Holleb

Alderman Weber motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Alderman LeVert. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICERS ELECTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR AS REQUIRED BY CHARTER AND CITY CODE

Interim City Treasurer Diane Hall

Alderman Weber motioned to approve the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Alderman Powers. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Appointment of Deputy Police Chief Micheal Lange as The City of Lake Forest ESDA Coordinator

Alderman LeVert motioned to approve the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Alderman Clemens. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for K-9 Chase

Alderman Walther motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Alderman Notz. All in favor,

the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

**1. Overview of Enhancements to Bank Lane between Deerpath and Southgate
-Catherine Czerniak, Director of Community Development**

Catherine Czerniak gave an overview of the enhancements to Bank Lane between Deerpath and Southgate. Ms. Czerniak reviewed key objectives of the plan including expectations for future development, elevating the Bank Lane experience, complimenting Market Square, and building on the unique character while balancing pedestrian comfort and safety with service needs being considered. The City Council had a lengthy discussion with Ms. Czerniak on proceeding with construction drawings, when the project would go out for bid, along with timing, coordinating with Deerpath improvements while minimizing impacts on businesses. There was concurrence among the Council to keep the item on the omnibus agenda.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEMS FOR OMNIBUS VOTE CONSIDERATION

- 1. Approval of the November 18, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes**

- 2. Approval of the December 2, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes**

- 3. Approval of a Resolution Appointing a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA).**

- 4. Approval of Resolutions Required for Bank Purposes to Amend Authorized Signers on City bank accounts and Assign Diane Hall, Assistant Finance Director as the Principal Authority for the Illinois Funds account.**

- 5. Approval of the Check Register for the Period of November 23rd – December 31, 2024**

- 6. Approval of an Amended Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lake Forest and Lake Forest Library**
- 7. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City of Lake Forest City Code Regarding the Class I-2 Liquor License (First reading and if appropriate final approval)**
- 8. Approval of a Third Amendment to the License Agreement Between the City of Lake Forest and the Music Institute of Chicago to occupy a portion of Volwiler Hall, located at 40 E. Old Mill Road**
- 9. Approval of FY25 Special Event Funding for Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$70,000**
- 10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Documents Extending the Draw Down Period of the Loan Agreement between the City of Lake Forest and Elawa Farm Foundation**
- 11. Award of Bid for the Deerpath Golf Course Fire Suppression System Project to Slavick Razniak, Inc. in the Amount of \$168,550.00, to Include a 10% Contingency in the amount of \$16,855.00, for a Total Cost of \$185,405.00**
- 12. Authorization to Dispose of City Property to the Highest Bidder, Rogers Nursery, for the Sale of the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe in the Amount of \$4,250**
- 13. Authorization to Dispose of City Property to the Highest Bidder, Rob January, for the Sale of the 2003 Chevrolet W3500 Dump Truck in the Amount of \$7,721**
- 14. Authorization for the Mayor or City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement Between The City of Lake Forest and The State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources For The McClory Bike Path Resurfacing Project**
- 15. Consideration of Ordinances Approving Recommendations from the Building Review Board for 270 Majestic Oak Court and 245 W. Westminster. (First Reading and if Desired by the City Council, Final Approval)**

16. **Consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission in Support of Granting a Building Scale Variance for an Addition at 1320 Elm Tree Road. (First Reading and if Desired by the City Council, Final Approval)**

17. **Consideration of Ordinances Approving Recommendations from the Zoning Board of Appeals for 827 Oakwood Avenue and 1320 Elm Tree Road. (First Reading, and if Desired by the City Council, Final Approval)**

18. **Consideration of a recommendation from staff to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with The Lakota Group/Thomas Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$119,043.75 for the preparation of detailed construction and engineering plans and construction support for enhancements to the block of Bank Lane between Deerpath and Southgate**

COUNCIL ACTION: Approve the eighteen (18) items as presented

Mayor Tack asked the Council if there were any items to be removed or taken separately. Seeing none, he asked for a motion.

Alderman Notz made a motion to approve the eighteen (18) Omnibus items as presented, seconded by Alderman Clemens. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Novit, Clemens, Notz, Powers, LeVert, Weber and Walther. The following voted "Nay": none. 7-Ayes, 0-Nays, motion carried.

Information such as Purpose and Action Requested, Background/Discussion, Budget/Fiscal Impact, Council Action and a Staff Contact as it relates to the Omnibus items can be found on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
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1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
Adjournment into Executive Session

Reconvene into Regular Session

Mayor Tack noted that there will be no further business following the executive session. He then asked for a motion to adjourn into executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) the lease of property owned by the City.

Alderman Notz made a motion to adjourn into executive session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) the lease of property owned by the City, seconded by Alderman Clemens. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Novit, Clemens, Notz, Powers, LeVert, Weber, and Walther. The following voted "Nay": none. 7-Ayes, 0-Nays, motion carried.

The City Council adjourned into executive session at 8:10 pm

The City Council reconvened at 8:47 pm

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Tack asked for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Novit made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Notz. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Boyer, City Clerk

A video of the City Council meeting is available for viewing at the Lake Forest Library and on file in the Clerk's office at City Hall. You can also view it on the website by visiting www.cityoflakeforest.com. Click on I Want To, then click on View, then choose Archived Meetings Videos.