

The City of Lake Forest
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Proceedings of the Monday, May 21, 2018

City Council Workshop Meeting –
Lake Forest Graduate School of Management, 1905 W. Field Ct, Lake Forest, IL

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Honorable Mayor Lansing called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, and City Clerk Margaret Boyer called the roll of Council members.

Present: Honorable Mayor Lansing, Alderman Beidler, Alderman Morris, Alderman Newman, Alderman Rummel, Alderman Reisenberg, Alderman Preschlack and Alderman Moreno.

Absent: Alderman Buschmann.

Also present were: Robert Kiely, City Manager; Mike Strong, Assistant to the City Manager; Catherine Czerniak, Director of Community Development; Elizabeth Holleb, Finance Director; Susan Banks, Communications Manager; Sally Swarthout, Director of Parks & Recreation; Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works; Karl Walldorf, Chief of Police; Pete Siebert, Chief of Police and Anne Whipple, Consultant.

There were approximately 8 people in the audience.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

6:30 p.m.

Mayor Lansing welcomed the Council, Members of the Community, and City Staff to the Workshop meeting. He stated that there will be no decisions made by the Council at this meeting. Instead the meeting is meant to present information and to re-open dialogue among the City Council on Decision Making Parameters and other items.

1. DISCUSSION OF DECISION-MAKING PARAMETERS FOR CITY COUNCIL, AND APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMISSIONS.

City Manager Bob Kiely reviewed evaluations from the Council and City staff. He then gave a brief overview of this meeting's expectations and reminded everyone in the room that the meeting may be recorded by an audience member. The City Council had lengthy discussion on the proposed Decision Making Parameters that included an annual review to be sure that the language and terms are current, and the objective to remain collaborative as a group. Alderman Beidler and Mayor Lansing will accept additional edits following this evening's meeting. This item is expected to be adopted in July 2018.

2. DISCUSSION OF PRINCIPLES, CONDUCT, AND PROCEDURES FOR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ITS MEMBERS.

City Manager Bob Kiely introduced the item and said that the document is intended to memorialize the expectations and guiding principles of City Council members, board and commission members, and city staff. They reflect past practice in the City, and how healthy, respectful governing and administrative boards operate. The City Council had lengthy discussion on Principles B and G. The City Council had concurrence to split Principle G into two parts. The Council also had discussion regarding clarity of expectations by City Staff in relation to this document. A subcommittee of Alderman Preschlack and Alderman Morris with City Manager Bob Kiely as the recording secretary was formed to take edits from the City Council. This item is expected to be adopted in July 2018.

3. QUICK REFRESHER ON PRESENCE AND CONDUCT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEALING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE PRESS.

Anne Whipple reviewed some tips from the Lake Forest Institute on board conduct at public meetings and when communicating with the press.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Sarsfield, 1800 Princeton Ct. offered his opinion to the City Council on the Hiawatha rail line. Mayor Lansing responded that The City of Lake Forest is working very hard behind the scenes and asked for residents to be patient.

JoAnne Desmond, Yale Ct. offered her opinion to the City Council on the expected EA and asked how ACTION can help.

Mayor Lansing responded that The City of Lake Forest has no power, authority or oversight over the third track.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion. Alderman Reisenberg made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Newman. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote at 9:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Boyer, City Clerk

A complete Binder including all slides and handouts is available at City Hall