

The City of Lake Forest
CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings of the Monday, December 2, 2019
City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers

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

Present: Honorable Mayor Pandaleon, Alderman Morris, Alderman Newman, Alderman Rummel, Alderman Preschlack, Alderman Goshgarian, Alderman Moreno and Alderman Buschmann.

Absent: Alderman Beidler

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all those present in the Chambers.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

COMMENTS BY MAYOR

**A. Woodlands Sacred Heart Academy -City of Lake Forest Flag Presentation
-Meg Steele-Head of School**

Mayor Pandaleon introduced Meg Steele, Head of School at Woodlands. Ms. Steele gave a brief history of the Academy and the Flag Ceremony and showed a video. Mayor Pandaleon presented The City of Lake Forest Flag for display at the Academy. Photos were taken.

**B. Acceptance of Gift from Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Foundation
-Jaclyn Greca, Vice President Friends Foundation**

Mayor Pandaleon introduced Jaclyn Greca, Vice President Friends of the Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Foundation. Ms. Greca gave a brief overview of the Comfort Station project and reported that on behalf of Friends Foundation, the Station is officially gifted back to The City of Lake Forest. Mayor Pandaleon thanked Ms. Greca and the Foundation for all their efforts and the community for its ongoing philanthropy.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Jason Wicha introduced both Mike Simeck- Superintendent of Lake Forest School Districts 67 and 115 and Mike Borkowski- President of Board of Education for School District 67.

A. Community Spotlight
- **Lake Forest District 67 and 115 Update**
-**Mike Simeck- Superintendent of Lake Forest School Districts 67 and 115 and Mike Borkowski- President of Board of Education for School District 67**

Superintendent Simeck reported on the proposed reinvented learning spaces and Mike Borkowski- President of Board of Education for School District 67 reported on tax rates for the district. The City Council thanked both for providing such great education opportunities within the community without asking for a

referendum. Mayor Pandaleon reported on the recent number of field trips he has been pleased to speak at hosted at City Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Gorton Community Center 2020 Budget Presentation

Finance Committee Chairman James Morris introduced Tim Hender, Board Chair, Amy Wagliardo, Executive Director and Nick Bothfeld, Finance Chair at Gorton- noting that both he and Finance Director Holleb review the annual budget. Mr. Hender reviewed the budget process and introduced happenings at Gorton. Ms. Wagliardo reviewed the mission, vision, priorities and a budget comparison. She also reviewed key success factors of 2019 and the 2020 Strategic Plan. Ms. Wagliardo stated that the overall budget for 2020 versus 2019 is only at 5% increase due to an increase in contributions. Mr. Bothfeld stated that he has confidence in the budget.

The City Council had discussion on the Drop-In Center and current endowment value.

Mayor Pandaleon asked if anyone from the public would like to comment. Seeing none, he asked for a motion.

COUNCIL ACTION: It is recommended that the City Council consider approval, approval with modifications, or rejection of the Gorton Community Center Annual Budget and Plan. If rejected, the Center would be authorized to operate and occupy the property in accordance with the Annual Budget and Plan last approved by the City Council subject to rate adjustments not exceeding the change in the Consumer Price Index.

Alderman Morris made a motion to approve the Gorton Community Center Annual Budget and Plan as presented, seconded by Alderman Preschlack. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 7-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

2. Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing the 2019 Tax Levy (Second Reading and Final Approval)

Elizabeth Holleb, Finance Director gave an overview using slides that included: 1) the tax levy limitations under the tax cap; 2) the tax levy distributed by fund without new growth and allowances distributed; 3) the tax levy by fund with new growth and allowances distributed; and 4) an explanation of the tax increase to an average homeowner.

A summary of the proposed levy is as follows:

FUND	Proposed 2019 LEVY	2018 Extension	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
City General	\$ 14,343,735	\$ 13,870,423	\$ 473,312	3.41%
Pension Funds	6,307,357	5,541,293	766,064	13.82%
Fire Pension PA 93-0689	103,759	91,348	12,411	13.59%
Recreation	1,460,324	1,433,095	27,229	1.90%
Parks	3,250,399	3,189,793	60,606	1.90%
Recreation & Parks/Specific Purpose	125,000	125,000	0	0.00%
Special Recreation	483,856	474,834	9,022	1.90%
Capital Improvements	1,538,000	1,730,225	(192,225)	-11.11%
Library	3,863,741	3,762,716	101,025	2.68%
Library sites	419,329	411,510	7,819	1.90%
Bond Funds	1,901,821	1,669,665	232,156	13.90%
TOTAL TAX LEVY - CITY	\$ 33,797,321	\$ 32,299,902	\$ 1,497,419	4.64%
School District 67- ESTIMATED	\$ 34,471,975	33,482,716	\$ 989,260	2.95%
GRAND TOTAL	68,269,296	65,782,618	\$ 2,486,679	3.78%
Ordinance (exclude Bond Funds)	<u>\$66,367,475</u>			

Ms. Holleb reported that the proposed tax levy for 2019 reflects a 4.64% increase over the 2018 tax levy extensions for the City and Library operating funds and City pension and debt service funds. This increase is comprised of the 1.90% property tax cap increase on operating and IMRF pension levies; debt service bond levies as previously approved by City Council bond Ordinances, subject to abatement for debt paid by alternate revenue sources; increases attributable to new construction; and increases in police and fire pension costs as determined by an independent actuarial valuation. The average increase to existing residents (\$800,000 home) is projected to be \$130 or 3.82%.

Mayor Pandaleon asked for a briefing on The City of Lake Forest rating and the credit opinion received noting the City's Aaa rating and its complement to the City for its approach to pension funding. Mayor Pandaleon thanked Director Holleb.

Mayor Pandaleon asked if anyone from the public would like to comment. Seeing none, he asked for a motion.

COUNCIL ACTION: Grant final approval of an Ordinance Establishing the 2019 Tax Levy (page 31).

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to grant final approval of an Ordinance Establishing the 2019 Tax Levy, seconded by Alderman Notz. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 7-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

3. Consideration of an Ordinance approving a Fee Schedule and Ordinances adopting new fees (Second Reading and Final Approval)

Elizabeth Holleb, Finance Director reported the fee revisions and proposed new fees were discussed by the Finance Committee at its November 12, 2019 meeting. Fees related to the Water Utility Fund are not yet incorporated into the proposed fee schedule and will be considered by the City Council Finance Committee in January.

Mayor Pandaleon asked if anyone from the public would like to comment. Seeing none, he asked for a motion.

COUNCIL ACTION: Grant final approval of the proposed ordinances.

Alderman Notz made a motion to grant final approval of an Ordinance Establishing the 2019 Tax Levy, seconded by Alderman Goshgarian. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 7-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

- 4. Consideration of an Ordinance Providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$19,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the City, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, authorizing and directing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection with the issuance of said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the winning bidder thereof. (Second Reading and Final Approval)**

Below is the extract of minutes used by Bond Counsel in preparation of the issuance of not to exceed \$19,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019.

"EXTRACT OF MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the City Council of the City of Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois, held at City Hall, 220 East Deerpath, in the City, at 6:30 o'clock P.M. on the 2nd day of December, 2019.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and directed the City Clerk to call the roll. Upon the roll being called, George A. Pandaleon, the Mayor, and the following Aldermen were physically present at said location: Alderman Morris, Alderman Notz, Alderman Rummel, Alderman Preschlack, Alderman Goshgarian, Alderman Moreno and Alderman Buschmann.

The following Aldermen were allowed by a majority of the Aldermen in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the City Council to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: None.

No Alderman was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following Alderman were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Alderman Beidler.

The Mayor announced that the next item for consideration was the issuance of not to exceed \$19,500,000 general obligation refunding bonds to be issued by the City pursuant to its home rule powers for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the City for debt service savings, and that the City Council would consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereon and authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection therewith. The Mayor then explained that the ordinance sets forth the parameters for the issuance of said bonds and sale thereof by designated officials of the City and summarized the pertinent terms of said parameters, including the specific parameters governing the manner of sale, length of maturity, rates of interest, purchase price and tax levy for said bonds. The Mayor stated that the hereinafter defined Bond Ordinance was introduced on first reading by the City Council at its regular meeting on November 18, 2019.

WHEREUPON, Alderman Morris presented, and the City Clerk made available to the Aldermen and interested members of the public, complete copies of an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$19,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, of the City of Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding general obligation bonds of said City, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, authorizing and directing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection with the issuance of said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the winning bidder thereof.

(the "Bond Ordinance").

Alderman Buschmann then moved and Alderman Moreno seconded the motion that the Bond Ordinance as presented be adopted.

After a full discussion thereof, the Mayor directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the Bond Ordinance.

Upon the roll being called, the following Aldermen voted AYE: Alderman Morris, Alderman Notz, Alderman Rummel, Alderman Preschlack, Alderman Goshgarian, Alderman Moreno and Alderman

Buschmann.

the following Aldermen voted NAY: None.

and the following Alderman abstained from the vote: None.

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Bond Ordinance adopted, and henceforth did approve and sign the same in open meeting, and did direct the City Clerk to record the same in full in the records of the City Council of the City of Lake Forest, Lake County, Illinois.

Other business was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned.

City Clerk"

Note- Mayor Pandaleon asked if anyone from the public would like to comment. There was no public comment.

COUNCIL ACTION: Final approval of the bond ordinance (page 139). An online bid will occur on Wednesday, December 4. The bond ordinance presented for City Council approval sets forth the parameters under which a bid received on December 4 would be approved, allowing for the closing of the bond issue on December 19. If no bid submitted on December 4 meets the parameters of the bond ordinance approved on December 2, the bids may be rejected and the bond issue would not proceed.

Alderman Buschmann made a motion to grant final approval of the Bond Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Moreno. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 7-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

ITEMS FOR OMNIBUS VOTE CONSIDERATION

- 1. Approval of the November 18, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Approval of the Check Register for the Period of October 26 – November 22, 2019**
- 3. Grant Approval of the Deed of Gift of the Original 1857 Map of The City of Lake Forest to The Newberry Library in Chicago**

4. **Consideration of Acceptance of Gift from Friends of Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Foundation Demonstration Project Work incorporating the Comfort Station at Deerpath Golf Course into the City Property.**
5. **Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting the Fourth Supplement (S-4) to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Forest Incorporating Recent Code Amendments into the Official City Code. (Waive first reading and grant final approval)**
6. **Approval of International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Contract between the City and the Lake Forest Firefighters/Lieutenantants**
7. **Approval of Bridge Inspection Services with Bleck Engineering totaling \$23,125.**
8. **Award of contract with Advanced Tree Care, for an amount not to exceed \$38,000, as part of the MPI Tree Pruning Services Joint Bid for FY2020.**
9. **Waiver of Procedures and Approval of All City Expenditures for the purchase of a 14-passenger van with wheelchair capabilities in partnership with the Lake Forest- Lake Bluff Senior Citizen's Foundation and an Anonymous Donor to Midwest Transit Equipment not to exceed \$66,000.**
10. **Consideration of a Recommendation from the Plan Commission in Support of a Special Use Permit to Authorize the Relocation of the Coldwell Banker Real Estate Office to 675 Forest Avenue. (If desired by the Council, Waive First Reading and Grant Final Approval of the Ordinance.)**

COUNCIL ACTION: Approval of the ten (10) Omnibus items as presented

Mayor Pandaleon asked members of the Council if they would like to remove any item or take it separately. The City Council had discussion on item #3 and the City Manager had comment on item #6. Mayor Pandaleon asked again if any member of the Council would like to remove any item or take it separately. Hearing none, Mayor Pandaleon asked for a motion to approve the ten (10) Omnibus items as presented.

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to approve the ten omnibus items as presented, seconded by Alderman Moreno. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 7-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

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

ORDINANCES

1. **Consideration to an Ordinance amending Chapter 135, titled "Offenses Affecting Public Health, Safety and Decency" to bring these sections into alignment with legislation contained in the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (First Reading and, if appropriate, final approval).**

Karl Walldorf, Chief of Police, gave an overview of the changes which will allow officers to continue to enforce local ordinance cannabis violations upon final approval as well as new state cannabis statutes beginning January 1, 2020.

The City Council had lengthy discussion on regulations, adult use, prohibition, social hosting, private use and public use.

Mayor Pandaleon asked if anyone from the public would like to comment. Seeing none, he asked for a motion

COUNCIL ACTION: If determined to be appropriate by the City Council, waive first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 135, titled “Offenses Affecting Public Health, Safety and Decency” of the City Code, and grant final approval.

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to waive first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 135, titled “Offenses Affecting Public Health, Safety and Decency” of the City Code, and grant final approval, seconded by Alderman Rummel. The following voted “Aye”: Alderman Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted “Nay”: None. 7-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a One Year Pilot Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Plowing and Salting of Route 43 (Rte. 176-Rte. 22) and Route 60 (Rte. 41-Field Drive) for the Winter of 2019/2020, Subject to Legal Review and Approval, and Approval to Purchase an Additional 1,000 Tons of Road Salt from Lake County’s Morton Road Salt Bid for \$66,281.**

Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works, reviewed the context of the last 3-4” snowstorm and the response the City received on social media on specific road conditions. He also reviewed the proposed one-year Pilot agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the plowing and salting of Route 43 (Rte. 176-Rte. 22) and Route 60 (Rte. 41-Field Drive) for the winter of 2019/2020. Along with the need to purchase an additional 1,000 tons of road salt from Lake County’s Morton Road Salt Bid for \$66,281.

The City Council had lengthy discussion on operational, both man power and equipment and service impacts around the City, the salting policy and public safety.

Mayor Pandaleon asked if anyone from the public would like to comment. Seeing none, he asked for a motion

COUNCIL ACTIONS: Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a One Year Pilot Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Plowing and Salting of Route 43 (Rte. 176-Rte. 22) and Route 60 (Rte. 41-Field Drive) for the Winter of 2019/2020, Subject to Legal Review and Approval, and Approval to Purchase an Additional 1,000 Tons of Road Salt from Lake County’s Morton Rock Salt Bid for \$66,281.

Alderman Morris made a motion to authorize the City Manager to Enter into a One Year Pilot Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Plowing and Salting of Route 43 (Rte. 176-Rte. 22) and Route 60 (Rte. 41-Field Drive) for the Winter of 2019/2020, Subject to Legal Review and Approval, and Approval to Purchase an Additional 1,000 Tons of Road Salt from Lake County’s Morton Rock Salt Bid for \$66,281, seconded by Alderman Goshgarian. The following voted “Aye”: Alderman Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted “Nay”: None. 7-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
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The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council and City Staff, wished all Happy Holidays and reminded everybody to shop local.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Pandaleon asked for a motion. Alderman Beidler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Buschmann. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote at 8:38 pm.

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.