

The City of Lake Forest
CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings of the Monday, November 18, 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 Beidler, Alderman Morris, Alderman Newman, Alderman Rummel, Alderman Preschlack, Alderman Goshgarian, Alderman Moreno and Alderman Buschmann.

Absent: none

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

Mayor Pandaleon acknowledged Cub Scout Pack 148 in attendance. He also reported on a number of seasonal activities for families to participate in over the holidays. He reported that the information is available on a number of websites including the Lake Forest Lake Bluff Chamber of Commerce and The City of Lake Forest website.

A. Children's Grief Awareness Day, Thursday, November 21

Mayor Pandaleon read the proclamation and presented it to Natalie Juarez of Rainbows for all Children, photos were taken.

B. Lake Forest Garden Club Check Presentation

- **Loren Dixon, President, Lake Forest Garden Club**

Mayor Pandaleon introduced Lake Forest Garden Club President Loren Dixon. Ms. Dixon gave a presentation of the Garden Clubs work to date. She presented the Mayor with a check for \$110,000 to fund a Citywide Recycling Education Campaign. Photos were taken.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

A. Community Spotlight

US CENSUS- Catherine Czerniak, Director of Community Development

City Manager Jason Wicha introduced Director of Community Development, Catherine Czerniak. Ms. Czerniak reported that the Census is a guide to future planning. She introduced Michelle Friedrich, who provided detailed information concerning the 2020 Census that included a timeline of actions to include "Educate, Encourage and Engage" of residents. Detailed information can be found on the City of Lake Forest website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Consideration of an Ordinance Establishing the 2019 Tax Levy (First Reading)

Elizabeth Holleb, Finance Director, reported that the tax levy has been discussed in various capacities over several meetings. Ms. Holleb reviewed spreadsheets related to the proposed tax levy for 2019. They 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 which is an average increase to existing residents (\$800,000 home) is projected to be \$130 or 3.82%

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	\$ -	-	\$ -	
GRAND TOTAL	33,797,321	32,299,902	\$ 1,497,419	4.64%
Ordinance (exclude Bond Funds)	<u>\$31,895,500</u>			

The City Council had discussion on Bond Funds and the anomaly of CIP having a line item in the levy.

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

COUNCIL ACTION: Grant first reading of an Ordinance Establishing the 2019 Tax Levy (page 17).

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to grant first reading of an Ordinance Establishing the 2019 Tax Levy, seconded by Alderman Goshgarian. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Beidler, Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 8-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

2. Consideration of an Ordinance approving a Fee Schedule and Ordinances adopting new fees (First Reading)

Elizabeth Holleb, Finance Director, reported this item was discussed in the CIP Workshop on November 12. She gave a summary review of the comprehensive fee schedule, noting that proposed fee increases are highlighted in yellow and the proposed new fees highlighted in orange. Ms. Holleb noted that 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.

The City Council had discussion on how fees are developed and benchmarked.

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

COUNCIL ACTION: Grant first reading to the proposed ordinances.

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to grant first reading to the proposed ordinances, seconded by Alderman Goshgarian. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Beidler, Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 8-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

3. 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.

Elizabeth Holleb, Finance Director, reported that this item was discussed at the October 21 Finance Committee meeting. Ms. Holleb reported that the City regularly monitors bond market conditions to assess opportunities to refund, or refinance, existing debt obligations and achieve a savings through lower interest rates. A preliminary official statement, which has been submitted to Moody's Investors Service with a request for a rating. A rating review was conducted on November 11 and a decision is anticipated on or before November 22.

Based on current bond market conditions, staff is recommending that the City proceed with a refunding in December while noting the parameters that set the guidelines for refunding. Ms. Holleb reported the interest rate on the refunding bond issue will be determined at the online bid auction scheduled for December 4.

The City Council had discussion regarding proposed refunding issue, including schedule and projected savings.

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

COUNCIL ACTION: Approval of first reading of the bond ordinance (page130). An online bid will occur on Wednesday, December 4. At the December 2 City Council meeting, a final bond ordinance will be presented for City Council consideration that will set 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 would be rejected and the bond issue would not proceed.

Alderman Morris made a motion to grant first reading of the bond ordinance, seconded by Alderman Preschlack. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Beidler, Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 8-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

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

ITEMS FOR OMNIBUS VOTE CONSIDERATION

1. **Approval of the November 4, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes**
2. **Acceptance of a check in the amount of \$ 110,000 granting a Waiver of Procedures and Approval of All City Expenditures to Execute the Citywide Recycling Education Campaign Grant as Outlined in the Lake Forest Garden Club's Request for Proposal in the Amount of \$110,000**
3. **Award of Proposal to Midwest Power Industries, Inc. for a Three Year Generator Maintenance Contract in the amount of \$53,400.00**
4. **Approval of a First Addendum to the License Agreement Between the City of Lake Forest and the Music Institute of Chicago to occupy a portion of Volwiler Hall at 40 E. Old Mill Road**
5. **Consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission. (First Reading and if Desired by the City Council, Final Approval)**

COUNCIL ACTION: Approval of the five (5) 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 #2. 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 five (5) Omnibus items as presented.

Alderman Rummel made a motion to approve the five omnibus items as presented, seconded by Alderman Preschlack. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Beidler, Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 8-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

NEW BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11), The City Council will be discussing threatened or pending litigation.**

Alderman Rummel made a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11), The City Council will be discussing threatened or pending litigation, seconded by Alderman Beidler. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Beidler, Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 8-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

Adjournment into Executive Session at 7:30pm

Reconvene into Regular Session 8:38pm

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 8:39pm.

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.