

The City of Lake Forest
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Proceedings of the Monday, July 1, 2019
City Council Workshop Meeting –
Municipal Services Center, 800 N. Field Drive, Lake Forest, IL

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

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

Absent: Alderman Newman and Alderman Preschlack.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

6:30 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION ON EXPECTATIONS REGARDING PRINCIPLES, DECISION MAKING PARAMETERS AND CONDUCT FOR THE CITY COUNCIL AND ITS MEMBERS

-MAYOR PANDALEON

Mayor Pandaleon welcomed the Council, Members of the Community, and City Staff to the Workshop meeting. He stated that while he had not planned discussion on the Decision Making Parameters, he emphasized highlights if the Parameters which included: connecting residents with the right staff, representing the entire City when acting as a member of the Council, allowing staff to solve issues, consulting with staff before responding to residents and using the established avenues for concerned citizens to address the City Council in our public meetings, being careful to follow those processes, and refrain from offering excessive staff time and resources to "squeaky wheels." He stated that the best way for concerned citizens to have broader influence over decision making is to get involved in the Caucus and/or seek appointed and elective office.

1. DISCUSSION ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
-CITY ATTORNEY, JULIE TAPPENDORF

Mayor Pandaleon said that this item will be tabled until after the Legal Committee finishes its review of the Ethics Ordinance. The City Attorney reported that the Legal Committee is in the process of a comprehensive re-write and the Council should anticipate seeing the Ethics Ordinance in the fall. The City Council had discussion on ex parte conversations and the Decision Making Parameters.

2. DISCUSSION OF FY2019 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND
-ELIZABETH HOLLEB, FINANCE DIRECTOR

Finance Director Elizabeth Holleb gave an overview explaining the surplus for FY19 that came from building permits and interest revenue. The City Council had lengthy discussion on where, when and what projects the surplus funds can be used and the City Councils ability to reallocate funds back to the General fund, creating an Emergency fund, and fiscal stewardship.

3. DISCUSSION ON RECREATIONAL CANNABIS
-CITY STAFF

City Manager Jason Wicha reported on the impacts of Governor Pritzker signing a new bill to legalize marijuana. City Attorney Julie Tappendorf reported on the City's options from zoning to a full ban on the sale. Catherine Czerniak reported that the Plan Commission would have a role in the code issue. DeSha Kalmar reported that the City would have to change its personnel policies. The City Council had lengthy discussion and concurred that the City would take the position of a complete ban on the sale of marijuana.

**4. DISCUSSION ON IDOT PUMP STATION (DEERPATH/41)
-MICHAEL THOMAS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Director of Public Works Michael Thomas gave an in-depth overview of the IDOT design and review of the pump station planned for Deerpath and Route 41. He reviewed the estimated project schedule with completion expected in 2021. The Communications Plan and final ownership for the project were also discussed along with the infrastructure located under Deerpath and how to relocate it. The City Council had discussion on emergency personnel, school and resident travel impacts.

5. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Sugar offered his opinion to the Council on the Decision Making Parameters.
JoAnne Desmond offered her opinion to the City Council on the expenditure of one time additional funds.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion. Alderman Beidler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Moreno. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote at 8:33p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Boyer, City Clerk

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