

The City of Lake Forest
CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings of the Monday, October 19, 2020
City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers
REMOTE ACCESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Honorable Mayor Pandaleon called the meeting to order at 7:50pm, and the City Clerk Margaret Boyer called the roll of Council members.

Present: Honorable Mayor Pandaleon, Alderman Morris, Alderman Karras, Alderman Rummel, Alderman Notz, Alderman Preschlack, Alderman Goshgarian, Alderman Buschmann and Alderman Weber.

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all those present.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

COMMENTS BY MAYOR

Mayor Pandaleon made the following statement as required by the Open Meetings Act. In accordance with state statute, Mayor Pandaleon has made a determination that it was not practical or prudent to schedule an in-person City Council meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is why this October 19, 2020 City Council meeting is being held remotely.

Mayor Pandaleon made a brief statement about the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic, and positivity rates in Lake County.

A. Introduction: Report From the Library Board
- **Catherine Lemmer, Director, Lake Forest Library**

Mayor Pandaleon introduced the Catherine Lemmer, Director of the Lake Forest Library. He stated that the purpose of this presentation was to share the proposed Library Boards Library Capital Improvement Projects. He stated no action is required from the City Council and this presentation is an introduction to the work of the Library Board and the impact it will have on the community.

Catherine Lemmer, Director of Lake Forest Library, introduced President of the Library Board, Wendy Darling, who reported on the Library Board's efforts to date and that the Council would be presented with three brief presentations regarding Library improvements.

Catherine Lemmer gave the first presentation by providing a brief update of the capital project feasibility and the objectives the Library created to update its service strategy.

Victor Pechaty, Vice President of HGA, gave the second presentation, which provided an overview of the architectural aspects of the potential restoration for the Library.

Lastly, Russ Hodge, CEO of the Hodge Group, briefly presented information on the financial support and feasibility of the project.

The City Council had lengthy discussion regarding the role that the City Council has in capital updates as presented by the Library representatives. Additionally, the City Council discussed the process that the Council will go through to assist the Library throughout this project.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

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

Members of the public can provide public comment by calling into the following number during the meeting: 847-810-3643

Richard Sugar offered his comments to the City Council regarding the Library project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Acknowledge Receipt of the FY2020 Treasurer's Report

Finance Director, Elizabeth Holleb briefly explained this item only requires acknowledgment of the receipt of the FY2020 Treasurer's Report by the City Council. She further explained this report is required to be filed with the City Clerk, and the County Clerk.

COUNCIL ACTION: Acknowledge Receipt of the FY2020 Treasurer's Report

Mayor Pandaleon asked members of the Council if there were any additional questions or comments. Seeing none he asked for a motion.

Alderman Notz made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the FY2020 Treasurer's Report seconded by Alderman Preschlack. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Morris, Karras, Rummel, Notz, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Buschmann and Weber. The following voted "Nay": None. 8-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

ITEMS FOR OMNIBUS VOTE CONSIDERATION

- 1. Approve the Extension of the Mayor's Declaration of a Local State of Emergency until the next City Council Meeting**
- 2. Approval of the October 5, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes**
- 3. Approval of Resolutions Committing Local Funds for the 2020 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program for The City of Lake Forest Project Grant Applications and the Authorization of the City Manager to Execute Related Grant Application Documents**
- 4. Consideration of Ordinances Approving Recommendations from the Zoning Board of Appeals. (First Reading, and if Desired by the City Council, Final Approval)**
- 5. Consideration of Ordinances Approving Recommendations from the Building Review Board. (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 other item or take it separately.

The City Council had discussion on item #3. Mayor Pandaleon asked members of the Council if they would like to remove any other item or take it separately. Seeing none, he asked for a motion.

Alderman Morris made a motion to approve the five (5) omnibus items seconded by Alderman Rummel. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Morris, Karras, Rummel, Notz, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Buschmann and Weber. 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

1. Consideration of a Recommendation from the Plan Commission to Deny the Request for an Amendment to the Gimbel Plat of Subdivision. (Motion or Direction to Staff)

Director of Community Development, Cathy Czerniak gave a presentation regarding a recommendation from the Plan Commission, who voted unanimously to deny a petition concerning a property located at 211 W. Westminster. She explained the request in depth, stating that the petition was requesting to remove a covenant from the property. The Plan Commission found that in the 1990s, prior to the recording of the plat, there was a full thorough public process done to preserve the streetscape.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approval of a Recommendation from the Plan Commission to Deny the Request for an Amendment to the Gimbel Plat of Subdivision. (Motion or Direction to Staff)

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to approve a recommendation from the Plan Commission to Deny the Request for an Amendment to the Gimbel Plat of Subdivision, seconded by Alderman Morris. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Morris, Karras, Rummel, Notz, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Buschmann and Weber. The following voted "Nay": None. 8-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Pandaleon asked for a motion. Alderman Morris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Weber. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote at 9:37 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.