

The City of Lake Forest
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Proceedings of the Tuesday, February 23, 2021
SPECIAL City Council Workshop Meeting - City Council Chambers
REMOTE ACCESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Honorable Mayor Pandaleon called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, 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

6:00 p.m.

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 February 23, 2021 special City Council workshop meeting is being held remotely.

Mayor Pandaleon stated that because it is a workshop meeting, there will be no decisions about projects and, that the City Council will set direction for Staff.

City Manager Jason Wicha stated that this meeting was meant to educate the City Council on these future projects and potential time frames moving forward. This discussion is meant to be very high level, as there is still design work that needs to be completed for the following projects on the agenda. Mr. Wicha gave brief background on each project prior to the presentations.

1. Forest Park Bluff Stabilization Project

- **Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works**
- **Dave Kraft, P.E., C.F.M., Senior Civil Engineer, Hey and Associates, Inc. Overview of City's Capital Budget Process**

Director of Public Works, Michael Thomas gave a brief overview and history of the Forest Park Bluff Stabilization project, and all related projects dating back to 2009. Director Thomas discussed further in depth the Bluff analysis that was conducted by Hey & Associates and what the ongoing bluff stabilization efforts entailed over the previous year.

Director Thomas and introduced Dave Kraft, Senior Civil Engineer to give a more in depth presentation on the project. Mr. Kraft presented the different options that the City can pursue including bluff monitoring, identifying key areas for stabilization, and failure assessments. He discussed each potential option in depth, project timelines, and the projected cost associated with each approach presented.

Director Thomas gave additional background regarding sharing the pre-design report with the Forest Park Project Board, to identify the options, who ultimately supported option 1A outlined in the presentation.

The City Council had discussion clarifying the different slope angles and what would be considered stable, as well as the ground water flow and how it impacts the bluff.

There was additional discussion regarding the different options, and what challenges and opportunities the different options posed. Additionally, the Council had lengthy discussion regarding capital funding for this project.

2. Beach Profile Study and Long term Monitoring & Maintenance Plan

- **Chuck Myers, Superintendent of Parks, Forestry & Cemetery**
- **Mark Wagstaff, P.E., Senior Waterfront Engineer, Smith Group**

Superintendent of Parks, Forestry & Cemetery, Chuck Myers, gave an overview of the long term impacts of high water levels, and extensive weather events, and what the impact has been to Lake Forest Beach. Although there have been severe storms, he noted that Lake Forest beach has seen much less of an impact than other lake front communities. Superintendent Myers also described the preventative measures City Staff has taken to temporarily protect the area during the winter months.

Superintendent Myers introduced Mark Wagstaff, Senior Waterfront Engineer to give a more in depth presentation, reviewing the lakefront trends and issues. Mr. Wagstaff discussed the impacts of high winds, and rising water levels and how it affects the shoreline. He displayed an average monthly lake level including 100 years of data to demonstrate the historic trends. Additionally, Mr. Wagstaff outlined the potential opportunities for nature based solutions for the long term maintenance of the Lake Front.

The City Council had discussion regarding Lake Forest residents with lake front property, and how they are handling issues with shorelines.

Additionally, the City Council had lengthy discussion about outside funding for capital projects, and the planning process for a project of this magnitude.

3. Everett & Waukegan Intersection Improvement Project

- **Robert Ells, Superintendent of Engineering**
- **David Kreeger, P.E., Project Manager, Civiltech Engineering, Inc.**

Superintendent of Engineering, Robert Ells, gave a brief presentation regarding the Everett & Waukegan intersection improvement project. He stated that staff will be looking for direction from the Council regarding two components of the project. Superintendent Ells presented the project history, dating back to 2009, and other potential projects that were proposed at the site.

Superintendent Ells introduced David Kreeger, Project Manager of Civiltech Engineering to present the scope of the project. He discussed the improvements including the dedicated right turn lane, lengthening the left turn lane, lengthening the right turn lane eastbound on Everett, and lengthening the left turn lane westbound on Everett. Superintendent Ells additionally discussed the City and grant expenses to-date, and Mr. Kreeger elaborated on the costs moving forward for the anticipated improvements.

The City Council had lengthy discussion regarding the traffic study conducted, and the overall safety of the Waukegan Everett intersection.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were no callers and no one attending used the raised hand feature.

5. Adjournment

There being no further discussion. Alderman Preschlack made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Weber. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Margaret Boyer, City Clerk