

The City of Lake Forest  
CITY COUNCIL  
*Proceedings of the Monday, June 21, 2021*  
City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers  
**REMOTE ACCESS MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Honorable Mayor Pandaleon called the meeting to order at 6:32pm, 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.

**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 June 21, 2021 City Council meeting is being held remotely.

- A. "Spirit of CROYA" Margot Martino Essay Contest Winners**  
- **Todd Nahigian, CROYA Manager**

Mayor Pandaleon introduced Todd Nahigian, CROYA Manager, to introduce the Margot Martino Essay Contest winners. Mr. Nahigian thanked the City Council for allowing him to continue this annual tradition, and gave a brief presentation explaining the CROYA 40 (+1) Celebration, and the CROYA mural dedication. Mr. Nahigian introduced Anna Syfer, one of the three "Spirit of CROYA" essay contest winner. Ms. Syfer recited her essay to those present. Next, Mr. Nahigian introduced Casey Hippel, the second essay contest winner. Mr. Hippel recited his essay to those present. The City Council thanked Mr. Nahigian for his work with the youth in the community.

**COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER**

- B. Update On Deerpath and Route 41**  
- **Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works**

City Manager, Jason Wicha, introduced Director of Public Works, Michael Thomas, to provide a brief update regarding the Deerpath/ Route 41 pump station project. Mr. Thomas briefly introduced the team members overseeing multiple aspects of this project, and explained their communication efforts with the City and IDOT. He provided an in-depth visual, displaying the project drainage routes, current project milestones, what still remains, and the upcoming road closures.

Mr. Thomas introduced Superintendent of Parks and Forestry, Chuck Myers, who provided an update regarding the golf course restoration. He explained the current work that has been done, including the

fluctuation of the water levels, and how this impacts the planting of native materials, and additional work the City will conduct once IDOT turns the ponds over to the City officially.

Mr. Thomas provided an additional update regarding the ComEd Pedestrian Bridge replacement, and the Watermain Replacement/ upgrade to Ahwahnee Lane. Both of these projects are scheduled to begin in 2022.

The City Council asked clarifying questions regarding the design of the completed bridges.

The City Council asked additional questions regarding the road closure beginning on July 6 and ending August 13, and how IDOT plans to accommodate the recent increase in traffic.

#### **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**

Katie Anderson offered comments to the City Council.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

##### **1. Consideration of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for FY2022 and Approval of Rollovers (First Reading)**

Finance Director Elizabeth Holleb presented the annual Appropriation Ordinance and explained the legal requirements required to pass the ordinance. Additionally, she explained that a public hearing must also be completed in concurrence with this passing for final approval. She explained the difference between the Appropriation Ordinance and the Budget, including Debt Service Payments, which are included in the Budget but not the Appropriation Ordinance, and the Library expenses, which were not included in the approved FY22 Budget. Finally, she stated that the fund rollovers that are included in the FY21 budget are from projects that were not started or completed in the previous fiscal year. She summarized that this Ordinance is asking for those funds to be carried over into FY22 so that the projects can be completed, via the Appropriation Ordinance.

**COUNCIL ACTION: Approve first reading of the FY2022 Appropriation Ordinance and the rollovers.**

Alderman Morris made a motion to approve first reading of the FY2022 Appropriation Ordinance and the rollovers, seconded by Alderman Weber. 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.

##### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

##### **1. Report on Power Supply Agreement and Community Choice Aggregation Program - Melanie Rummel, Chairman**

Alderman Rummel provided an update regarding the City's power supply agreement. She further explained the approved amendment in February to the City's governance plan that oversees the municipal aggregation program. The amendment allows the City to explore and participate in new models of municipal aggregation

programs that may offer community benefits beyond supply rate savings for residents and small business customers.

**2. Update on City Council Sustainability Survey**

- **Melanie Rummel, Chairman**

Alderman Rummel provided an update to the City Council regarding the Sustainability Survey. She explained in depth the process the Environmental Sustainability Committee underwent, in addition to the survey taken by the City Council members. After receiving the results of the survey, there were four initiatives identified that balance all interests of the group. Those initiatives included:

1. Developing a communications strategy that advocates for various sustainability and environmental issues.
2. Exploring the installation of solar panels on City facilities.
3. Encouraging periodic inspections of ravine property to detect ecological or infrastructure threats.
4. Measuring the City's greenhouse gas emissions was a final recommendation.

**3. Deerpath Golf Course Environmental Initiatives**

- **Vince Juarez, Regional Operations Executive, Kemper Sports Management**

Alderman Rummel, introduced Vince Juarez, Regional Operations Executive, to walk through the environmental initiatives at the Deerpath Golf Course. Mr. Juarez further discussed the "Green to a Tee" program in depth, which pays particular attention to maintenance practices, habitat management, water conservation, energy use, recycling, and other environmental responsible practices. He additionally discussed the current practices utilized at the golf course to reduce the usage of single-use products.

<b>ITEMS FOR OMNIBUS VOTE CONSIDERATION</b>
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1. **Approve the Extension of the Mayor's Declaration of a Local State of Emergency until the next City Council Meeting**
2. **Approval of June 7, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes**
3. **Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City of Lake Forest City Code Regarding Alcoholic Beverages (First reading and if appropriate final approval)**
4. **Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Fee Schedule to reflect changes to the Liquor Code (First Reading, and if appropriate final Approval)**
5. **Approve the Purchase of Dual Band Capable Portable Radios for the Fire Department from State Bid Vendor Motorola Solutions**
6. **Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to Enter Into a Power Supply Agreement, in substantially the form presented, with MC-Squared Energy Services, LLC.**

**COUNCIL ACTION: Approval of the four (4) Omnibus items as presented**

Mayor Pandaleon asked members of the Council if they would like to remove any item or take it separately Alderman Buschmann requested item #3 and #4 be heard separately, asking for further clarification on the items.

Mayor Pandaleon asked for a motion. Alderman Buschmann made a motion to hear the items separately, seconded by Alderman Karras. 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.

Mayor Pandaleon asked again if any members of the Council if they would like to remove any item or take it separately. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to approve the four remaining Omnibus items as presented.

Alderman Goshgarian made a motion to approve the four remaining (4) Omnibus items as presented, 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.

**Item #3 and #4 Removed**

**\* Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the City of Lake Forest City Code Regarding Alcoholic Beverages (First reading and if appropriate final approval)**

**\* Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Fee Schedule to reflect changes to the Liquor Code (First Reading, and if appropriate final Approval)**

The City Council asked clarifying questions regarding item #3 and #4 and had lengthy discussion regarding the items and asked for public input.

Mayor Pandaleon asked for a motion to approve first reading on both Ordinances.

Alderman Buschmann made a motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance Amending the City of Lake Forest City Code Regarding Alcoholic Beverages, seconded by Alderman Notz. 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.

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to approve first reading of an Ordinance Amending the Fee Schedule to reflect changes to the Liquor Code, seconded by Alderman Buschmann. 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.*

<b>ORDINANCES</b>
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<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>
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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Mayor Pandaleon asked for a motion. Alderman Morris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Rummel. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote at 8:13 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](http://www.cityoflakeforest.com). Click on I Want To, then click on View, then choose Archived Meetings Videos.*