

The City of Lake Forest
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Proceedings of the Monday, February 7, 2022
City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers
REMOTE ACCESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Honorable Mayor Pandaleon called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, 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 February 7, 2022, City Council meeting is being held remotely.

Mayor Pandaleon made a brief statement regarding National Read Aloud Day, thanking the staff members who participated by reading stories to school district 67 students.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARKETING COMMITTEE

1. Update on Marketing Committee Initiatives

Alderman Karras provided a detailed summary regarding the Lake Forest Saturday Market, the Winter Lake Forest Station Pop-up Shop, the Lake Forest Love blog, the Dialogue Newsletter, and the Community Coalition. She provided extensive background for each of the initiatives.

The City Council thanked Alderman Karras and all others involved in the various initiatives.

ITEMS FOR OMNIBUS VOTE CONSIDERATION

1. **Approval of January 18, 2022, City Council Meeting Minutes**
2. **Approval of the Check Register for the Period of January 1-28, 2022**
3. **Approval for an Advancement of Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Equipment Funding to Purchase One Replacement Marked Police Vehicle Included in the FY2023 Capital Equipment Budget to the Illinois Department of Central Management Services Low Bidder, Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., in the Amount of \$39,905.**
4. **Consideration of an Ordinance Approving a Recommendation from the Building Review Board. (First Reading, and if Desired by the City Council, Final Approval)**

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

Mayor Pandaleon made additional comments regarding item #3.

Mayor Pandaleon asked members of the Council if they would like to remove any item or take it separately. Seeing none, he asked for a motion. Alderman Weber made a motion to approve the four (4) Omnibus items as presented, seconded by Alderman Goshgarian. 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

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approval of Loan Agreement with the Ragdale Foundation to Borrow \$1.5 million from the City to be paid from Pledge Commitments over a Five-Year Period**

Director of Finance, Elizabeth Holleb, provided background regarding the \$1.5 Million loan agreement with Ragdale Foundation which will be paid back over a five-year period. Ms. Holleb further explained the previous discussion around this item in April 2021 and that the specific terms of the loan agreement would return to the City Council for approval at a later date. Ms. Holleb continued to provide additional highlights on the loan agreement including the 2% interest rate, the three-year borrowing term in the agreement to provide flexibility, the collateral agreement, and quarterly financial reports provided to the City by Ragdale.

COUNCIL ACTION: Approval of a Loan Agreement with the Ragdale Foundation to Borrow \$1.5 million from the City to be paid from Pledge Commitments over a Five-Year Period

Alderman Morris made a motion to approve of a Loan Agreement with the Ragdale Foundation to Borrow \$1.5 million from the City to be paid from Pledge Commitments over a Five-Year Period, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Ordinances Approving Code Amendments to Allow Mobile Food and Beverage Vendors to Operate in the City of Lake Forest as Part of Special Community Events and Establishing a Permit Fee. (First Reading)

Director of Community Development, Catherine Czerniak, provided background regarding the pilot food truck program established last year. Ms. Czerniak further explained the adjustments to the new program to include all mobile food vendors, that may not have a traditional “truck”. Additionally, she explained the annual permit fee that would be established and continue to waive the fee for local businesses.

The City Council had lengthy discussion regarding the program and how to move forward with any adjustments to the ordinance in the future. Additionally, there was discussion regarding Lake County Health Department licensing for vendors.

COUNCIL ACTION: If desired by the Council, grant first reading of two Ordinances:

- 1) An Ordinance approving amendments to Sections 113.21, 117.05, 117.20(B) and the addition of new Sections 120.01 through 120.03.**

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to grant first reading of an Ordinance approving amendments to Sections 113.21, 117.05, 117.20(B) and the addition of new Sections 120.01 through 120.03, 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.

2). An Ordinance establishing a permit fee for Food Trucks

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to grant first reading of an Ordinance establishing a permit fee for Food Trucks, 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.

2. Discussion and Direction on Whether to Establish Regulations, Requirements or Parameters Regarding Flavored Tobacco and Electronic Cigarette Products. (No Action Requested – Discussion and Direction Only)

Mayor Pandaleon provided brief background regarding the topic being discussed, stating that staff was directed to provide additional research into this topic after being brought up during public comment at a previous meeting.

The City Council had lengthy discussion including overall enforcement from the Police Department to prevent underage selling of flavored electronic cigarette products. Additionally, the City Council asked clarifying questions regarding data about selling this product to underage students.

Bill Loumbardis provided comments to the City Council in opposition of regulation of flavored vaping devices Scott Seaman provided comments to the City Council urging City Council to create legislation on the matter. Andy Duran provided comments to the City Council that included statistical data on the use of the products in minors. Gabe Guidarini provided comments to the City Council of his first hand experience with the issue of underage use.

The City Council continued discussion on the topic to include an educational component.

COUNCIL ACTION: Provide high level direction to City staff and the City Attorney regarding flavored tobacco products

The City Council further directed staff to investigate this matter.

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| ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS |
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| ADJOURNMENT |
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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 7:50 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.