

The City of Lake Forest  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
***Proceedings of the Monday, November 7, 2022***  
City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers  
220 E Deerpath, Lake Forest, IL 60045

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** Mayor Pandaleon called the meeting to order at 7:25p.m, and City Clerk Margaret Boyer called the roll of Council members.

Present: Alderman Morris, Alderman Novit, Alderman Rummel, 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**

**A. Introduction of Niamh Bruce, Mayor for a Day**

Mayor Pandaleon introduced Niamh Bruce as Mayor for the Day. She stated that early voting is no longer occurring at City Hall. Mayor Pandaleon noted that residents are welcome by the Lake Forest Caucus at Gorton Community Center on Wednesday November 9, to cast a vote on the Caucus slate for Mayor, Alderman, and the School Board.

**B. GFOA Triple Crown Award Presentation and Recognition of Finance Department**

Mayor Pandaleon acknowledged the Finance Departments' 2021 excellent work in financial reporting, budget presentation, and popular annual financial reporting, winning the Triple Crown from GFOA. Out of 90,000 communities, only 293 have achieved the Triple Crown.

**COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER**

**A. Community Spotlight**

**- Native Voices Initiative**

**Carol Summerfield, Lake Forest Lake Bluff History Center**

City Manager Jason Wicha introduced Carol Summerfield, Executive Director of the Lake Forest Lake Bluff History Center. Ms. Summerfield reported on the Native Voices Initiative, emphasizing that this initiative will involve collaboration, it will improve public engagement in history and culture, and most importantly build a long-term equitable voice for Native Americans.

Alderman Weber left the meeting at 7:46p.m.

**B. Public Works Capital Projects Recap**

**-Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works**

City Manager Wicha stated that the Capital Budget Workshop will take place on November 14 at Dickinson Hall. He introduced Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works, to highlight the busy fiscal year of capital investments in 2021-2022. Mr. Thomas shared numerous projects and costs, a movie demonstrating activity on most projects was shown.

**C. Looking Forward – Planning for the Future of Our Central Business District**  
**-Introduction of Website**  
**-Upcoming Community Workshop**

City Manager Wicha introduced Director of Community Development, Catherine Czerniak. Ms. Czerniak shared a new website related to the Future of the Central Business District and invited residents to share their thoughts and opinions often. Coming soon are Community workshops specifically related to Looking Forward.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL**

Seeing none, Mayor Pandaleon utilized this time to provide Niahm Bruce with an award of gratitude from the Lake Forest City Council for serving as Mayor for a Day.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**1. Audit Committee Report and Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report**

Audit Committee Chairman, Tara Janos, provided a brief background regarding the Audit Committee and the work they conduct. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been reviewed by the Audit Committee with Baker Tilly, the City's independent audit firm, and has been accepted by the Audit Committee and reported no findings, or changes to the document.

The City Council thanked Chairman Janos and the Audit Committee for their work, ensuring financial integrity with the community.

**COUNCIL ACTION: Receipt of the audit report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022.**

Alderman Buschmann made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the audit report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, seconded by Alderman Preschlack. The following vote "Aye": Alderman Morris, Novit, Rummel, Notz, Preschlack, Goshgarian, and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": none. 7-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR OMNIBUS VOTE CONSIDERATION**

- 1. Approval of October 17, 2022, City Council Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Approval of the Check Register for the Period of September 24 – October 28, 2022**
- 3. Approval of Health Insurance Contract Renewals for Calendar Year 2023**
- 4. Approval of the FY23 Personnel Policies and Practices**

5. **Approval of Revised Employment Agreement for City Manager Wicha**
6. **Approve the contract to Camp Nageela Midwest, dba Camp Henry Horner in the amount of \$35,000.**
7. **Consideration of a Request to Waive the Fidelity Bond Requirement in Connection with Holding a Raffle in the City of Lake Forest for Lake Forest College Chapter of the American Marketing Association and Lake Forest College Athletics (Approval by Motion)**
8. **Determination of a Non-Binding Estimate of the Amount of Revenue to be Generated from Property Taxes for the 2022 Calendar Year and Establishment of December 5, 2022 as a Public Hearing Date (if required) in Accordance with the Truth in Taxation Statute**
9. **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 nine (9) omnibus items as presented.**

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 Notz a motion to approve the nine (9) Omnibus items as presented, seconded by Alderman Preschlack. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Morris, Novit, Rummel, Notz, Preschlack, Goshgarian, and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 7-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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Mayor Pandaleon noted there will be no further business following executive session.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c), 11 The City Council will be discussing pending litigation**

Alderman Rummel made a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c) (11), seconded by Alderman Novit. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Morris, Novit, Rummel, Notz, Preschlack, Goshgarian, and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 7-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

**Adjournment into Executive Session at 8:43 pm**

**Reconvene into Regular Session at 9:31pm**

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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There being no further business Mayor Pandaleon asked for a motion. Alderman Rummel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Buschmann. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote at 9:32 p.m.

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.*