

The City of Lake Forest
CITY COUNCIL
Proceedings of the Monday, March 2, 2020
City Council Meeting - City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: Honorable Mayor Pandaleon called the meeting to order at 6:33pm, and the City Clerk Margaret Boyer called the roll of Council members.

Present: Honorable Mayor Pandaleon, Alderman Beidler, Alderman Morris, Alderman Notz, Alderman Rummel, Alderman Preschlack, Alderman Goshgarian, Alderman Moreno and Alderman Buschmann.

Absent: none

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all those present in the Chambers.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

COMMENTS BY MAYOR

Mayor Pandaleon reported that late last year, FuelFed, a Chicago-based European automotive owners club, approached him regarding a regional car show event they were interested in hosting locally this summer. The event, called Zuffengruppe 3, is the Midwest's original and largest independent air-cooled Porsche festival.

They are interested in bringing this unique event – which was held in Twin Lakes, WI last year, and Winnetka the year prior, to Market Square in Lake Forest.

The Mayor stated that he has requested that the organizers work directly with City Staff to help them in navigating through the various processes that the Council has established for such requests.

City Manager Jason Wicha informed the Council that they have met with staff and will be presenting their request at the next City Council meeting.

A. Deerpath/Route 41- IDOT Pump Station Project Update
- **Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works**

Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works gave a brief update on the IDOT pump station project. He gave an overview of the pump station stating that the State would fund this project, but the responsibility still falls on the City to maintain it. Initially, since there was a concern that IDOT did not have right to begin construction based on a property issue, which has been resolved.

The City Council had discussion concerning access on Deerpath for emergency service as well as other timeline concerns.

COMMENTS BY CITY MANAGER

A. Community Spotlight
- **Lake Forest Lake Bluff History Center**
o **Carol Summerfield, Executive Director**

City Manager Jason Wicha introduced Carol Summerfield, Executive Director of the History Center. Ms. Summerfield gave an overview of the History Center and the current exhibit of including the new 20s and the 20s exhibit that is on display. Ms. Summerfield also discussed lectures and activities that are planned throughout the summer.

B. Department Spot Light- Recreation
- **Deerpath Golf Club**
o **Vince Juarez, General Manager**

City Manager Jason Wicha introduced Vince Juarez, General Manager at Deerpath Golf Club, and reported that he is the recipient of a prestigious award from the PGA, the Horton Smith Award as a “Model Educator of Other PGA Professionals”. Mr. Juarez presented FY20 and FY21 budget projections to the City Council, including a discussion on national rounds, noting that rounds have increased at the Deerpath Golf Course due to multiple initiatives taken to increase satisfaction and return rates.

The City Council commended Vince Juarez for his strong leadership skills and commitment to fundraising, making the golf course such a successful and welcoming place.

City Manager Jason Wicha introduced Fire Chief Pete Siebert to discuss COVID-19 concerns. Chief Siebert discussed the resources available on the City website that can help direct residents to links from local to larger health centers that will be updated with new information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ITEMS FOR OMNIBUS VOTE CONSIDERATION

- 1. Approval of the February 18, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Approval of the Check Register for the Period of January 25 to February 21, 2020**
- 3. Approval of a Parks & Recreation Board Recommendation to Approve Annual Tree Purchasing in the Forestry FY2021 Budget**
- 4. Approval of a Parks & Recreation Board recommendation to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mariani Landscape for Grounds Maintenance Services at Forest Park in the Parks FY2021 Budget**
- 5. Approval to Purchase a Redexim SandMaster 1600 for the Parks Section from Redexim Turf Products in the Amount of \$60,468.33**
- 6. Award of Bid in the Amount of \$38,985.00 with a 10% or \$3,898 Contingency to Midwest Power Industry, Inc. for the Lake Forest Water Treatment Plant Emergency Generator Radiator Rebuild**
- 7. Award of Contract in the Amount of \$342,100 with a 10% or \$34,210 Contingency to Reef Contractors and \$25,000 to FGM Architects for Project Management for the Fire Department Locker Room Renovation**

COUNCIL ACTION: Approval of the seven (7) Omnibus items as presented

Mayor Pandaleon asked members of the Council if they would like to remove any 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 item or take it separately.

Seeing none, Mayor Pandaleon asked for a motion to approve the seven (7) Omnibus items as presented.

Alderman Buschmann made a motion to approve the seven (7) Omnibus items as presented, seconded by Alderman Beidler. The following voted "Aye": Alderman Beidler, Morris, Notz, Rummel, Preschlack, Goshgarian, Moreno and Buschmann. 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

1. Consideration of a Recommendation from the Plan Commission in Support of Adoption of an Update to the Comprehensive Plan as it Relates to the Route 60 Entrance Corridor and Surrounding Area. (First reading of an Ordinance)

Catherine Czerniak, Director of Community Development, reported on the second phase of the comprehensive plan update as recommended by the Plan Commission on February 12, 2020. Ms. Czerniak discussed that the update process for this chapter has included focus groups, discussions with property owners and working groups as well as individual interviews. Concerns heard from multiple stakeholders echoed the importance of Conway Park and the interest from a variety of restaurants and businesses to possibly begin construction there by identifying opportunity areas. Ms. Czerniak stated that the plan is a vision of what is expected to be seen in the City in next 20 years.

The City Council had discussion on the Sustainability Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan and how it related to this Chapter. The City Council had discussion on storm water management and wetlands. When asked if this chapter could be paired with the Sustainability Chapter. Ms. Czerniak recommended that Chapter be reviewed separately and brought to City Council at the appropriate time.

Other questions related to traffic and multi-level parking were raised by Council. Ms. Czerniak reported that currently two office buildings have deck parking, and these businesses received approval to build identical buildings to the north and south, giving them the option for more deck parking to preserve space.

Mayor Pandaleon reported that Alderman Buschmann had submitted minor language changes and reiterated that the purpose of the discussion was for the Council to see ideas that may not have been visible by the working groups, and that while the Council is not required to accept this update with no changes, the Council can offer suggesting specific adjustments be made for the second reading to reflect discussion and debate by the Council.

Mayor Pandaleon asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to comment. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to grant first reading

COUNCIL ACTION: Grant first reading of an Ordinance updating the City's Comprehensive Plan as it relates to the Route 60 Entrance Corridor and surrounding area.

Alderman Preschlack made a motion to Grant first reading of a Recommendation from the Plan Commission in Support of Adoption of an Update to the Comprehensive Plan as it Relates to the Route 60 Entrance Corridor and Surrounding Area, seconded by Alderman Buschmann The following voted "Aye": Alderman Beidler, Morris, Rummel, Notz, Preschlack, Goshgarian, and Buschmann. The following voted "Nay": None. 8-Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION/COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Pandaleon asked for a motion. Alderman Beidler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Preschlack. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote at 8:38 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.