

City Administrator Report

City of Lake Forest Park

Date: November 18, 2021

TO: Honorable Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers

FR: Phillip Hill, City Administrator

CC: Honorable Mayor Jeff Johnson
Leadership Team

The City Administrator Report is meant to provide the council, staff and community an update on the activities of the City and on issues that concern the City. This memo will be provided in each Council packet and is divided into key sections.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information about any of the following items and please feel free to contact any of the department heads for additional information.

I. Intergovernmental and local issues update

Police Department

Officers were dispatched to a welfare check on a subject slumped over the wheel of his vehicle at the mall. When officers made contact, they observed evidence of DUI. They attempted to contact the subject who woke up drove backwards striking a patrol vehicle, forward onto the walkway, then backwards striking two additional vehicles. The driver fled and ultimately crashed into the creek off Perkins. The driver was arrested and processed for DUI and multiple warrants.



Officer attempted to contact suspicious subject inside vehicle near Deja Vu, subject fled southbound in the northbound lanes of SR522. Officer unable to pursue, vehicle last seen headed into Seattle.

II. Internal City Information

- Due to retirements and resignations, the Administration is currently working on filling the following positions:
 - City Clerk
 - Records Management Specialist
 - Municipal Court Judge
 - Public Works Maintenance Worker
 - Lateral Police Officer
 - IT Manager
- The Administration is continuing negotiations with the Police Guild and is scheduled to begin negotiations with the Teamsters (Public Works) the second week of December.
- The Administration will be closing on the Lake Front Property on November 30, 2021 to complete the purchase from Forterra NW at the Forterra purchase price as agreed to in the recently approved Purchase and Sale Agreement.

III. Council Information

IV. Response to Citizen and Council Comments

Contract Reporting

Legislative Update

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021

With passage of the Transportation Bill, the White House is estimating the following amounts for Washington State over the next five years.

\$4.7 billion for highways

\$1.79 billion to improve public transportation options

\$882 million to improve water infrastructure and ensure clean, safe drinking water

\$605 million for bridge replacement and repairs

\$385 million for airport infrastructure

At least \$100 million to help provide broadband coverage across the state to at least 241,000 Washingtonians

\$71 million to support the expansion of an electrical vehicle (EV) charging network

\$39 million to protect against wildfires

\$18 million to protect against cyberattacks

Beyond the program allocations listed above, there is a huge win for us on culverts. Included in the bill is \$4 billion over five years for a new grant program for culvert replacement and habitat connectivity. The data being used by our delegation indicates that they expect more than 400 fish barrier culverts in Washington State will be able to be “fixed” with this funding. The funding amount is national – not specific to Washington State. The specific program allocation and grant criteria are not yet known but we are extremely optimistic about this opportunity and intend to be heavily involved in the development of the new program.

As for the medium sized city language, we made some progress but there’s a lot of work to do still. Two of the new transportation grant programs have a set aside for cities between 10,000 and 75,000 in population size. It’s a third of the funding for the Active Transportation Grant program and a 10% set aside for the Community Climate Fun program. This is the first time that a medium sized city set aside has ever been formalized and it gives us a foundation to build upon for other programs – most critically the RAISE program (formerly TIGER and BUILD) which saw its funding increase to \$7.5 billion and is the primary source of federal transportation grants. Using the set aside effectively next year and then continuing to expand it to other transportation and infrastructure grant programs (like RAISE) that don’t yet have it will be part of our strategy.

Community Events

Upcoming City Sponsored Events

Meetings

[CANCELED - City Council Budget & Finance Committee Meeting \(virtual meeting\)](#)

November 18, 2021, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

[City Council Special Meeting \(virtual meeting\)](#)

November 18, 2021, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

This meeting will be held virtually. Please review information provided on the agenda, once it is available, for details on how to participate in the meeting.

[City Council Special Meeting \(virtual meeting\)](#)

November 22, 2021, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

This meeting will be held virtually. Please review information provided on the agenda, once it is available, for details on how to participate in the meeting.

[CANCELED - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting \(virtual meeting\)](#)

November 24, 2021, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

[City Hall Closed \(Thanksgiving Day Holiday\)](#)

November 25, 2021

[City Hall Closed \(Native American Heritage Day Holiday\)](#)

November 26, 2021