

CITY OF LYNNWOOD
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2021

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3 10. CALL TO ORDER - The March 22, 2021 Business Meeting of the Lynnwood City Council,
4 held via Zoom, was called to order by Mayor Smith at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

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6 20. ROLL CALL

Mayor & Council:

Mayor Nicola Smith
Council President George Hurst
Council Vice President Jim Smith
Councilmember Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
Councilmember Ian Cotton
Councilmember Christine Frizzell
Councilmember Ruth Ross
Councilmember Shannon Sessions

Asst. City Administrator Art Ceniza
Interim City Clerk Karen Fitzthum
City Attorney Rosemary Larson
Executive Assistant Lisa Harrison

Others Attending:

Acting Finance Director Corbitt Loch
Communications Manager Julie Moore
Parks & Recreation Director Lynn Sordel
Deputy P&R Director Sarah Olson
Project Manager Monica Thompson
Police Chief Jim Nelson
Deputy Police Chief Chuck Steichen
Building Official Robert Mathias
Connie Galer
Scott Dilworth

Guests:

Katie Curtis, Snohomish Co Public Health Dist.
Christine Thomas, Human Service Comm.
Candidate

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9 30. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1:00)

10 *Motion made by Council Member Altamirano-Crosby, seconded by Council Member*
11 *Frizzell, to approve the minutes of:*

12 *A. February 25, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes*

13 *B. March 01, 2021 Work Session Minutes*

14 *C. March 08, 2021 Business Meeting Minutes*

15 *The above minutes were approved unanimously as written.*

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17 40. MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR (2:00)

18 Mayor Smith stated that March 22 is the 7th anniversary of the Oso landslides and asked
19 residents to reflect on that disaster and the many first responders who risked their lives on
20 that day. She also mentioned that the Unite against Hate rally in Edmonds was well
21 attended, reinforcing that our community is open to all, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual
22 preference or age.

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24 50. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS (5:27)

25 The following individuals made comments via Zoom:

- 26 • Alison Sing,
- 27 • Jennifer McLaughlin, 98037
- 28 • Elizabeth Lunsford, Lynnwood 98037

- 29 • Naz Lashgari, 98037
30 • Teo P., 98036

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32 60. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS (0:22:00)

33 Council President Hurst read the proclamation for National Volunteer Month.

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35 70. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

36 Mayor Smith read comments from 5 citizens who submitted on the city web site:

- 37 • Alison Sing, 98037
38 • Patricia Shields, 98026
39 • Brandon Duncan, 98037
40 • Lisa Utter, 98036
41 • Heather Dexter, 98036

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43 80. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (0:31:00)

44 Each council member had the opportunity to make comments about happenings around the
45 city. Council member Cotton announced that he would be moving and leaving the council
46 with April 13 as his last day.

47 90. BUSINESS ITEMS AND OTHER MATTERS

48 90.1 UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA (50:00:00)

49 *Items listed below were distributed to council members in advance for study and were*
50 *enacted with one motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

51 *Council President Hurst moved for unanimous consent of the following items:*

52 A. *Appoint Christine Thomas for position #4 of the Human Services Commission for a*
53 *term expiring December 31, 2023.*

54 B. *Authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute on behalf of the City, a contract with*
55 *Central Paving, LLC for the 2021 Pavement Preservation and Rehabilitation*
56 *Project, not to exceed a total contract value of \$2,135,102.*

57 C. *Voucher Approval*

58 1. *Approve claims in the amount of \$1,777,666.83 for the period 2/27/16/2021 -*
59 *3/12/2021.*

60 2. *Approve payroll in the amount of \$1,120,219.92 dated 3/12/2021.*

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62 90.2 PUBLIC HEARINGS OR MEETINGS

63 None

64 90.3 OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

65 A. **Ordinance: Community Justice Center Bonds**

66 *A motion was made by Council Member Shannon Sessions, seconded by Council*
67 *Member Ian Cotton, to adopt ordinance #3387, AN ORDINANCE of the City of*
68 *Lynnwood, Washington, relating to contracting indebtedness; providing for the*
69 *issuance, sale and delivery of not to exceed \$62,000,000 aggregate principal*
70 *amount of limited tax general obligation bonds in one or more series to provide*
71 *funds to finance the City's community justice center project and other capital*
72 *improvements, and to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds; fixing or setting*
73 *parameters with respect to certain terms and covenants of the bonds; appointing*

74 *the City's designated representative to approve the final terms of the sale of the*
75 *bonds; and providing for other related matters.*

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77 *A roll call vote was taken. Ordinance adopted unanimously.*

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79 Break (1:16:00)

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81 B. Presentation: Snohomish County Health District (1:22:00)

82 Katie Curtis of the Snohomish County Health District shared an update on what the
83 health district has been doing for COVID as well as other health issues. Council
84 Members gave comments and asked questions after the presentation.

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86 100. NEW BUSINESS (1:44:00)

87 Council Vice President Smith asked that the meeting move on to new business prior to
88 the Boards and Commissions discussion. Permission was granted.

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90 Council Vice President then made a motion, seconded by Council Member
91 Altamirano- Crosby, to eliminate the current per employee "Head tax" charged
92 businesses by the city of Lynnwood. Smith then moved to make an amendment which
93 would postpone the conversation and vote until a later date.

94 *A roll call vote was taken on the amendment, with the motion failing 6 nays to 1 aye*
95 *(Jim Smith).*

96 *A roll call was then taken on the main motion to eliminate the per employee fee, with*
97 *the motion failing 6 nays to 1 aye (Jim Smith).*

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99 Council Vice President Smith mentioned that he would like to discuss utility taxes in
100 the near future as well.

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102 Council President Hurst asked the council if they would consider making a
103 recommendation about the Edmonds School tax levy ballot issue. He explained that
104 the School District is not permitted to speak to the ballot issue in public comments
105 unless the council is considering a recommendation. Council members indicated that
106 they were not interested in this option.

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108 90.3 OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS (cont'd)

109 C. **Boards and Commissions Discussion** (2:18:16)

110 Council President Hurst led a discussion about various aspects of boards and
111 commissions responsibilities. The council discussed various issues surrounding
112 these groups, agreeing that boards and commissions should be reviewed every 4
113 years, which has not been done consistently. In terms of the staff liaison role, the
114 council agreed that they should be updated more often, with these groups bringing
115 issues and recommendations back to council.

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117 All agreed that all regular meeting should be recorded. A question was raised
118 regarding OPMA and whether or not all boards & commissions are required to
119 follow this policy.

122 Council agreed to continue the conversation at a future meeting.

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124 110. ADJOURNMENT

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126 The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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Nicola Smith, Mayor