

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

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

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

30. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1:00)

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

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

*B. March 01, 2021 Work Session Minutes*

*C. March 08, 2021 Business Meeting Minutes*

*The above minutes were approved unanimously as written.*

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

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

50. CITIZENS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS (5:27)

The following individuals made comments via Zoom:

- Alison Sing,
- Jennifer McLaughlin, 98037
- 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.

Council agreed to continue the conversation at a future meeting.

110. ADJOURNMENT

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

*Nicola Smith*

Nicola Smith (Apr 27, 2021 15:16 PDT)

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Nicola Smith, Mayor