

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 AT 7:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM**

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Attendance:

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

Assistant City Administrator Art Ceniza
Interim City Clerk Karen Fitzthum

Others:

Finance Director Sonja Springer
IT Support Specialist Demetrius Lee
Court Administrator Paulette Revoir
HR Director Evan Chinn
South County Interim Fire Chief Thad Hovis
Deputy Chief Shawn Maxwell

Mayor Smith discussed the citywide curfew that was put in place tonight as part of her Civil Emergency Order related to civil unrest.

Comments and Questions on Memo Items

Memorandums for Future Agenda Items:

- M-1 Ordinance: Interim Floodplain Development Regulations

Memorandums for Your Information:

- FYI-1 South Lynnwood Neighborhood Plan Update
- FYI-2 Housing Action Plan Update
- FYI-3 Ordinance 3358 - Executive Veto and Written Objections

- Mayor Smith commented on her Executive Veto Ordinance. Councilmembers made general comments.

COVID-19 Update

- Mayor Smith read a report on Covid-19 statistics and updates from Julie Moore into the record.
- Questions and answers followed.

Briefing: Impacts of COVID-19 on South County Fire Department Operations

- Interim Fire Chief Thad Hovis and Deputy Chief Shawn Maxwell gave an update on the impacts of Covid-19 on Fire Department operations and how the Fire Department has managed this enormous challenge. They spoke to the importance of good leadership, preparation, high standards and teamwork in their department and with other departments.
- Councilmembers expressed gratitude to the members of the Fire Department for their service.
- Councilmember Hurst asked about call volumes. Interim Chief Hovis explained that there was approximately a 20-30% decrease in call volumes during the stay at home order, but it spiked again once people started going out again.
- Vice President Sessions requested hearing from the fire commissioners on a regular basis. Interim Chief Hovis indicated he would pass on that request.

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Briefing: Impacts of COVID-19 on Municipal Court Operations

- Court Administrator Paulette Revoir gave an update on how Covid-19 has affected the City’s Municipal Court operations. The court has been closed to the public since March 17, and they have had to adapt to new ways to still provide court services. The court has been “virtual” since that time thanks to a paperless technology upgrade that was in place prior to Covid-19. She discussed how the court has been handling hearings, trials, staffing, collection of fines and fees, and managing the jail population numbers. She also discussed changes the court is doing to accommodate a safe re-opening with the unique challenges they face. She expressed appreciation to city leadership for guidance and support. Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the report and for court operations.

Mayor Comments and Questions

- Mayor Smith gave an update and clarification regarding the curfew and closure around the mall area.

Council President and Council Comments

- Councilmember Smith requested better communication between Council leadership and the Council. He also expressed disappointment and disagreement with the veto memo.
- Councilmember Altamirano-Crosby requested clarification about the curfew requirements. Mayor Smith indicated she would forward the memo to Councilmember Altamirano-Crosby.
- Councilmember Hurst noted that Council is supposed to approve the Civil Emergency Order; he asked when that would happen. There was discussion about options available to the Council regarding this. There was consensus to hold the vote at the next Business Meeting. Councilmember Hurst asked for a description of the process undertaken to declare the curfew. Mayor Smith reviewed the events and the process for making the decision.
- Council Vice President Sessions expressed sentiments regarding recent events. She also expressed appreciation to Lynnwood High School for going above and beyond to make the virtual graduation ceremony special for 2020 graduates and their families.


Mayor Smith announced that Council would be moving into an Executive Session for at least 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing labor relations and would be adjourning the meeting immediately following Executive Session.

Executive Session: Labor Relations

- Executive Session was held from 8:26 to 8:57 for the purpose of discussing labor relations.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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 Nicola Smith, Mayor