

1 **MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL**
2 **HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 AT 6:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM**
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A. Roll Call:

Mayor & Council:

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

Others Attending:

Corbitt Loch, Interim Finance Director
David Kleitsch, DBS Director
Kristen Holdsworth, Senior Planner
Ashley Winchell, Planning Manager
Fred Wong, Community Programs Coordinator
Julie Moore, Communications Manager

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

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6 **B. Comments and Questions on Memo Items**

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8 **C. Interview: Planning Commission Candidate Ann Guan (2:00)**

9 Planning Manager Ashley Winchell introduced Ms. Guan, who discussed her background and
10 qualifications for the planning commission. Each council member had a chance to ask her
11 questions and thank her for her interest.

12 **D. Interview: History & Heritage Board Candidate Kevin Brewer (17:00)**

13 Program coordinator Fred Wong introduced Mr. Brewer. Each council member asked him
14 questions and expressed their gratitude for willingness to serve.

15 **E. Interview: Planning Commission Candidate Bob Larsen (35:00)**

16 Planning Manager Ashley Winchell introduced Mr. Larsen, who had previously been with the
17 planning commission and is interested in serving again. Each council member asked questions
18 or made comments regarding his candidacy.

19 **F. Housing Action Plan Update (52:00)**

20 Senior Planner Kristen Holdsworth presented a summary of the Housing Action Plan, including
21 priorities and next steps. Included in the information they gathered were responses from 700
22 citizens regarding housing needs and opportunities. This will be reviewed with the planning
23 commission and the final review will be presented to the council, shared with the public. In
24 order to be reimbursed for the grant money, action is expected by June. Council members were
25 given a chance for questions and comments.

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27 **G. Break (2:22:00)**

28 **H. Discussion: Process to Amend the Strategic Plan, 2018-2022 (2:30:00)**

29 Interim Finance Director Corbitt Loch explained that the current strategic plan goes through
30 2022 and needs to be updated to include recent changes in the city. This will be internally
31 conducted as there is now budget for the project. In addition to administrative staff, 2-3 council
32 members will be included in the work. Discussion was had regarding when would be the best

33 time to work through this, including the possibility of delaying until the fall. Councilmembers
34 should let President Hurst know if they are interested in being on this committee.

35 *A motion was made by Council President Hurst, seconded by councilmember Cotton, to extend*
36 *timing until they get to the end of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.*

37 **I. 2021 Legislative Priorities Discussion (2:58:00)**

38 Communications Director Moore shared legislative priorities that the City of Lynnwood plans to
39 share with legislators during the upcoming City Action Days conference held by the Association
40 of Washington Cities on February 10-11, 2021. Councilmembers asked questions, made
41 comments regarding the priorities. Julie will be setting up meetings with legislatures and will
42 send zoom links for each meeting to the council.

43 **J. Mayor Comments and Questions (3:21:00)**

44 Mayor Smith announced that staff's focus will be on communication about the vaccine
45 availability and logistics. The telecommuting from home has been extended to July. She also
46 reminded the council and public that she will be giving the State of the City address on January
47 27th at 9 a.m.

48 **K. Council President and Council Comments (3:36:00)**

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- Council President Hurst reminded the council of the need for questions for their interviews
50 the following night.
 - Councilmember Sessions asked about what has been done to address the complaint
51 received from residents who live near the intersection at 188th S. SW & 52nd Ave. W. Council
52 President Hurst responded that Council Leadership has met with the traffic department and
53 they are prioritizing this intersection for a new traffic signal which will be much safer by end
54 of March.
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56 **Executive Session**

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- None
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59 The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.
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61 *Nicola Smith*

62 [Nicola Smith \(Feb 23, 2021 22:11 PST\)](#)

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64 Nicola Smith, Mayor