

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 6:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM**

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

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

Others Attending:

David Kleitsch, DBS Director
Evan Chinn, Human Resources Director
Will Cena, IT Director
Lynn Sordel, Parks & Recreation Director
Sarah Olson, Deputy Parks & Rec. Director
Corbitt Loch, Acting Finance Director
Julie Moore, Communications Manager
Janella Lewis, Budget Supervisor
David Mach, Engineering Manager
Maryanne Grafton, Senior Services
Monica Thompson, Project Manager
Cameron Coronado, Environmental Program

Guests:

BDS, Brian Scott
BDS, Ishmael Nunez
Naz Lashgari
Jared Bigelow

B. Comments and Questions on Memo Items (2:00)

Engineering Manager David Mach answered questions about the 196th Street utility agreements posed by council.

C. Race and Social Justice Coordinator Position (8:00)

Human Resources Director Evan Chinn led a presentation designed to summarize the need for and benefits of the proposed position. Several employees involved with diversity and equity organizations provided background, history and recommendations. Mayor Smith added that the City of Lynnwood is working with surrounding communities and we are seen as a model, do not want to lose momentum. Council members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

D. Introduction to Community Equity Survey (1:48:00)

Director Chinn introduced partners from BDS who are working on the survey. Their plan is to provide survey development and execution, analysis, conduct focus groups and present a final report. They will over sample to have enough respondents from hard to reach communities/segments within Lynnwood. Council members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

E. Meeting Break (2:23:00)

F. Briefing: Scriber Creek Trail Improvements Project (2:27:00)

Parks Deputy Director Sarah Olson along with David Mach of Engineering and Monica Thompson presented the plan for the next phase of development (Phase 2 of 3) which is funded by grants for Parks as well as transportation, funding \$8.5M of the total cost of \$12M. The trail will link to the Inter-urban trail as well as the transit center, providing multi-modal transportation, view points, boardwalks and bridges.

29 *A Motion was made by Council President Hurst to extend the meeting to the end of the agenda,*
30 *seconded and passed unanimously. (2:56:00).*

31 **G. Mayor Comments and Questions (3:00:00)**

32 Mayor Smith announced that the county is working through vaccination availability and supply
33 has been slower than anticipated. It is recommended that you start with your primary care
34 physician if possible. Those who are looking for information should go to
35 www.snohd.org/covidvaccine or call 425-339-5278 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to find out
36 where and when they will qualify to make an appointment for the vaccine.

37 Thursday kicks off the Police Community academy. There will be about 40 people participating.

38 **H. Council President and Council Comments (3:01:00)**

- 39 • Council President Hurst reminded council about the summit on 1/20 from 8:30 a.m. until
40 2:00 p.m. with a break for lunch.
- 41 • Hurst also commented that it was a great discussion on the social justice coordinator and
42 said that he believes it would be appropriate to honor the motion made to delay in
43 November. He will bring forward a motion next week to make sure everyone is on board. He
44 stated that the council should make a motion as to whether or not to move forward with the
45 hiring of this position.

46 **Executive Session**

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49 The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.
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52 *Nicola Smith*

53 [Nicola Smith \(Mar 9, 2021 19:06 PST\)](#)

54 Nicola Smith, Mayor