

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2020 AT 6:00 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
Executive Assistant Leah Jensen
Executive Assistant Lisa Harrison

Others:

Finance Director Sonja Springer
Budget Supervisor Janella Lewis
Strategic Planner Corbitt Loch
Public Works Director, Bill Franz
Parks & Recreation Director Lynn Sordel
Police Chief Jim Nelson
Deputy Police Chief Chuck Steichen
Development & Business Services Director David Kleitsch
Robert Mathias, DBS

Guests:

Josh Estes, Pacific Northwest Regional Strategies
Sean O'Sullivan, Pacific Northwest Regional Strategies
Chris Collier, AHA

Comments and Questions on Memo Items

None

Briefing - House Bill 1590

- Council President Frizzell shared that House Bill 1590 was passed, allowing the 0.1% local sales and use tax for Affordable Housing to be imposed by a Councilmanic Authority. She introduced Chris Collier, Alliance for Housing Affordability (AHA) Program Manager, who shared more detail on the bill and the city's options.
- The council decided they would like to talk with representative Lauren Davis to understand her perspective as she was one of the original makers of the bill.

Discussion – Preliminary Budget for 2021-2022 and 2021 Property Tax Levy (1:05:00)

- **EDIF:** Strategic planner Loch reviewed options for the council to consider as plans to replenish the Revenue Stabilization fund and whether to use the Economic Development Infrastructure Fund (EDIF). Council members asked questions and made comments. It was decided to ask the finance committee for their recommendation after reviewing all options more closely. Director Kleitsch will send the resolution that created the EDIF Fund.
- **Biennium Budget:** Council members continued discussion about the proposed budget and Tax Levy with Finance Director Sonja Springer. Council members asked questions and made comments.

Discussion – Should Marijuana Retail Stores be Allowed in the City of Lynnwood? (1:47:00)

- Council member Hurst introduced Josh Estes from Pacific Northwest Regional Strategies who presented the benefits of having marijuana retail stores in the community. Council members gave

48 comments on the presentation and decided to have further discussion about this subject after learning
49 more from the Health District and Police.

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51 *Motion made by Council President Frizzell and seconded by Council Member Cotton, to extend the*
52 *meeting to 9:15 pm. Motion passed unanimously. (2:58:00)*
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54 **Mayor Comments and Questions (3:00:00)**

- 55 • Mayor Smith announced that Congressman Larson’s office was excited about the ungrounding of
- 56 Boeing’s 787.
- 57 • She also mentioned that per a recent mayor’s meeting the Snohomish County cities will have a black
- 58 Friday for small businesses.
- 59 • The county has announced that they will be extending telecommuting through July.

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61 **Council President and Council Comments and Questions**

- 62 • Council members discussed various happenings in the city.

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64 **Adjourn (3:07:00)**

- 65 • Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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69 *Nicola Smith*

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Nicola Smith, Mayor