

1 **MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL**
2 **HELD MONDAY, APRIL 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 Christine Frizzell
Councilmember Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
Councilmember Shannon Sessions

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

Others Attending:

Finance Director Michelle Meyer
Strategic Planner Corbitt Loch
Public Works Supervisor Kris Olson
Public Works Director Bill Franz
Deputy PW Director Les Rubstello
Operations & Maintenance Manager Jared Bond
Planning Manager Ashley Winchell
Senior Planner Kristen Holdsworth
Deputy P&R Director Sarah Olson
Building Official - Robert Mathias

Guests:

Alex Mehn, Community Transit
Jennifer Hass, Community Transit

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6 **B. Briefing: Community Transit Alternative Transportation Service Pilot (00:5:00)**

7 Deputy P&R Director Sarah Olson introduced Alex and Jennifer of Community Transit. They
8 presented various programs they are exploring to help overcome the barrier of access to public
9 transit. The pilot will take place in Lynnwood, in the 188th Street area providing access to
10 Edmonds College and the mall. Council members asked questions. Council Member Altamirano-
11 Crosby requested a copy of the focus group study and stressed that it will be very important to
12 inform community members in their native language (Spanish, Korean, etc.).

13 **C. Briefing: Housing Action Plan Adoption (01:00:00)**

14 Planning Manager Ashley Winchell and Senior Planner Kristen Holdsworth gave a final briefing
15 of the plan in preparation of the hearing on May 10th. The draft will be released on April 21.
16 Four council members would like to have copies printed and available at the office by Friday
17 morning.
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19 **D. Break (1:15:00)**
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21 **E. Briefing: Lynnwood Utilities Update (1:28:00)**

22 Public works director Bill Franz and team reviewed the status of water, sewer, and stormwater
23 facilities in Lynnwood. They discussed capital projects, Utility finances, planning and rates. Their
24 goal is to plan for the next 20 years. The current crew is struggling to keep up with aging
25 facilities. Public works will be doing a study with a consultant to optimize utility rates and
26 staffing needs. Council members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make
27 comments.
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29 **F. Briefing: Overview of Scoring Process for Vacancy**

30 Council President Hurst discussed the schedule for the vacancy process to fill position #2,
31 previously held by Ian Cotton. Council members will receive all eligible applications on
32 Saturday, April 24th. They will review all applications and give a score to the answers to the

33 two questions on the application, due to Interim Clerk Fitzthum by May 2. The council
34 discussed using set questions versus tailoring questions for each applicant. Council Vice
35 President Smith suggested that if a council member wants to ask the same thing in each
36 interview, they should send Lisa their question who will distribute it to the council.
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38 **G. Mayor Comments and Questions (2:26:00)**

39 Mayor Smith announced that it is more important than ever to remain diligent about Covid-19,
40 remaining masked and maintaining social distancing. Washington and Snohomish County are
41 going in the wrong direction with growing numbers of cases in the past couple of weeks. She
42 stated that we may face a roll-back in phases if this does not slow down.

43 **H. Council Comments**

44 Council President Hurst asked if the city should review the need for increased pay for grocery
45 workers, as passed by Edmonds recently.

46 Council Vice President Smith asked the attorney to research the drug possession law. This
47 request was supported by Council President Hurst and Council Member Sessions.

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49 The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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51 *Nicola Smith*
52 [NicolaSmith \(May 26, 2021 11:28 PDT\)](#)

53 Nicola Smith, Mayor