

1 **MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL**
2 **HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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:

David Kleitsch, DBS Director
Evan Chinn, Human Resources Director
Karl Almgren, City Center Program Manager
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: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission Candidate Jennifer**
9 **McLaughlin (2:00)**

10 Human Resources Director Evan Chinn introduced Ms. McLaughlin who discussed her
11 background and qualifications for the DEI commission. Each council member had a chance to
12 ask her questions and thank her for her interest.

13 **D. Briefing: City Center Update and Development Standards (29:00)**

14 Director Kleitsch and City Center Program Manager Almgren provided an overview of what is
15 happening with the City Center. There have been a lot of developments, driven by the coming
16 of the light rail and the need for affordable housing. Some of the elements taken into
17 consideration include amount of housing, parking needed, retail space needed, mitigation of
18 environmental impact, and traffic flow changes. Each council member was given the
19 opportunity to comment and ask questions. Director Kleitsch will come to council meetings with
20 updates throughout the year.

21 **E. Legislative Priorities- Specific Bills to Review (1:25:00)**

22 Council President Hurst and Communications Manager Moore led a discussion reviewing
23 legislative priorities of Lynnwood and bills being considered related to the priorities. Moore will
24 send council a list of scheduled meetings with legislators during the AWC City Action Days on
25 February 10-11.

26 **F. Council Summit Agenda and Format (2:00:00)**

27 Council Vice President Smith reviewed the proposed schedule for the February 20th Council
28 Summit. He mentioned that all items on the agenda were submitted by council members earlier
29 in the year and that the summit will be for discussion only, no actions will be taken. Each
30 council member had the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

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33 **G. Mayor Comments and Questions (2:11:00)**

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

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39 **H. Council President and Council Comments (2:15:00)**

- 40 • The council addressed the comment that it might be possible for them to begin holding in-
41 person meetings in the council chambers later in the year. Several council members
42 expressed hesitation towards doing this too soon, as the council needs to set a good
43 example. Right now city employees are expected to work from home if they can through the
44 end of July.
- 45 • Councilmember Altamirano-Crosby announced that there continues to be Covid testing at
46 the Lynnwood Food Bank Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as Saturdays.
47 Appointments can be made on their website.

48 **Executive Session**

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51 The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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54 *Nicola Smith*

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

56 Nicola Smith, Mayor