

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL
HELD JULY 15, 2020 AT 6:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM**

Attendance:

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

Others:

Planning Manager Ashley Winchell
Dir. Ec. Devt/Interim CD David Kleitsch
Strategic Planner Loch
Parks & Recreation Director Sordel
Associate Planner Kirk Rappe
Human Resources Director Evan Chinn

Assistant City Administrator Art Ceniza
Exec. Asst. to Mayor Leah Jensen
Deputy City Clerk Debbie Karber

Alderwood Mall Update

- Jerry Irwin discussed Alderwood Mall successes in 2019 and tenant updates in 2020. He shared the Alderwood redevelopment new entrance conceptual rendering and residential development opening plans. He reported that 86% of mall retailers are back open, and they anticipate being fully reopened within the next 30 days. He reviewed ways the mall is complying with COVID regulations.
- Questions and answers followed.

South Lynnwood Neighborhood Plan Updates

- Planning Manager Ashley Winchell gave an update on the South Lynnwood Neighborhood Plan. The presentation covered the location of South Lynnwood and gave an overview of the South Lynnwood project. The project is in Phase 2 with goals of establishing a vision; identifying projects and policies to stabilize housing; providing opportunities for various land uses; improving access to transit and non-motorized transportation; and serving as a model for other improvements throughout the City of Lynnwood. The Co-Design Committee has been an integral part of the process and has transitioned to meeting virtually. The group is made up of city staff, partners, residents, and business owners. Phase 2 major themes were developed and include residents, businesses and community partners working together to create a vibrant community which celebrates diversity; stable households, families, community partners and businesses; safe walking networks, parks, open spaces, and gathering places; and economic development through employment opportunities and access to social services. For each theme Planning Manager Winchell discussed current conditions, findings, and goals. Next steps include drafting recommendations, additional meeting(s) of the Co-Design Committee, a public open house, and final recommendations.
- General questions and comments followed.
- Councilmember Smith asked for more information about impacts on the entertainment business overlay in this area.
- Councilmember Altamirano-Crosby asked staff to provide the number of people interviewed, how many focus groups were conducted, how many businesses participated in the survey and the list of businesses that participated. Planning Manager Winchell reviewed how the outreach process had been done and indicated she would provide more information.

- 48 • Councilmember Hurst asked staff to follow up with information about tagging concerns in the area.
- 49 • Council President Frizzell asked for a comparison of South Lynnwood to Lynnwood as a whole with
- 50 regard to being cost-burdened. Planning Manager Winchell indicated she would follow up with that
- 51 information. Council President Frizzell suggested also showing comparisons on other slides with
- 52 Lynnwood as a whole. Council President Frizzell suggested sending a mailing of some sort
- 53 explaining what hub zones are and the advantages to employers to participate in them.

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55 **Interim Land Use Approval Extensions due to Covid-19 Impacts**

- 56 • Associate Planner Kirk Rappe reviewed COVID-19 impacts to development projects. Construction
- 57 across the state was halted due to COVID-19 during March and April. In May and June prices for
- 58 construction materials have increased, and material shortages and hiring challenges are still
- 59 common. As a result, development projects will take longer, and staff is recommending an automatic
- 60 extension of time for land use applications. Staff is working on an ordinance modeled after
- 61 ordinances adopted by Snohomish County, Lake Stevens, and Bothell.
- 62 • Council comments, questions, and answers followed.

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64 **Mayor Comments and Questions**

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67 **Council President and Council Comments**

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70 **Executive Session**

- 71 • Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. Executive Session was held for 20 minutes to
- 72 discuss one personnel matter.

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- 75 • Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Nicola Smith, Mayor