



**CITY OF LYNNWOOD  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
June 7, 2021**

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1. Roll Call

Present:

Member Patrick Decker  
Member Christine Frizzell  
Member Shannon Sessions  
Mayor Nicola Smith  
President George Hurst  
Member Jim Smith  
Member Julieta Altamirano-Crosby

Absent:

Member Ruth Ross

A quorum was present.

2. Comments and Questions on Memo Items

None

3. Work Session Item

3.A Briefing: Comprehensive Plan - 2021 Proposed Amendment List (1 of 3)

Director David Kleitsch introduced Ashley Winchell, AICP, Community Planning Manager and Kristen Holdsworth, AICP, Senior Planner to review proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan. The council is being asked to decide which to be further evaluated out of three proposals. On June 28 there will be a public hearing. Council members asked questions and made comments.

3.B Briefing: Solid Waste Update

Public Works Director Franz provided an introduction regarding the solid waste in Lynnwood. Marcie MacQuarrie, Public Works Manager reviewed history and options for the future. She explained that the City of Lynnwood is currently with the Washington Utilities And Transportation Commission (WUTC), an agency

meant to help smaller cities and annexations manage waste hauler contracts and billing. To leave the WUTC the city is required to give 7 years notice before it can start with a new hauler.

- Leaving would allow the city to contract with a single hauler and have control over customer service issues, programs and discounts, rate structure and green initiatives. It would also allow the city to offer senior, disabled and/or low income discounts which are offered by surrounding communities. Currently Lynnwood has two providers and their services vary. Managing its' own contract would mean the city could have one supplier and more consistent service across the community. Several of the city's surrounding neighbors have left the WUTC to enter into their own contract with waste haulers.
- Leaving the WUTC would require a full time manager, however this salary is worked into the rates charged by the hauler, so it would not cost the City any additional money.

Council members asked questions and made comments. Three members of council agreed that they would like the public works team to continue the exploration into leaving the WUTC.

### 3.C Discussion: Administrative Leave for Management staff

Council President Hurst stated that he appreciated the mayor being transparent about awarding leave to senior staff. He expressed interest in learning what the council can do for some of the lower-paid staff that have been out in the field during the pandemic. According to his interpretation of the LMC, the city council is authorized to give employee recognition and awards.

Mayor Smith spoke to the reasons why she awarded senior staff administrative leave.

Council members gave comments and asked questions. Suggestions were made on how to move forward. Councilmembers Altamirano-Crosby and Sessions supported Hurst in asking the attorney to investigate options.

### 4. Mayor Comments and Questions

The Mayor asked council if they would like to adjourn after the executive session. Council agreed unanimously.

### 5. Council Comments

President Hurst addressed council member Frizzell's email request for action on several issues:

- Discussion of liaison reports is scheduled for the June 14th business meeting. Hurst requested that all council members submit a written report for that meeting and prepare to give a brief description at the meeting.
- Return to chambers for council meetings is currently planned for returning in July in some fashion. Per the mayor, it will be approved if the governor flips the switch to reopen.
- Reinstating the budget to include travel for council members would require a budget amendment which is typically done at year end.
- Hurst asked for an explanation from Frizzell regarding her statement about council member premiums and insurance for family members. Frizzell explained that she wanted all council members to be aware that some council members are compensated more than others by having free benefits for their family members. Last year she worked with Finance Director Springer who determined that it would save the city \$73k if council members paid for their family members.
- Council President Hurst announced that he plans to send to council and make a motion to forward to the planning commission to review zoning restrictions for Cannabis retail stores. He will bring it up on the 14th.
- Council Vice President stated concern that the city has money in the budget for an assistant fire marshal but there is nobody in the position.

## 6. Executive Session

### 6.A Executive Session - Real Estate discussion

Council held an executive session to discuss a potential Real Estate transaction at 8:05 pm.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 from executive session with no action taken.

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Nicola Smith, Mayor