



**CITY OF LYNNWOOD  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
August 2, 2021**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The special business meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

3. MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor addressed the audience, informing them that a breakthrough Covid Case was identified. An employee who tested positive for Covid and was fully vaccinated was present at the meeting on July 26th. The mayor also thanked everyone who has sent comments, and expressed condolences to the family of Tirhas Tesfatsion. She updated the audience on next steps on the case.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Hurst stated that he was sad to be hearing from so many citizens about the tragedy of Tirhas' death. He explained that due to interruptions of the sound during the prior meeting, the council decided to return to zoom only meetings. Hurst shared a detailed break down of the CJC funding as requested, and read a letter from the 32nd Legislative delegates offering their help and support in the development of the new Community Justice Center.

(Note: Letter from District 32nd Legislative District members and Breakdown of Operating expenses included in Appendix.)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Smith read the rules of engagement for public comments in a city council meeting. Citizen comments started at 6:17 and ended at 8:31 p.m. The following addressed city council:

- Liv Kerar 98087
- Liz Vogeli 98024
- Castille Hightower (no zip code provided)
- Riall Johnson
- Ashley Smith
- Demetria Hester
- Teo Pepesco 98036
- Sandy Trevino
- Be Abera 98036
- John Rodenburg 98037
- Karla Davis
- Chelsea Fernandez 98104
- Gabel
- Erica Montgomery
- Kisanet Mogos
- Johanna 98086
- Carolyn Judd-Hertzfeldt
- James Bible
- Jennifer McGlaughlin
- Ben Young
- Alicia 98105
- Suzet Tave 96270
- Eileen
- Daniella Acuna
- Meharis Emom
- Leanne Digruccio
- Riley Frasier 98012
- Ryoichi Sao
- Makda Gray
- Mintwab
- Amelie 98201
- Liz Burns
- Lauren Razon
- Kristi Lesken

## 6. BUSINESS ITEMS AND OTHER MATTERS

### 6.A Contract Award - Community Justice Center Construction

Moved by George Hurst; seconded by Jim Smith to award the Criminal Justice Construction contract.

Moved by George Hurst; seconded by Christine Frizzell to postpone approval of the contract for Criminal Justice Center until September 13, 2021.

Motion Passed: 4- 3

Voting For: George Hurst, Christine Frizzell, Ruth Ross, Shannon Sessions

Voting Against: Jim Smith, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Patrick Decker

Moved by Shannon Sessions; seconded by Ruth Ross to Approve Continue meeting until all agenda items are covered.

Motion Passed: 7- 0

Voting For: George Hurst, Jim Smith, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Patrick Decker, Christine Frizzell, Ruth Ross, Shannon Sessions

Voting Against: None

6.B Ordinance Adoption: Development and Access Enhancement Funding Agreement Amendment (Lynnwood Link Extension) (3 of 3).

Moved by George Hurst; seconded by Ruth Ross to Approve Approve Ordinance #3394, an and ordinance of the city of Lynnwood, Washington approving the first amendment to the development and access enhancements funding agreement between the City and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority regarding the Lynnwood Link Light Rail Extension project; providing for severability, publication and effective date.

Motion Passed: 7- 0

Voting For: George Hurst, Jim Smith, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Patrick Decker, Christine Frizzell, Ruth Ross, Shannon Sessions

Voting Against: None

6.C Ordinance: novo on 52nd Development Agreement (item 3 of 3)

Moved by Shannon Sessions; seconded by Christine Frizzell to Approve Approve Ordinance #3395, an ordinance of the City of Lynnwood, Washington approving the novo on 52nd Development agreement; providing for severability, an effective date and summary publication.

Motion Passed: 7- 0

Voting For: George Hurst, Jim Smith, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Patrick Decker, Christine Frizzell, Ruth Ross, Shannon Sessions

Voting Against: None

6.D Ordinance: Update of the Lynnwood Building and Fire Codes by Amending LMC Titles 9, 15, and 16

Moved by George Hurst; seconded by Ruth Ross to Approve Approve Ordinance #3396, an ordinance of the city of Lynnwood, Washington, relating to the International Building and Fire Codes as adopted by the city; amending title 9, Title 15, Chapter 16.04, Chapter 16.05, Chapter 16.09, Chapter 16.10, Chapter 16.24 and Chapter 16.44 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code; repealing chapter 16.16 of the Lynwood Municipals Code; providing for publication and an effective date.

Motion Passed: 7- 0

Voting For: George Hurst, Jim Smith, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Patrick Decker, Christine Frizzell, Ruth Ross, Shannon Sessions

Voting Against: None

Adjournment

The special business meeting ended at 9:50 p.m.

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## **APPENDIX**

### **Community Justice Center Operating Expenses Estimate**

Total Estimated Annual Contract Housing Budget Savings 1,500,000

Evidence Facility Lease Savings 164,000

Total Budget Re-Allocation 1,664,000

Fund 105 Dedicated Funding 500,000

Jail Contract Bed Revenue (25 beds/\$175 a day) 1,596,875

Total Revenue Generation and FUND 105 Dedicated Funds 2,096,875

Total of Re-allocated budget, FUND 105 Dedicated funds and Revenue 3,760,875 Increased Operating Costs (increase only not total) - 2022 Forecast Estimates

Food 92,000

Supplies 15,000

Increase Contract Medical Costs - Additional Hours 200,000

Staff (2 Custody Officers 1- Step 1 and Step 3 with benefits) 2022 estimate 209,636

Total Increase Operating Expenses Estimate 516,636

Total of Debt Repayment Sources less Increased Operating Costs \$3,244,239

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### **Letter from 32nd Legislative District**

August 2, 2021

Lynnwood City Council  
City Hall Council Chambers  
19100 44th Ave W  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Cc: Mayor Nicola Smith, Chief of Police James Nelson, City Clerk Karen Fitzthum

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

Thank you all for your tireless work on behalf of the residents of Lynnwood. We, your 32nd district legislative delegation, are writing to lend our support to the notion of dedicating a portion of the community justice center to be constructed as community behavioral health beds, rather than jail beds. The need for withdrawal management (detox) and crisis stabilization beds in south Snohomish County is extraordinary and has only increased as a result of the pandemic. Just this afternoon, a headline on KING 5 reads: "Snohomish County sets record for overdose deaths." We lost 232 sons, daughters, moms, dads, spouses and friends to preventable overdose last year. Just this past weekend alone, there were seven

overdose deaths in our county. The youngest victim was 17 years old. At present, Lynnwood residents must travel far from home to receive care for urgent behavioral health needs. Our community deserves these resources here at home should individuals and families need them. Investing in behavioral health improves both public health and public safety. Just as active addiction is correlated with crime, so too is recovery correlated with positive community engagement.

As your legislative delegation, we are committed to securing state capital budget dollars for building out this proposed behavioral health unit at the new facility. We are writing to ask for your partnership in this effort by voting tonight to give us the gift of time. We'd like you to please support a time-limited delay of the construction contract vote in order to allow for a small stakeholder group to meet over a six-week period to rethink the design of part of the community justice center and how it might be converted to behavioral health treatment beds. Thank you very much for your consideration,

Lauren Davis, Representative, 32nd Legislative District

Cindy Ryu, Representative, 32nd Legislative District

Jesse Salomon, Senator' 32nd Legislative District