



**CITY OF LYNNWOOD  
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
August 9, 2021**

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Present:

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Councilmember Decker

Amendments requested for July 22 minutes: add that Director Meyer was present; July 26th minutes: add motion was made for Attorney General's investigation into the Lynnwood jail death.

Moved by Patrick Decker; seconded by Shannon Sessions to Approve as Amended minutes as amended for the following meetings: July 21, 2021 Work Session; July 22, 2021 Finance Committee meeting, and July 26, 2021 Business Meeting.

Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

Voting Against: None

3.A Approve the minutes as written for the following meetings: July 21, 2021 Work Session; July 22, 2021 Finance Committee meeting, and July 26, 2021 Business Meeting.

4. MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Smith announced that a task force has been pulled together to make recommendations for the Community Justice Center to include council members and community members. It will be led by Police Chief Nelson and State Representative Davis with the first meeting on August 9th. She also welcomed the new Race and Social Justice Leader, Douglas Raiford, who is now on staff.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS - Councilmember Altamirano-Crosby

5.A Presentation: Introduction to Concepción Bello Nava, the Artistic Director of the Renowned Dance Troupe Compañía de Danza Folklórica Xochicalli.

- Council member Altamirano-Crosby announced that dance instructor Concepcion Bello Nava and others from the sister city of Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Mexico, are here to share traditional dance and dress from their culture with members of the Lynnwood Community. They will be teaching new dances and will hold a performance at the end of the week. They thanked the City of Lynnwood for embracing their culture and allowing them to promote it through traditional headresses and dances.

6. CONSENT AGENDA- Councilmember Frizzell

Items listed below were distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and were 23 enacted with one motion. Council Member Frizzell moved for unanimous consent of the following items:

1. Reappoint Board member Webster to the Lynnwood Public Facilities Board of Directors, Position #5.
2. Voucher Approval:
  - Approve claims in the amount of \$3,620,856.11 for the period 7/17/21 through 7/30/21.
  - Approve payroll in the amount of \$1,167,707.53 dated 7/30/21.
  - Candidates were invited to join the zoom meeting for approval of their appointments:
    - Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Rebecca Samy to Planning Commission,
    - Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Lu Jiang as a new DEI Commissioner

7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Smith read the names of those submitting comments to council. The following stated that they want the council to vote no for the new jail:

- Cathy
- Melissa Zimmerman
- Erica
- Susanna Lepo
- Christina Brennan
- Emily Testa
- Eileen Roney
- Jamal Marshall
- Alison
- Marie Prevo
- Gregory Mc Glaughlin

Other comments:

- Justine Lovett
- Rochell

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Public comments were made by the following citizens:

- Pam Hurst, 98037
- Shola Bolondero, 98201
- Ted Hike, 98036
- Derek Honasch, 98036
- Elizabeth Lunsford, 98037
- Betty
- Lynnwood Times reporter

## 9. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- Councilmember Altamirano-Crosby

Council members mentioned various happenings around Lynnwood:

- Council member Altamirano-Crosby invited the community to the dance performance by the sister city at the Cedar Valley Gym at 2-3 pm on August 15th.
- Council member Sessions discussed the return of the Heroes Cafe and urged citizens to attend.
- Council member Ross mentioned that the Human Services Commission would like to submit priorities for the use of the American Recue Act funds.
- Council member Decker stated that he is available and welcomes citizens to reach out and chat with him.
- Council President Hurst thanked those who have made efforts to help the people at Whispering Pines to find new housing.
- Council member Smith echoed that people from HASCO have had 2 years to help those and Whispering Pines and thanked those who stepped in.
- Council member Frizzell welcomed citizens to reach out with questions and concerns.

10. BUSINESS ITEMS AND OTHER MATTERS

Moved by Shannon Sessions; seconded by Christine Frizzell to Approve Extend meeting to end of agenda.

Motion Passed: 6 - 1

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

Voting Against: Jim Smith

10.A American Rescue Plan Act Funding Immediate Needs

Finance Director Meyer shared items that staff considers critical for use of American Rescue Plan funds in the category of "Immediate Needs". Council members made comments and asked questions.

Moved by Christine Frizzell; seconded by Ruth Ross to Authorize proceeding with implementation of the Police Body Camera project not to exceed \$350,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funding, authorizing the Mayor to sign any required agreements and include the expenditure authority in the Mid-biennium amendment.

Motion Passed: 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

Moved by Christine Frizzell; seconded by Jim Smith to Authorize beginning the process to create a new position for the Police Body Camera project not to exceed \$130,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funding and include the expenditure authority in the Mid-biennium amendment.

Motion Passed: 6- 1

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

Voting Against: Ruth Ross

Moved by Shannon Sessions; seconded by George Hurst to Authorize Council Chamber IT improvements not to exceed \$100,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funding and include the expenditure authority in the Mid-biennium amendment.

Council Member Smith proposed to amend the motion to postpone action until

the September 27 meeting in order to obtain more information from IT. After some discussion the amendment was changed to the September 13 meeting. With no objection, council members voted on the following motion:

*Postpone approval of IT request for \$100,000 to be funded by the Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funding until September 13th , with reporting from IT prior to the meeting*

Motion Passed: 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

Moved by Shannon Sessions; seconded by George Hurst to Authorize to restore the following positions in an amount not to exceed \$858,000 from American Rescue Plan Act funding and include the expenditure authority in the Mid-biennium amendment:

- 5.2 Full Time Equivalent positions in Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts
- 1 Full Time Police Evidence Officer position in Police
- 1 Full Time Legal Specialist I in Municipal Court
- 1 Full Time Custodian in Public Works

After discussion by various council members, Council President Hurst proposed an amendment to the motion stating that funding from 2021 would come from the American Rescue Plan Act Funding but funding for 2022 would come from the the mid-biennium amendment

Motion Failed: 3- 4

Voting For: George Hurst, Jim Smith, Christine Frizzell

Voting Against: Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Patrick Decker, Ruth Ross, Shannon Sessions.

Council member Alamirano-Crosby asked that a vote be taken to restore each position separately and with no objection council agreed to divide the question.

Moved by Jim Smith; seconded by George Hurst to Authorize to restore the following positions from American Rescue Plan Act funding for 2021 and include the expenditure authority in the Mid-biennium amendment:

*Fund 5.2 Full Time Equivalent positions in Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts .*

Motion Passed: 6- 1

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

Voting Against: Ruth Ross

*Fund 1 Police Evidence Officer*

Motion Passed: 6- 1

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

Voting Against: Ruth Ross

*Fund 1 Legal Specialist in Municipal Court .*

Motion Passed: 6- 1

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

Voting Against: Ruth Ross

*Fund 1 Full Time Custodian in Public Works .*

Motion Passed: 6- 1

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

Voting Against: Ruth Ross

11. NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.