



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

1. Roll Call

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

Also present were HR Director Evan Chinn, Police Chief Nelson, Finance Director Meyer, IT Director Will Cena and Parks & Recreation Director Lynn Sordel.

2. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON MEMO ITEMS

3. WORK SESSION ITEMS

3.A Introduce Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission candidate Jeanna Kim
Director Evan Chinn introduced DEIC candidates Jeanna Kim and Simreet Dhaliwal separately. Each had the opportunity to provide their background, affinity for Lynnwood and their interest in serving the community on the DEIC. Council members asked the candidates questions and thanked them for their interest.

3.B Introduce Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission candidate Simreet Dhaliwal.

3.C Introduce: Parks & Recreation Board Applicant Presley Morrissey

Parks & Recreation director Lynn Sordel introduced Presley Morrissey as candidate for the Parks & Recreation Board. Ms. Morrissey shared her background and experience and her interest in being a board member. Council

members asked questions and invited her back for confirmation at the next business meeting.

- 3.D Community Justice Center Project Task Force Update and Presentation
Chief Nelson and Representative Davis presented the findings from the task force work on the Community Justice Center project. Objectives were to review the plans and see if there was a way to incorporate more health and mental health services without changing the footprint. Focus was on the jail space and number of beds versus health services.

In addition to meetings, the task force held focus group interviews including with those who have experience with jail and behavior health problems.

Montgomery Hill from the design firm of Mackenzie shared the new proposed design. The new design includes adding some new floors to certain parts of the center (see drawings presented).

Representative Davis introduced Dr. Mark Stern, a medical advisor and former incarceration doctor included in the task force. He spoke to the importance of having a linkage between the jail medical facility and the community medical health clinic. He stressed the importance of successful transition of health care from jail to the community.

Rep Davis- all agreed should be a combination of 1) Resource center, 2) Behavioral health urgent care (drugs, alcohol, suicide, etc.) and 3) A Crisis Stabilization Unit. She stated that the community is already seeing a crisis situation for this type of support in south county. The state and county are interested in being a financial partner in this since it would establish this kind of support in south county. Also looking at establishing a way of receiving on-going collaborative conversations with the task force and the community.

Chief Nelson and Finance Director Meyer shared information on debt repayment for the CJC.

Council member Sessions reviewed the work of the task force and shared the benefits of the new design. She stated that the task force will bring forth the current contract as well as a new contract for the new proposed additions. Council members asked questions and made comments.

- 3.E American Rescue Plan Act Funding Immediate Needs Follow-up
Director Meyer reviewed the proposed immediate needs and provided some answers to questions from council regarding specific sending. IT Director Will Cena presented an explanation of council chambers audio-visual needs. He explained that due to shortages world wide, the equipment would not be available for several weeks. Cost is estimated at \$150,000 (versus the \$100,000 requested earlier).

Regarding restoring positions for direct service to the community, Meyer stated that the request is for 5.2 FTE positions. She mentioned that the fact that the council approved these positions only through December makes it difficult for recruiting. The mayor's staff would like the council to consider funding them for 2022 as well. For the business meeting on September 13th they plan to ask council to approve the IT budget for use by the American Rescue Plan funds as well as to fund the proposed positions.

4. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Smith stated that she was grateful and humbled by the work that the task force put together in such a short time to reimagine the design. She thanked all who were involved.

Moved by Shannon Sessions; seconded by Julieta Altamirano-Crosby to Approve Adjourn at the end of the agenda .

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

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

Voting Against: None

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

President Hurst mentioned that the joint Boards and Commissions meeting will be held via zoom on September 30th. The plan is to have the members break into groups and generate ideas for how to use these funds. Leah Jensen explained the process and stated that they would like the council members to be included in the break out sessions. Council members asked questions and made comments.

Moved by George Hurst; seconded by Shannon Sessions to Approve special meeting for Thursday September 30th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm no action will be taken at this meeting.

Motion Passed: 6 - 0

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

Voting Against: None

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City council went into executive session at 9:04 pm for real estate discussions.

6.A Executive Session - Potential Real Estate transaction discussion

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm.

MEMOS FOR FUTURE ACTION

Ordinance: Franchise Agreement with Puget Sound Energy for Operations of Natural Gas Facilities

Contract Award - Community Justice Center Construction

Contract Award - Community Justice Center Special Construction Inspection Consultant Services

Contract Award - Community Justice Center Geotechnical Construction Testing Services

MEMOS FOR YOUR INFORMATION