



**CITY OF LYNNWOOD
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 15, 2021**

1. ROLL CALL

A quorum was present

Present:

Member Jim Smith
Member Shannon Sessions
Member Christine Frizzell
Member Ruth Ross
Mayor Nicola Smith
President George Hurst

Absent:

Member Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
Member Patrick Decker

2. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON MEMO ITEMS

4. WORK SESSION ITEMS

4.A Cocoon House Update

Nancy LaJambe, Host Home Program Coordinator, Cocoon House and Cocoon House CEO Joseph Alonzo shared information about Cocoon House and their new host home connections programs, a site-based housing in Everett and Lynnwood plus others using volunteer hosts. The connections program involves volunteers who open up their home for 1 to 3 weeks to allow for support resources to help those who need a place to stay and allow them to stay in their own community. Council members made comments and asked questions.

4.B Hand in Hand for Kids Services Review

Raniere, Outreach Coordinator with Hand in Hand shared information about the

program. Unlike Cocoon House, Hand in Hand focuses on whole families. Hand in Hand's Outreach Program aims to build relationships within the community through support services and community engagement events, providing youth and families with hope and opportunity. Support is garnered through donations, including corporate partnerships and employer matches. Council members make comments and asked questions.

4.C Housing Action Plan Implementation - Update and Discussion

David Kleitsch, DBS Director, Ashley Winchell, AICP, Community Planning Manager and Kristen Holdsworth, AICP, Senior Planner presented ideas on how to implement the adopted Housing Action Plan, including zoning considerations. They asked council members to answer several questions as to how they could formulate a plan for moving forward. Council members took turns giving feedback to the Planning group.

5. MAYOR COMMENTS

None

6. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Hurst asked the council for feedback on the public comment sessions they have had lately. The group discussed the issue and how to handle "robo-bots" that interrupted the meeting. Council leadership will discuss and inform council as to decisions for public comment.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

7.A Executive Session

Council entered executive session at 8:35 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.