



**CITY OF LYNNWOOD
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 20, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

2. 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

3. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON MEMO ITEMS

None

4. WORK SESSION ITEMS

4.A Briefing: Construction Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program (1 of 1)

Mayor Smith introduced this item and mentioned that she has learned that many trades (including those used by Sound Transit) cannot get the apprentices they need and she proposed a partnership with Edmonds College and Community Transit to develop a program.

Strategic Planner Corbitt Loch reported on the goals and design of the program. Registration is now under way for a construction trade pre-apprenticeship program. This has the opportunity to benefit the Lynnwood community. In order to advance in the trades, workers are required to put in 4 years of training. This program assists them in this goal. There is no tuition for those who complete this program. This is done with an equity lens and includes lots of support services to help people succeed. Labor unions are highly involved

in the design of the program to ensure that they will get quality candidates. The hope is that the students can get a good paying job and join the union when they graduate. The hardest part has been finding some space for all of these classes. They have yet to find a permanent home for this. Loch shared a new marketing flyer developed for the program. Loch noted that the tuition is free in part because the city of Edmonds has supported this with \$500,000.

Council Members asked questions and made comments.

- 4.B Briefing: South Lynnwood Neighborhood Plan Public Engagement Update
DBS Director Kleitsch opened up the presentation regarding South Lynnwood Neighborhood. Planner Ashley Winchell presented results from their public engagement events and what the plan is based on that feedback. Feedback from the community was received from a survey conducted throughout the city and interviews with area businesses.

Winchell presented 10 goals set for the project based on community feedback. Planning will be coming back with specific policies, etc. recommended to execute the plan. Council members asked questions and thanked staff.

- 4.C American Rescue Plan Act Funding: Strategize for Future Funding
Finance Director Meyer and Strategic Planner Corbitt Loch shared that they included evaluation matrices for deciding what projects to fund using the American Rescue Plan funding in the council packet. Loch pointed out that the city has 3 years to use the funding and should take the time they need to plan the spending. He mentioned that there will be a joint meeting of boards and commissions where volunteers will be ideating on uses for these funds. He asked what council would like to see and how they would like to proceed in terms of timing, etc. Council members made comments, shared their ideas and asked questions.

- 4.D Community Equity Survey Update
Mayor Smith introduced Doug Raiford, the new Race & Social Justice coordinator, who greeted council for the first time since hired.
HR Director Chinn provided background on the survey, stating that work began on the Equity Survey 9 months earlier. He mentioned that they are finalizing the questionnaire and asked for council to help with outreach to get responses.
Communications Manager Julie Moore discussed the communications strategy for promoting the survey and Raiford discussed his outreach strategy. Council members asked questions.

5. MAYOR COMMENTS

None

6. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Hurst stated that he would like to have a public hearing for ARPA funds.

Altamirano-Crosby spoke to the status of the business survey, which so far has collected responses from 270 businesses and will be collecting responses until September 30. Results will be shared the last week of October.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION, AS NEEDED

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

MEMOS FOR FUTURE ACTION

Municipal Code Update: Animal Licenses

Consultant Contract: Sewer Comprehensive Plan

Dedication Agreement, Second Amendment: 42nd Avenue West Right of Way at Net River Development (Data Center/Landmark Dividend LLC)

MEMOS FOR YOUR INFORMATION