



**CITY OF LYNNWOOD
CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2021**

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
President George Hurst

Absent:

Mayor Nicola Smith

Council President Hurst served as Presiding Officer in the absence of the Mayor. Also present was city attorney Larson and HR Manager Charles.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Council Member Altamirano-Crosby

3.A Minutes from September 27 Business Meeting (revised), October 18 Work Session, October 20 Work Session and October 25 Business Meeting
Council Member Smith requested that the word President be spelled correctly in the 9/27 minutes.

Moved by Julieta Altamirano-Crosby; seconded by Shannon Sessions to Approve as Amended minutes from September 27 Business Meeting (revised), October 18 Work Session, October 20 Work Session and October 25 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

4. MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS - up to 30 minutes

Council President Hurst read the rules and procedures for the public comment process.

- Hurst read allowed names who wrote in about sending the letter to County Council. These were sent by Chris Collier, Cindy, Maryann, Joseph Alonso, Jess Blanch, Mark, Duane, Cynthia, Christine Eck, McGraw, and Mindy Woods.

The following had comments:

- Mark Smith, 98037
- Brock Howell, 98103
- Naz Lashgari, 98037
- Steve McGraw, 98037
- Leslie, 98038
- Rick Michels,
- Chris Collier
- Eunice Gonzaga

6. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS- Council Member Smith

6.A Proclamation: Veterans Day

Council Vice President Smith read the proclamation for Veteran's Day, received by Gary Walderman of the Heroes' café. He thanked the council for their support of veteran's in general as well as for the proclamation.

7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS- Begin with Council Member Frizzell

9. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA - Council President Hurst

Item A was removed from the consent agenda for discussion. Items listed below were distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and were enacted with one motion. Motion made by Council President Hurst to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

- Approve claims in the amount of \$2,578,756.23 for the period 10/14/21 through 10/29/21.
- Approve payroll in the amount of \$1,148,031.44 dated 10/22/21.

- 9.A Resolution: Approval of the Strategic Plan, 2022-2026

Moved by Shannon Sessions; seconded by Ruth Ross to Adopt Resolution 21-07, a resolution of the City of Lynnwood, Washington, adopting the City of Lynnwood Strategic Plan for the Years 2022 - 2026..

Motion Failed: 2- 5

Voting For: Christine Frizzell, Shannon Sessions

Voting Against: George Hurst, Jim Smith, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Patrick Decker, Ruth Ross

9.B Voucher Approval

10. BUSINESS ITEMS AND OTHER MATTERS

10.A Confirm Municipal Court Judge Appointment

On behalf of Mayor Smith , Acting Clerk Fitzthum introduced Ms. Valerie Bouffiou as her recommendation for Municipal Judge. Ms. Bouffiou thanked the council and spoke about the future and her hopes for the court.

Moved by Jim Smith; seconded by Shannon Sessions to Confirm the appointment of Ms. Valerie Bouffiou as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Lynnwood beginning in January, 2022.

Motion Passed: 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

10.B Council letter to County regarding HB 1590

Council President Hurst opened up the discussion by reading the letter he had drafted to send to the county asking them not to raise taxes by passing HB 1590. Council members discussed the issue with one recommending they request to hear from Chair Stephanie Wright and receive more detail on the "mental health and chemical dependency" tax that has been in existence. Council President Hurst stated that there is room on the agenda to have a discussion at an upcoming work session. The council decided to add this request to the letter. Council Member Frizzell suggested wording to be added by Council Executive Assistant Harrison:

"Prior to our consensus of the county council action on HB 1590 we respectfully ask that a representative, ideally Stephanie Wright, present to us a transcribed explanation of all revenues and expenses from the mental health and chemical dependency tax that went into effect in 2008. We further request that we receive a plan of action for implementation of HB 1590 funding and expenses prior to the county council vote on this issue".

Moved by Shannon Sessions; seconded by Julieta Altamirano-Crosby to

Approve as Amended the letter regarding HB 1590 to Snohomish County Council Members from all Lynnwood City Council Members

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Motion Passed: 7- 0

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

Voting Against: None

10.C Updates to 2021 Salary Schedule

HR Manager Charles stated that there are three changes requested: 1) Civil Engineer paygrade increase, 2) Communications/Public Affairs officer increase and 3) house keeping items . Council members asked questions and made comments.

11. PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Christine Frizzell; seconded by Shannon Sessions to Approve

extend meeting until the fulfillment of the agenda

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Motion Passed: 7 - 0

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

Voting Against: None

11.A Public Hearing: 2021 Comprehensive Plan Proposed Amendments (meeting 5 of 6)

Ashley Winchell, AICP, Community Planning Manager and Kristen Holdsworth, AICP, Senior Planner reviewed the proposed amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Fred Safstrom of Housing Hope spoke to the benefits of the changes. Kim Williams from the Designs Northwest Architects also provided some background information. The council vote on the plan will take place at the November 22 meeting. Council members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Public comments given by:

- Mindy Woods

The public hearing was closed at 9:53 p.m.

11.B Public Hearing: 2022 Property Tax Levy

Michelle Meyer, Finance Director shared a presentation regarding property taxes with the council. Council members asked questions, and made comments.
Public comments: none

The public Hearing was concluded at 10:07 p.m.

Moved by Jim Smith; seconded by George Hurst to Postpone
vote on property tax until the November 22 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

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.A Reconsideration: Vote to Override Mayor's veto of Ordinance 3400 (Elimination of Vehicle License Fee)

Council President Hurst reminded council that they need to have a super-majority (5) to override the veto.

Moved by George Hurst; seconded by Julieta Altamirano-Crosby to Approve
override the Mayor's veto of Ordinance #3400 .

Motion Failed: 4- 3

Voting For: George Hurst, Jim Smith, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Patrick Decker

Voting Against: Christine Frizzell, Ruth Ross, Shannon Sessions

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.A Executive Session for collective bargaining discussion

The Council entered executive session at 10:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The executive session was ended and the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 p.m.