

1 **MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL**
2 **HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 AT 6:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM**
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A. Roll Call:

Mayor & Council:

Mayor Nicola Smith
Council President George Hurst
Council Vice President Jim Smith
Councilmember Ruth Ross
Councilmember Ian Cotton
Councilmember Christine Frizzell
Councilmember Julieta Altamirano-Crosby
Councilmember Shannon Sessions

Asst. City Administrator Art Ceniza
Interim City Clerk Karen Fitzthum
Executive Assistant Lisa Harrison

Others Attending:

Bill Franz, Public Works Director
Evan Chinn, Human Resources Director
Will Cena, IT Director
Lynn Sordel, Parks & Recreation Director
Sarah Olson, Deputy Parks & Rec. Director
Corbitt Loch, Acting Finance Director
DBS Director David Kleitsch
David Mach, Engineering Manager
Ashley Winchell, Planning Manager
Kristen Holdsworth, Senior Planner
Karl Almgren, City Center Program Manager
Kirk Rappe, Associate Planner

Guests:

Selam Habte, DEIC candidate

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6 **C. Briefing: Lynnwood 40th Multiple-Unit Housing Property Tax Exemption Contract**
7 **(3:00)**

8 (Item B. was delayed pending arrival of candidate). Associate Planner Kirk Rappe and City
9 Center Program manager Karl Almgren shared the latest plans for the new development, which
10 will include 359 units of which 72 are income restricted. They discussed the tax exemption and
11 length of contract. Council members asked questions and made comments.

12 **B. Interview: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission Candidate Selam Habte**
13 **(35:00)**

14 Human Resources Director Evan Chinn introduced Ms. Habte as a strong candidate for the DEI
15 Commission and asked her to provide the council with her background. Council members asked
16 questions and thanked her for her interest.

17 **D. Housing Action Plan Update (58:00)**

18 Senior Planner Kristen Holdsworth and Planning Manager Ashley Winchell provided an overview
19 of the state of the Housing Action Plan. The plan is going through the planning process and will
20 be released to the public for comments on February 22, 2021. There is a deadline of June 30th
21 to adopt the plan to secure the grant funding. Council members were given the opportunity to
22 make comments and ask questions.

23 **E. Meeting Break (None)**

24 **F. Briefing: Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Programs and Funding Update**
25 **(1:20:00)**

26 Public Works Director Bill Franz and Engineering Manager David Mach presented the various
27 components of transportation and where the city stands in terms of meeting needs. He
28 explained that many streets and sidewalks are beyond their useful life. Council members
29 asked questions and made comments.

30 **G. Mayor Comments and Questions**

31 None

32 **H. Council President and Council Comments (2:10:00)**
33 • Council Member Altamirano-Crosby stated that she is going to draft a letter to the
34 Governor’s Office to emphasize the need for equitable distribution of vaccines in the
35 Lynnwood area given the high population in the BIPOC community and the fact that this
36 population is more likely to contract the virus. She asked that the other council members
37 and the mayor join her in signing this letter. She will work with Julie Moore from
38 communications to draft the letter and will bring it back to council for action on Monday,
39 February 22. All council members agreed to sign.

40 **Executive Session**

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43 The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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46 *Nicola Smith*
47 Nicola Smith (Mar 9, 2021 19:06 PST)
48 Nicola Smith, Mayor