

CITY OF LYNDEN



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

March 7, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Korthuis called to order the March 7, 2022 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 p.m., which was held online, via Microsoft Teams.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mayor Scott Korthuis and Councilors, Gary Bode, Ron De Valois, Gerald Kuiken, Brent Lenssen, Nick Laninga, Kyle Strengholt, and Mark Wohlrab.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: Fire Chief Mark Billmire, Planning Director Heidi Gudde, Police Chief Steve Taylor, Public Works Director Steve Banham, City Attorney Bob Carmichael, City Administrator John Williams, and City Clerk Pam Brown.

OATH OF OFFICE- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Kuiken moved, and Councilor Strengholt seconded to approve the February 7, 2022, regular council meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved on a 7-0 vote.

ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Scheduled: None

Unscheduled: None

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Payroll Liability to February 16 through February 26, 2022

EFT & Other Liabilities

Non-L&I Liabilities

Monthly EFT	\$599,702.42
Check Liability	\$1,746.15
Total Non-L&I Liabilities	\$601,448.57
Quarterly Liabilities	\$11,928.43

Total EFT & Other Liabilities	\$613,377.00
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Approval of Claims – February 22, 2022

Manual Warrants No.	<u>23948</u>	through	<u>23949</u>		\$8,134.63
EFT Payment Pre-Pays					\$45,334.57
				Sub Total Pre-Pays	\$53,469.20
Voucher Warrants No.	<u>23953</u>	through	<u>24038</u>		\$520,517.29
EFT Payments					\$26,610.88
				Sub Total	\$547,128.17
				Total Accts. Payable	\$600,597.37

Approval of Claims – March 8, 2022

Manual Warrants No.	<u>24060</u>	through	<u>24061</u>		\$6,796.99
EFT Payment Pre-Pays					\$2,222.81
				Sub Total Pre-Pays	\$9,019.80
Voucher Warrants No.	<u>24062</u>	through	<u>24112</u>		\$153,995.91
EFT Payments					0.00
				Sub Total	\$153,995.91
				Total Accts. Payable	\$163,015.71

Resolution No. 1046- Ambulance Fees

At the beginning of 2022, surrounding Whatcom County EMS agencies adjusted their mileage rate to \$17, in addition to their base transport fee. Resolution No. 1046 would adjust Lynden's loaded mileage rate from \$15 to \$17 for 2022. Moving forward, at the beginning of each new year, it will also allow the Lynden Fire Department to adjust the mileage rate in conjunction with other Whatcom County EMS agencies.

The base rate will adjust annually based on the previous 12-month October to October average CPI-U for the greater Seattle area but will not decrease.

Councilor Bode moved, and Councilor Wohlrab seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved on a 7-0 vote.

3. PUBLIC HEARING - None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None



5. NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Planning Commission – Khush Brar

Council is being asked to consider and confirm the Mayor's appointment of Khush Brar to a four-year term on the City's Planning Commission. Ms. Brar has expressed an interest in serving the community by taking a seat on the Planning Commission which she detailed in her application.

Mayor Korthuis appointed Khush to a four-year term beginning March 8, 2022 and ending March 2026 and asks that the Council confirm this appointment. This confirmation will mean that all seats on the Planning Commission are currently filled.

Councilor Laninga moved, and Councilor Kuiken seconded to confirm the appointment of Khush Brar to the Lynden Planning Commission to begin a four-year term beginning March of 2022 and concluding in March of 2026. Motion approved on a 7-0 vote.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Lenssen reporting for the Community Development Committee:

- Residential development in CSL zoning
- Changes to parking requirements for multi-family
- Commercialization of rental properties becoming corporate level rentals

Councilor Wohlrab reporting for the Public Safety Committee:

- Police and Fire department overtime has decreased
- Fire department recruitment, 1 full-time and 3 part-time firefighters
- Majority of calls in Lynden are EMS calls
- Both new police officers will soon complete their current training
- Fraudulent check scam closed down
- Lynden Watch is alive and well

Councilor De Valois reporting for the Parks Committee

- Glenning Park charet
- Benson Park
- Cemetery cannon agreement
- Tim Holleman hired for Maintenance Supervisor position
- Auto-locks for restrooms at City Park and Bender Fields

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Councilor Strengholt reporting for the Finance Committee

- Payroll, OT, and sales tax revenue reviewed
- Sales tax revenue came in well over budget
- Online bill pay (Express bill pay)
- Processing overdue utility bills
- Staffing for finance department
- North Lynden Regional Sports Facility

Mayor Korthuis announced that Council would be going into a closed-door session for labor negotiations immediately following the meeting.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not hold an executive session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The March 7, 2022, regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Pamela D. Brown, MMC
City Clerk

Scott Korthuis
Mayor