

# CITY OF LYNDEN

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING



June 16, 2025

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Scott Korthuis called to order the June 16, 2025 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the city council chambers.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

### ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilors Gary Bode, Lee Beld, Gary Vis, Brent Lenssen, Nick Laninga, and Kyle Strengtholt.

Councilor Wohlrab absent with notice.

Staff present: Finance Director Laura Scholl, Fire Chief Mike Noonan, Interim Police Chief Jeremy Bos, Public Works Director Jon Hutchings, City Clerk Pam Brown, and City Administrator John Williams.

**OATH OF OFFICE - None.**

**SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS – None.**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Councilor Strengtholt moved and Councilor Beld seconded, to approve the May 19, 2025 regular council minutes. Motion approved on 7-0 vote.*

### CITIZEN COMMENT

Trish Mullen, Lynden

- Spoke on the possibility of creating sections of open space in Homestead for pedestrian and bike paths.
- Spoke on the possibility of citizen advisory vote regarding fluoride issue.

### 2. CONSENT

Set Public Hearing – RES-25-1123, Adopting Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) 2026-2031

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### Award Bid for Guide Meridian Water Main Replacement

The City solicited bids for the replacement of approximately 845 linear feet of water main along Guide Meridian Road between Monumenta Cemetery and Duffner Ditch. Work to be performed under this contract shall include the installation of the water main and appurtenances and restoration.

Three (3) responsive bids were received on May 29, 2025, as shown on the Bid Tabulation. The Public Works Committee reviewed the bid results at their June 11, 2025, meeting and concurred with the project engineer to award the contract to Western Refinery Services, Inc who provided the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$ 295,608.00, which includes Washington State Sales Tax. Engineer's Estimate Base Bid: \$236,911.50

### Dickinson Park House Lease (Bierlink)

RES-25-1122, Authorizing for CERB Loan for the Wastewater Treatment Plant MLE Upgrade  
Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) funds are available to support economic development projects that create and retain jobs. The City desires to fund up to \$5M to increase industrial capacity of its Wastewater Treatment Plant. This CERB loan opportunity is made possible by Premier Packing's proposed investment in a new facility that will expand Lynden employment opportunities. This loan will supplement loans secured through Department of Ecology's State Revolving Fund for \$2.28M to design and \$18.3M to construct, as well as Whatcom County's Economic Development Investments Program grant of \$1.3M and loan of \$0.7M. The Public Works Committee supported the loan application to CERB at their meeting on June 11, 2025.

***Councilor Vise moved and Councilor Beld seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved on 6-0 vote.***

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING – None**

### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

### **5. NEW BUSINESS - None**

### **6. REPORTS**

Councilor Vis – The Farmer's Day Parade was a success. There were approximately 12,000 visitors in attendance.



## 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not hold an executive session.

June 16, 2025 regular session of the Lynden city council adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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Scott Korthuis, Mayor

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Pamela Brown, City Clerk

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