

CITY OF LYNDEN

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING



June 6, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Korthuis called to order the June 6, 2022 regular session of the Lynden City Council at 7:00 p.m. at the city's council chambers.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Councilor Bode absent, Councilor Lenssen absent, arriving later at 7:24 pm.

Staff present: Parks Director Brent DeRuyter, Police Chief Steve Taylor, Public Works Director Steve Banham, City Clerk Pam Brown, City Administrator John Williams, and City Attorney Greg Greenan.

OATH OF OFFICE- None

SUMMARY REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Commission On Sexual & Domestic Violence annual report presented by Susan Marks and Caryl Dunavan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor De Valois moved, and Councilor Strengholt seconded to approve the May 16, 2022, regular council meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved on 5-0 vote.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Cynthia Ripke-Kutsagoitz, 7062 Guide Meridian #30

Cynthia thanked Chief Taylor for the Lynden police officers' dedication to duty.

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She noted that she was stopped from handing out Memorial day poppies (lapel pins) in front of a local grocery store and stated that she is disappointed in the local response to Memorial day.

Cynthia voiced her opposition to federal and state holiday recognition of the Juneteenth holiday and thanked the council for not adopting observance of the holiday for those employed with the City of Lynden.

Gary Vis, Chamber of Commerce Director

Mr. Vis thanked the hundreds of volunteers, sponsors, and city staff that worked to make the Farmer’s Day Parade such a successful event on June 4, 2022. He noted that the 50 tractors in the parade was a representation of the Puget Sound Antique Tractor and Machinery Association’s 50th year anniversary. It is estimated that approximately 12,000 attended the parade.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Payroll Liability to May 22 through June 4, 2022

EFT & Other Liabilities

Non-L&I Liabilities

Monthly EFT	\$496,734.25
Check Liability.....	\$947.93
Total Non-L&I Liabilities	\$497,682.18
Quarterly Liabilities	\$13,622.21

Total EFT & Other Liabilities **\$511,304.39**

Approval of Claims – June 7, 2022

Manual Warrants No.	=	through	=		\$0.00
EFT Payment Pre-Pays					\$0.00
				Sub Total Pre-Pays	\$0.00
Voucher Warrants No.	<u>24723</u>	through	<u>24834</u>		\$499,882.01
EFT Payments					<u>\$2,933,800.84</u>
				Sub Total	\$3,433,682.85
				Total Accts. Payable	\$3,433,682.85

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Award Bid for Pump Station #17- Guide Meridian Project
Second Amendment to Forge Fitness Lease
Set Public Hearing for Renewal of Lynden Transportation Benefit District (TBD)

Councilor De Valois moved, and Councilor Wohlrab seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution No. 1048- Adopting a Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) 2023-2028

By law, a public hearing must be held for City Council to consider comments regarding the City's Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (2023 to 2028). Lynden's proposed transportation improvement projects will be submitted to the Whatcom Council of Governments and from there to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) as part of their statewide program.

To be eligible for funding for these projects, each city and county must prepare a planned local list of projects which ultimately is forwarded to the WSDOT by July 31 of each year for inclusion in the State's Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) list.

The Public Works Committee reviewed the STIP projects at their May 6, 2022, meeting and recommended that City Council set a public hearing date of June 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lynden City Hall Annex, to hear comments on the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. After the hearing is closed, the Council may pass Resolution 1048 approving the program.

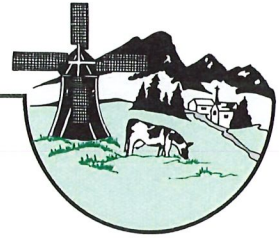
Mayor Korthuis opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m. There were no comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

Councilor Lenssen joined the council meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Councilor De Valois moved, and Councilor Kuiken seconded, to approve Resolution No.1048 adopting the 2023-2028 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for the City of Lynden and authorize the Mayor's signature on the resolution. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

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4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

5. NEW BUSINESS - None

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Lenssen reporting for the Community Development Committee.

- Discussion of the mixed-use component for LMC Chapter 19
- Possibility of more frequent joint meetings with Planning Commission and City Council

Councilor Kyle Strengholt reporting for the Finance Committee.

- Review of payroll
- Review of OT which has been down in numbers for the past 3 months and represents the lowest total since 2020
- Sales tax revenue slightly down in March but continues to be strong

Councilor De Valois reporting for the Parks Committee

- Discussion of Pepin Creek trail location
- Exploratory committee for Benson Park
- Dickinson Park planting along the bank
- Berthusen Trail improvement
- Recruitment for 2 positions at the Parks department

Councilor De Valois reporting for the Public Work Committee

- Lynden Rec Center
- Pool deck resurfacing
- Pictometry agreement
- TBD expires at the end of 2022 and will go before the voters in November
- Hannigan Road work at the bridge
- Food trucks at Farmer's Day Parade
- Tree replacement on Bender Road

Councilor Wohlrab reporting for the Public Safety Committee

- Overtime is down for both Fire and Police departments
- Fire station building needs minor screen repairs
- Vacant AC job position recruitment process will be two full days
- 19th Police officer recruitment closes on June 10th

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- Discussion on recruitment of vacant Police Support position
- Fire calls were up a little

Mayor Korthuis provided the following EDI information:

	<u>¾ Grant</u>	<u>¼ Loan</u>
Lynden Rec Center (former YMCA)	\$187,500	\$62,500
Lynden Community Center	\$225,000	\$75,000
Grover St. Pavement Preservation	\$375,000	\$125,000
Trail Connector	\$375,000	\$125,000
South Park Water & Street	\$525,000	\$175,000

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:46 p.m. to consider acquisition of a real estate purchase per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) with an expectation of council action when reconvening at 8:06 p.m.

The executive session reconvened at 8:06 and the following motion was made.

Councilor De Valois moved, and Councilor Kuiken seconded to authorize the Mayor or his designee to negotiate final easement documents for Sewer Pump Station #17 with the Greystone Investment Group LLC (Owen Gosal) and Morris and Darlene DeBoer and sign the applicable easement paperwork, pending legal review by the City Attorney. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The June 6, 2022, regular session of the Lynden City Council adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Pamela D. Brown, City Clerk


Scott Korthuis, Mayor