# CITY OF LYNDEN

FINANCE DEPARTMENT 360-354-2829



## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

3:00 PM June 21, 2021 City Hall

**Present:** Mayor Scott Korthuis City Administrator Mike Martin Finance Director Anthony Burrows **Councilmembers:** Kyle Strengholt (Chair) Gerald Kuiken Nick Laninga

1. The Committee reviewed and approved the May 2021 meeting minutes.

## 2. The Committee reviewed and approved the Payroll for the month of May 2021.

#### 3. May 2021 Payroll Overtime Review

The committee reviewed the payroll overtime impacts. The Police Department had a total of 332 hours, which was 102 above last month's 240 hours total. Shift coverage accounted for the bulk of the overtime. For the Fire Department, there was a total of 250 hours of overtime, which was up from last month's 174 hours. The OT was predominately undefined. The Stone Garden Grant incurred 7 hours of OT. Remaining overtime was incurred by other staff and was usual and minimal.

## 4. Sales Tax - YTD Review and Source Breakdown

Sales Tax year to date budget to actuals indicated that sales tax receipts were 30.9% or \$293,399 over the projected budget. When year to date 2021 is compared with year-todate 2020 collections, sales tax revenue reflects an 23.2% overall increase of \$234,326. The numbers were once again remarkably stronger than anticipated and better than what we forecast mostly due to the benefits of online buying and destination sales tax.

#### 5. Council Packet items presented:

- A. Consent: Approval of Payroll and Claims. Approved for full Council.
- B. New Business: None.

#### 6. Finance Department Informational or Added Items

- A. The monthly financial reports were reviewed and discussed. No critical items were flagged and no further action was required.
- B. Delinquent utility bill collections were discussed. It was agreed that with opening of the State on June 30<sup>th</sup> and the lifting of several COVID moratoriums that the City could again at a date in the near future begin collecting for delinquent utility accounts and issue shut off notices. A letter to notify delinquent account holders is being drafted for review at the next Finance Committee meeting.
- C. Finance staffing and new hires were discussed. No further action required.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m. The next Finance Committee meeting is on July 19th, 2021.