FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Anthony Burrows, Finance Director (360) 354-2829



Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

Online via Microsoft Teams 3:00 PM January 18, 2022

Roll Call

1. Roll Call

Review Items

- 2. Approval of the December 20, 2021 Minutes
- 3. Approval of Payroll December 2021
- 4. Review of the December 2021 Overtime
- 5. Review Sales Tax 2021 YTD

Council Items

- 6. Approval of Payroll and Claims
- 7. Agreement for legal services with Carmichael Clark P.S.

Informational

- 8. Update on Monthly the Financial Reports
- 9. Utility Fees and Shut Off Reinstatement Letter
- 10. Sports Complex Review
- 11. Finance Committee Online or In Person

Items Added

Next Meeting: February 22, 2022

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

3:00 PM December 20, 2021 Online via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Mayor Scott Korthuis
City Administrator John Williams
Finance Director Anthony Burrows

Councilmembers:

Kyle Strengholt (Chair) Nick Laninga Gerald Kuiken

- 1. The Finance Committee reviewed and approved the November 2021 meeting minutes.
- 2. The Committee reviewed and approved the Payroll for the month of November 2021.
- 3. November 2021 Payroll Overtime Review

The committee reviewed the payroll overtime impacts. The Police Department had a total of 559 hours, which was higher than last month's 401 hours total. Shift coverage and holidays accounted for the bulk of the overtime. For the Fire Department, there was a total of 469 hours of overtime, which was higher than last month's 378 hours. Multiple components were attributed to the overtime. The Stone Garden Grant incurred 66 overtime hours. Remaining overtime by all other departments was minimal.

4. Sales Tax - YTD Review and Source Breakdown

Sales Tax year to date budget to actuals indicated that sales tax receipts were 29.5% or \$697,503 over the projected budget. When year to date 2021 is compared with year-to-date 2020 collections, sales tax revenue reflects a 19.3% overall increase of \$494,560. The numbers were once again stronger than forecast with the highest November on record coming in at \$314,316. Destination Sales Tax and inflation account for much of the increase.

5. Council Packet items presented:

- A. Consent: Approval of Payroll and Claims. Approved for the full Council.
- B. No other Council items.

6. Finance Department Informational or Added Items

- A. The proposed letter regarding utility fee shut off and re-instatement of fees was brought forward. After some review the Finance Committee approved the letter for distribution and will inform the full Council at tonight's meeting.
- B. The Monthly Financial Reports were distributed for individual review and discussed. No further action required.
- C. It was requested that a review regarding whether the future Finance Committee meetings be online or in person be put on the agenda for discussion.
- D. No other items added.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm. The next Finance Committee meeting is on January 18, 2022.

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| Document No | | | rent Pay Period ec 01-15 2021 | | Adjustments | | Monthly Total |
|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| | Vendor payments generated by the City of Lynden | | ec 01-15 2021 | | | | Total |
| Check No | Checks | | | | | | |
| | AWC Employee Benefits Trust | \$ | 6,521.80 | | | \$ | 6,521.8 |
| | General Teamster | | 1,069.50 | | | | 1,069.5 |
| | Homestead Fitness | | 220.14 | | | | 220.14 |
| | WA Teamster Welfare Trust | | | | | | |
| | AFLAC | | 1,589.91 | | | | 1,589.9 |
| | City of Lynden Flex Ben | | 123.32 | | | | 123.3 |
| | IAFF Local 106 | | 942.51 | | | | 942.5 |
| | LPO Association | | 222.50 | | | | 222.5 |
| | Teamsters Pension | | | | | | |
| | Vimly Benefits Inc | | | | | | |
| | Forge Fitness | | 46.87 | | | | 46.8 |
| | NFOP - Labor Services | | 588.00 | | | | 588.0 |
| | Total Checks | | 11,324.55 | | | | 11,324.5 |
| | Total Offices | CANADA SAN SAN SAN SAN SAN SAN SAN SAN SAN SA | 11,024.00 | | | | 11,024.0 |
| Reference No | EFT Payments | | | | | | |
| | Dept of Retirement (DRS) LEOFF | \$ | 22,123.69 | | | \$ | 22,123.6 |
| | Dept of Retirement (DRS) PERS | The state of the s | 28,294.88 | | | | 28,294.8 |
| | Vimly Benefits Inc | | | | | | |
| | Dept of Retirement (DCP) | | 5,925.43 | | | | 5,925.4 |
| | Nationwide - ACH by City of Lynden | | 7,141.66 | | | | 7,141.6 |
| | LEAF (EE Activity Contr) | | 175.00 | | | | 175.0 |
| | Garnishment - ACH & Ready Chex | | 722.20 | | | | 722.2 |
| | IRS- ACH | | 73,530.43 | | | | 73,530.4 |
| | Total EFT Payments | \$ | 137,913.29 | \$ | \$ | - \$ | 137,913.2 |
| | Total Vendor payments generated by the City of Lynden | \$ | 149,237.84 | \$ - | \$ | - \$ | 149,237.8 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Other vendor payments | | | | | | |
| Reference No | Quarterly | | | | | | |
| | Employment Security- Unemployment in Q-4 EFT | \$ | 660.67 | | | \$ | 660.6 |
| | Employment Security- PML/PFL in Q-4 EFT | | 1,337.92 | | | | 1,337.9 |
| | L & I - include in Q-4 EFT | | 10,675.83 | | | | 10,675.8 |
| | Total Quarterly | \$ | 12,674.42 | \$ | \$ | - \$ | 12,674.4 |
| | Total Other vendor payments | \$ | 12,674.42 | \$ | \$ | - \$ | 12,674.4 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | TOTAL Ve | ndor Payments \$ | 161,912.26 | \$ - | \$ | - \$ | 161,912.2 |
| Employee payroll | | | | EFT & Other Liabilities | | | |
| Net Pay Direct Deposit | | \$ | 237,455.40 | Non-L&I Liabilities | | | |
| Check | | | - | Monthly EFT | | \$ | 375,368.6 |
| Reverse ACH return Noided Warrant | | | | Check Liability | | \$ | 11,324.5 |
| City of Lynden Manual Checks | | | - | Total Non-L&I Liabilities | | \$ | 386,693.2 |
| Total Employee payroll | | \$ | 237,455.40 | | | | |
| | | | | Quarterly Liabilities | | \$ | 12,674.4 |
| Council Approval | | | | Total EFT & Other Liabilities | | \$ | 399,367.6 |
| Payroll liability December 22, 2021 | | S | 399,367.66 | 104121100 | | | 000,00710 |
| Vendor check adjustments | | • | 000,007.00 | | | | |
| EFT Vendor Adjustment | | | Service and the Control of the Contr | | | | |
| Employment Security Adjustments | Q4 | | - | | | | |
| Employment Security PML/PFL Adjustments | Q4 | | CONTRACTOR OF THE SECOND SECOND | | | | |
| Labor & Industries Adjustments | Q4 | | | | BALANCE FORWA | RD \$ | 9,370,931.8 |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | | | | |
| Total Council Approval | | \$ | 399,367.66 | | Υ. | Г. D. \$ | 9,770,299.4 |
| I, the undersigned, do hereby certify under pena and certify said claim. Approved for payment | lty of perjury, that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered or the labor perfo | rmed as described herein, a | and that the claim is a jus | st, due and unpaid obligation agains | st the City of Lynden, and th | at I am auth | orized to authenticate |
| , 2021 | | | | | | | |

Linde Schreifels, Accounting Operations Supervisor

Auditing and Finance Committee

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| | | | | | c 1-15 2021 | | Adjustments | Total |
|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Vendor payments generated by the City of Lynden | | c 16-31 2021 | | 1-10 2021 | | | TOTAL |
| heck No | Checks | | | | | | | |
| EFT | AWC Employee Benefits Trust | \$ | 129,001.33 | \$ | 6,521.80 | \$ | 3,153.06 \$ | 138,676 |
| 23591 | General Teamster | | 1,072.50 | | 1,069.50 | | (261.00) | 1.881 |
| EFT | Homestead Fitness | | 285.34 | | 220.14 | | (38.06) | 467 |
| EFT | WA Teamster Welfare Trust | | 3,033.40 | | | | | 3,033 |
| EFT | AFLAC | | 1,668.53 | | 1,589.91 | | | 3,258 |
| 23588 | City of Lynden Flex Ben | | 123.32 | | 123.32 | | | 246 |
| EFT | IAFF Local 106 | | 942.62 | | 942.51 | | | 1,885 |
| EFT | LPO Association | | 222.50 | | 222.50 | | | 445 |
| | Teamsters Pension | | 222.00 | | 222.50 | | | 443 |
| CCT | | | | | | | | |
| EFT 23589 | Vimly Benefits Inc Force Fitness | | | | | | | |
| 23599 | | | 46.88 | | 46.87 | | | 93 |
| 23590 | NFOP - Labor Services | | 588.00 | | 588.00 | | | 1,170 |
| | Total Checks | \$ | 136,984.42 | \$ | 11,324.55 | \$ | 2,854.00 \$ | 151,16 |
| ference No | EFT Payments | | | | | | | |
| | Dept of Retirement (DRS) LEOFF | \$ | 21,840.15 | S | 22,123,69 | | S | 43.963 |
| | Dept of Retirement (DRS) PERS | | 31,302.12 | | 28,294.88 | | 5.50 | 59,60 |
| | Vimly Benefits Inc | | | | | | | 00,00 |
| | Dept of Retirement (DCP) | | 6,114.10 | | 5,925.43 | | | 12,03 |
| | Nationwide - ACH by City of Lynden | | 7,572.74 | | 7.141.66 | | | 14.71 |
| | LEAF (EE Activity Contr) | | 175.00 | | 175.00 | | | 35 |
| | Garnishment - ACH & Ready Chex | | 722.20 | | 722.20 | | | 1,44 |
| | IRS- ACH | | 91,918.12 | | 73,530.43 | | | 165,44 |
| | Total EFT Payments | • | 159,644,43 | | 137,913.29 | | F.FO. A | |
| | Total Vendor payments generated by the City of Lynden | \$ | 296,628.85 | \$ | 149,237.84 | \$ | 5.50 \$ 2,859.50 \$ | 297,563 448,726 |
| | | Part Carlotte Control Control | | | 110(201101 | • | 2,000.00 | 440(120 |
| | Other vendor payments | | | | | | | |
| eference No | Quarterly | | | | | | | |
| | Employment Security- Unemployment in Q-4 EFT | \$ | 707.76 | \$ | 660.67 | \$ | - \$ | 1,36 |
| | Employment Security- PML/PFL in Q-4 EFT | | 1,458.49 | | 1,337.92 | | | 2,79 |
| | L & I - include in Q-4 EFT | | 9,758.08 | | 10,675.83 | | | 20,43 |
| | Total Quarterly | \$ | 11,924.33 | \$ | 12,674.42 | \$ | - 5 | 24,59 |
| | Total Other vendor payments | \$ | 11,924.33 | \$ | 12,674.42 | \$ | - \$ | 24,598 |
| | TOTAL Vendor Paymo | nts \$ | 308,553.18 | S | 161,912.26 | S | 2,859.50 \$ | 473,324 |
| | | | | A residence | | | | |
| nployee payroll Net Pay Direct Deposit | | | | | ther Liabilities | | | |
| Check | | \$ | 256,217.22 | | _&I Liabilities | | | |
| | | | | | onthly EFT | | \$ | 554,13 |
| Net Pay Direct Deposit - Settlement | | | | | heck Liability | | \$ | 1,56 |
| City of Lynden Manual Checks | | | - | Total | Non-L&I Liabilities | | \$ | 555,70 |
| otal Employee payroll | | \$ | 256,217.22 | | | | | |
| | | | | Quart | erly Liabilities | | \$ | 11,92 |
| ouncil Approval | | | | Total EFT | & Other Liabilities | in the same | \$ | 567,629 |
| ayroll Liablility December 31, 2021 | | \$ | 564,770.40 | | | | | |
| endor check adjustments | | | (261.00) | | | | | |
| T Vendor Adjustment | | | 3,120.50 | | | | | |
| nployment Security Adjustments | | | - | | | | | |
| nployment Security PML/PFL Adjustments | | | | | | | | |
| abor & Industries Adjustments | | | - | | | В | BALANCE FORWARD \$ | 9,770,29 |
| otal Council Approval | | \$ | 567,629.90 | | | | Y. T. D. \$ | 10,337,92 |
| he undersigned, do hereby certify under pe d certify said claim. | nally of perjury, that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered or the labor performed as des | ribed herein, ar | nd that the claim is a ju | st, due and i | unpaid obligation agai | st the City | of Lynden, and that I am a | uthorized to authentica |
| proved for payment , 2021 | | | | | | | | |

Linde Schreifels, Accounting Operations Supervisor

Auditing and Finance Committee

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| Start Date | 12/1/2021 | December |
|------------|------------|----------|
| End Date | 12/31/2021 | 2021 |

| Department | Ov | ertime Pay \$ | Doubletime Pay \$ | OT- LFD Training \$ | OT - Out of Class \$ | Holiday Wrkd 1.5x \$ | Holiday Wrkd 2x \$ | Retro- OT 1.5 \$ | Retro- OT 2.0 \$ | OPSG/DNR \$ | Employee | · Total Amount |
|-----------------------------------|----|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| Fire | \$ | 16,767.19 | | | | | | | | | \$ | 16,767.19 |
| Planning | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Police | | 25,206.55 | | | | | 6,179.64 | | | 8,710.52 | | 40,096.71 |
| PW Administration | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PW Operations | | 2,100.08 | | | | | 1,074.56 | | | | | 3,174.64 |
| PW Systems | | 5,286.69 | 4,002.37 | | | | | | | | | 9,289.06 |
| PW Roadways | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finance | | 88.60 | | | | | | | | | | 88.60 |
| Information Technology Service | | 358.36 | | | | | | | | | | 358.36 |
| Parks | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | \$ | 49,807.47 | \$ 4,002.37 | | | | \$ 7,254.20 | | | \$ 8,710.52 | \$ | 69,774.56 |

| Department | Overtime Pay Hours | Doubletime Pay Hours | OT- LFD Training Hours | OT - Out of Class Hours | Holiday Wrkd 1.5x Hours | Holiday Wrkd 2x Hours | Retro- OT 1.5 Hours | Retro- OT 2.0 Hours | OPSG/DNR Hours | Employee Hours Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Fire | 359.17 | | | | | | | | | 359.17 |
| Planning | | | | | | | | | | |
| Police | 346.50 | | | | | 68.00 | | | 118.00 | 532.50 |
| PW Administration | | | | | | | | | | |
| PW Operations | 38.50 | | | | | 16.00 | | | | 54.50 |
| PW Systems | 100.50 | 68.25 | | | | | | | | 168.75 |
| PW Roadways | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finance | 1.75 | | | | | | | | | 1.75 |
| Information Technology Service | 6.00 | | | | | | | | | 6.00 |
| Parks | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 852.42 | 68.25 | | | | 84.00 | | | 118.00 | 1,122.67 |

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| Start Date | 1/1/2021 | YTD |
|------------|------------|------|
| End Date | 12/31/2021 | 2021 |

| Department | 0 | vertime Pay \$ | Doub | oletime Pay \$ | ОТ | - LFD Training \$ | от | - Out of Class \$ | Holiday Wrkd 1.5x \$ | Holiday Wrkd 2x \$ | l | Retro- OT 1.5 \$ | ŀ | Retro- OT 2.0 \$ | OPSG/DNR \$ | | Employee Total Amount |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------------------|------|-------------------|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|----------------|----|-----------------------|
| Fire | \$ | 198,350.48 | \$ | 1,806.48 | \$ | 495.86 | \$ | 5,064.90 | | | \$ | 151.67 | \$ | 17.52 | | | \$ 205,886.91 |
| Planning | | 1,361.41 | | 34.89 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,396.30 |
| Police | | 210,560.62 | | 1,327.68 | | | | | 17,864.56 | 31,030.10 | | 489.70 | | 68.46 | 17,323. | 27 | 278,664.39 |
| PW Administration | | 2,048.40 | | 138.84 | | | | | 367.12 | | | | | | | | 2,554.36 |
| PW Operations | | 9,760.86 | | | | | | | 1,204.08 | 3,860.70 | | 1,021.78 | | | | | 15,847.42 |
| PW Systems | | 15,612.04 | | 6,693.19 | | | | 55.00 | | 355.26 | | | | | | | 22,715.49 |
| PW Roadways | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finance | | 12,005.35 | | 278.82 | | | | 96.37 | | | | | | | | | 12,380.54 |
| Information Technology Service | | 4,849.50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4,849.50 |
| Parks | | 652.61 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 652.61 |
| Total | \$ | 455,201.27 | \$ | 10,279.90 | \$ | 495.86 | \$ | 5,216.27 | \$ 19,435.76 | \$ 35,246.06 | \$ | 1,663.15 | \$ | 85.98 | \$ 17,323. | 27 | \$ 544,947.52 |

| Department | Overtime Pay Hours | Doubletime Pay Hours | OT- LFD Training Hours | OT - Out of Class Hours | Holiday Wrkd 1.5x Hours | Holiday Wrkd 2x Hours | Retro- OT 1.5 Hours | Retro- OT 2.0 Hours | OPSG/DNR Hours | Employee Hours Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Fire | 4,096.34 | 24.00 | 10.25 | 95.00 | | | | | | 4,225.59 |
| Planning | 26.00 | 0.50 | | | | | | | | 26.50 |
| Police | 2,933.50 | 15.00 | | | 253.00 | 335.00 | 3.00 | | 241.50 | 3,781.00 |
| PW Administration | 40.00 | | | | 8.00 | | | | | 48.00 |
| PW Operations | 179.75 | | | | 24.00 | 56.00 | | | | 259.75 |
| PW Systems | 294.00 | 107.50 | | 1.00 | | 4.75 | | | | 407.25 |
| PW Roadways | | | | | | | | | | |
| Finance | 282.25 | 5.00 | | 2.25 | | | | | | 289.50 |
| Information Technology Service | 74.00 | | | | | | | | | 74.00 |
| Parks | 15.50 | | | | | | | | | 15.50 |
| Total | 7,941.34 | 152.00 | 10.25 | 98.25 | 285.00 | 395.75 | 3.00 | | 241.50 | 9,127.09 |

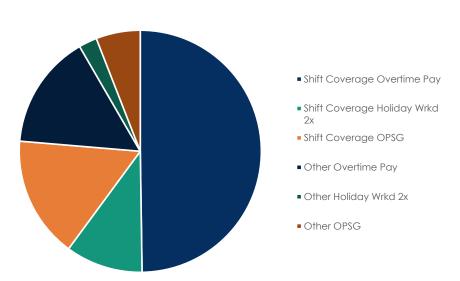
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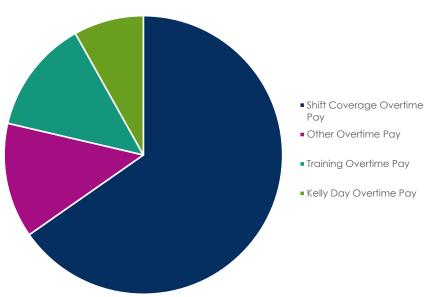
| Reason | Overtime Hours | % |
|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| Shift Coverage | 406.5 | 76.34% |
| Overtime Pay | 265 | 49.77% |
| Holiday Wrkd 2x | 55 | 10.33% |
| OPSG | 86.5 | 16.24% |
| Other | 126 | 23.66% |
| Overtime Pay | 81.5 | 15.31% |
| Holiday Wrkd 2x | 13 | 2.44% |
| OPSG | 31.5 | 5.92% |
| Grand Total | 532.5 | 100.00% |

| Reason | Overtime Hours | % |
|----------------|----------------|---------|
| Shift Coverage | 234.5 | 65.29% |
| Overtime Pay | 234.5 | 65.29% |
| Other | 48 | 13.36% |
| Overtime Pay | 48 | 13.36% |
| Training | 47.5 | 13.22% |
| Overtime Pay | 47.5 | 13.22% |
| Kelly Day | 29.17 | 8.12% |
| Overtime Pay | 29.17 | 8.12% |
| Grand Total | 359.17 | 100.00% |

Police Department Overtime



Fire Department Overtime

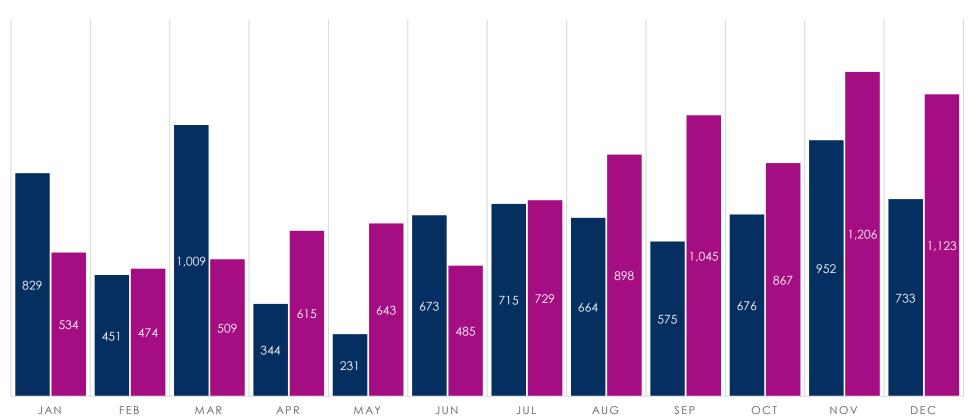


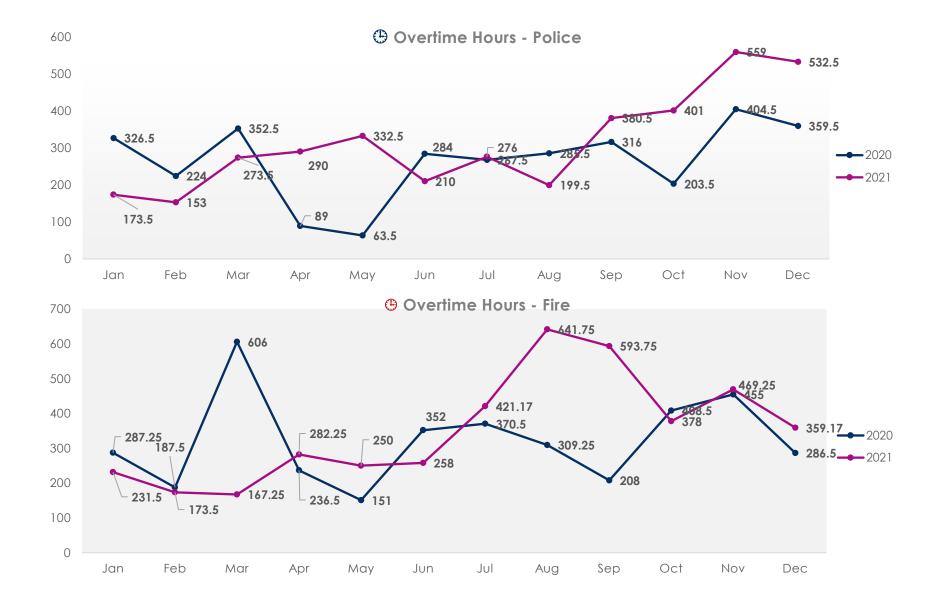
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OVERTIME HOURS - PRIOR YEAR COMPARISON

■2020 **■**2021





TOTAL REGULAR SALES TAX RECEIVED BY MONTH/YEAR

| MONTH: | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | |
| JANUARY | 227,553 | 204,860 | 210,631 | 205,464 | 168,901 | 158,251 |
| FEBRUARY | 291,564 | 269,241 | 227,810 | 256,546 | 222,543 | 243,268 |
| MARCH | 232,882 | 192,915 | 190,702 | 173,007 | 155,291 | 136,761 |
| APRIL | 215,073 | 150,524 | 187,590 | 171,923 | 159,636 | 153,061 |
| MAY | 277,240 | 192,446 | 234,783 | 221,093 | 214,014 | 180,979 |
| JUNE | 282,943 | 216,846 | 240,742 | 195,839 | 200,277 | 164,426 |
| JULY | 292,786 | 264,727 | 242,413 | 235,017 | 242,975 | 173,323 |
| AUGUST | 321,888 | 273,156 | 257,189 | 264,632 | 289,029 | 207,203 |
| SEPTEMBER | 297,552 | 263,456 | 239,020 | 232,697 | 296,528 | 178,331 |
| OCTOBER | 307,999 | 265,363 | 240,514 | 254,484 | 287,104 | 194,873 |
| NOVEMBER | 314,316 | 273,702 | 239,868 | 240,973 | 238,207 | 193,826 |
| DECEMBER | 272,605 | 259,576 | 223,604 | 225,324 | 209,603 | 165,267 |
| Mitigation | | 0 | 0 | 41,277 | 101,354 | 103,685 |
| TOTALS | 3,334,401 | 2,826,812 | 2,734,866 | 2,718,275 | 2,785,463 | 2,253,254 |
| % OF CHANGE | | 3.36% | 0.61% | (2.41%) | 23.62% | 6.67% |
| YTD 2021 | 3,334,401 | | | | Current Mo. Actuals | 272,605 |
| YTD 2020 | 2,826,812 | | | | Current Mo. Budget | 233,831 |
| YOY Variance | 507,589 | | | | Variance | 38,774 |
| Variance % | 18.0% | | | | Variance % | 16.6% |
| | | | [| Actual | YTD 2021 | 3,334,401 |
| | | | | Budget | YTD 2021 | 2,598,124 |
| | | | (F | Variance | | 736,277 |
| | | | , | Variance % | | 28.3% |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



| Meeting Date: | January 18, 2022 | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Name of Agenda Item: | Approval of Payroll and Clain | ns | |
| Section of Agenda: | Consent | | |
| Department: | Finance | | |
| Council Committee Revi | ew: | Legal Review: | |
| ☐ Community Developme | ent Public Safety | ☐ Yes - Reviewed | |
| ⊠ Finance | ☐ Public Works | ☐ No - Not Reviewed | |
| ☐ Parks | ☐ Other: | | |
| Attachments: | | | |
| None | | | |
| | | | |
| Summary Statement: | | | |
| Approval of Payroll and Cl | aims | | |
| | | | |
| Recommended Action: | | | |
| Approval of Payroll and Cl | aims | | |
| | | | |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



| Meeting Date: | January 18, 2022 | | | |
|---|---|-----------------------|--|--|
| Name of Agenda Item: | Agreement for legal services with Carmichael Clark P.S. | | | |
| Section of Agenda: | Consent | | | |
| Department: | Administration | | | |
| Council Committee Review: | | Legal Review: | | |
| ☐ Community Developme | ent 🗆 Public Safety | ☐ Yes - Reviewed | | |
| ⊠ Finance | ☐ Public Works | ☐ No - Not Reviewed | | |
| ☐ Parks | ☐ Other: | ⊠ Review Not Required | | |
| Attachments: | | | | |
| Carmichael Clark Legal Services Contract 2022 | | | | |
| Summary Statement: | | | | |
| The City of Lynden has contracted for legal services with the firm Carmichael Clark P.S. for many years. The most recent two-year contract expired on January 7, 2022. The attached agreement is its successor. The only substantive difference in the text of the proposed agreement is to change primary responsibility for planning commission meetings from Bob Carmichael to Catherine Moore. Otherwise, the text of proposed agreement remains unchanged from the prior agreement. There is a proposed a rate adjustment to keep pace with the increased cost of living, including maintaining competitive salaries for our employees, particularly our most experienced senior associate attorneys. The Finance Committee reviewed this agreement earlier today and approved it for review by the full Council. | | | | |
| Recommended Action: | | | | |
| To adopt the agreement for legal services and authorize the Mayor's signature. | | | | |

AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this _____ day of ______, 2022, by and between the City of Lynden ("City"), a municipal corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington, and Carmichael Clark, P.S. ("CC"), a professional service corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington.

WHEREAS, the City has a regular and ongoing need for a variety of legal services as described herein; and

WHEREAS, CC provides the kind and nature of legal services as the City needs on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, the parties believe that a contractual relationship for said legal services will be mutually beneficial;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AGREED as followed:

- **Scope of Work**. CC shall provide legal services to the City as described in Exhibit A to this Agreement.
- Designation of City Attorney. Robert Carmichael, a shareholder of CC, is hereby designated as the City Attorney. As City Attorney, Mr. Carmichael shall be responsible for providing and/or overseeing the provision of legal services described in Exhibit A. Mr. Carmichael shall be consulted prior to any decision by the City to retain or use legal counsel other than CC; provided that, the City shall retain full and final authority to retain and select additional legal services from attorneys or law firms other than CC when the City determines it is in its best interest to do so.
- **3. Payment.** Upon entry of this Agreement, CC shall provide legal services to the City based on the date ranges and hourly rates set forth in Exhibit B.
- 4. **Duration**. Unless otherwise terminated as set forth in Section 5, this Agreement shall remain in effect for a term of two (2) years. If the City continues to utilize CC for legal services after the term of this Agreement expires, the provision of said services shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement until such time as the relationship is terminated or until a new Agreement is entered.

Termination. **(A) With cause**. This Agreement may be terminated at any time for "just cause," by either party by providing written notice of said termination to the other party at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of termination. **(B) Without cause.** This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party without cause by providing written notice of said termination to the other party at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of termination.

- of providing the services described in Exhibit A since the date of the last billing. Time spent will be accounted for in increments of 1/10th of an hour. If the City objects to any portion of the invoice, it shall so notify CC within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the invoice, give reasons for the objection, and pay that portion of the invoice not in dispute. The City shall pay an additional charge of one percent (1%) of the amount of the invoice per month for any payment received by CC more than sixty (60) days from receipt of the invoice; except that, the City shall not be obligated to pay any such additional charge on billings or portions of billings that are being disputed or that are not agreed upon by both parties.
- 6. Out-of-pocket expenses. Costs and expenses associated with in-house photocopies, faxes, local telephone charges, or in-county mileage charges, will be absorbed within the hourly rate and will not be billed to the City. However, other out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred in the course of providing legal services hereunder shall be charged to the City and will be itemized on monthly invoices, including without limitation: messenger services, overnight delivery charges, outside photocopying and printing costs, filing fees, deposition and transcript costs, witness fees, charges made by experts and consultants, long distance telephone charges, out-of-county mileage charges, and other like expenses. In all instances, CC shall notify the City prior to incurring any expected significant out-of-pocket expenses.
- **7. Relationship of the parties**. The parties intend that an independent contractual relationship will be created by this Agreement. No shareholder, agent, employee, servant or representative of CC shall be deemed to be an employee or servant of the City.
- **8. Assignment/subcontracting.** CC shall not assign or subcontract any portion of the work described in Exhibit A without the prior written consent of the City. A change in the firm name only shall not be considered an assignment or affect this Agreement.
- 9. Malpractice Insurance. CC shall furnish to the City and file with the City Clerk and at all times during the existence of this Agreement, maintain in full force and effect, at its own cost and expense, a professional malpractice insurance policy, with a minimum liability of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate. Failure to maintain coverage with the limits provided herein shall be a material breach of this Agreement and cause for termination at any time. A policy naming the individual CC members, among others named in the policy, shall be considered in compliance with this provision. A Certificate of Insurance containing the aforementioned minimum limits shall be provided to the City prior to the signing of this Agreement. Written notice of cancellation or reduction in coverage shall be delivered to the City thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date thereof. Any company from which said professional malpractice insurance policy is obtained shall be approved by the state insurance commissioner pursuant to Title 48

RCW, and shall have at least an A or an A+ Best Rating.

- **10. Professional Responsibility**. CC represents that the services provided hereunder shall be performed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by attorneys in similar endeavors under similar circumstances. No other representations to the City, express or implied, and no warranty or guarantee is included or intended in this Agreement.
- **11. Governing Law**. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington.
- **12. Complete Agreement**. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the City and CC. This Agreement may be modified in writing only, upon mutual agreement of the parties.

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EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF LEGAL SERVICES

Subject to the proviso in Section 2 of the Agreement, CC shall provide the City with all services necessary to meet its needs for legal counsel and representation. Said services shall include without limitation, providing legal advice to the City Council, Mayor, City Administrator, Planning Commission, and other City officers and employees, representing the City in civil and administrative litigation, representing the City in negotiations with outside entities, reviewing and drafting contracts and ordinances as requested, and prosecution of criminal and traffic offenses.

Robert Carmichael shall act as City Attorney and shall perform the functions and duties generally associated with the position of City Attorney for the City. It is understood that Mr. Carmichael's designation as City Attorney is a material part of this Agreement and that this designation includes ultimate responsibility for carrying out the functions of the City Attorney. Mr. Carmichael will also have primary responsibility for personal attendance at all regular City Council meetings and those special City Council meetings, and other meetings of City officers and employees as requested, but may delegate responsibility for specific tasks, or attendance at specific meetings as appropriate, to other attorneys at CC.

The parties anticipate that other attorneys at CC will also provide legal services to the City, in lieu of or in addition to Mr. Carmichael. CC will seek to provide the City with timely access to CC attorneys with expertise suited to the particular legal matter at hand. For example, the parties anticipate that CC will assign responsibility for the City's municipal criminal and traffic prosecution to Greg Greenan or similarly qualified attorney. Similarly, the parties anticipate that Catherine Moore will be available in addition to Mr. Carmichael on civil municipal issues. In the event that the necessary legal expertise is not available at CC for a particular matter, CC shall so advise the City and shall assist the City in locating outside legal counsel. Under all circumstances, the City shall retain full and final decision-making authority in selecting and retaining outside legal counsel.

EXHIBIT B

HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE - LYNDEN

COMMENCING FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Time Frame / Rate Feb. 16, 2023 -Feb. 16, 2022 -Current **Contract End** Feb. 15, 2023 Date For partner attorneys work on civil matters: **Bob Carmichael** Bryan Page \$195.00 \$202.00 \$210.00 Greg Greenan Bob Carmichael (or other attorney) \$165.00 \$170.00 \$175.00 (For regular City Council meetings only) For municipal court prosecution: \$160.00 Greg Greenan \$155.00 \$165.00 Others For senior associate attorney work on civil matters: Catherine Moore, Lisa Keeler, and Aaron \$180.00 \$190.00 \$200.00 Brinckerhoff \$180.00 \$185.00 \$190.00 Other associate attorney work: Colin Morrow, Sara Brennan, Luke Phifer and other associates \$90.00 \$90.00 \$85.00 For paralegal work: