

**LYNNWOOD
CITY COUNCIL
Work Session**

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: City Hall Council Chambers

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- 7:00 PM **A** Business Roundtable Discussion
9:30 PM **B** Mayor Comments and Questions
9:35 PM **C** Council President and Council Comments
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Memorandums for Future Agenda Items:

Memorandums for Your Information:

FYI-1 City of Lynnwood Solid Waste Program Update

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CITY COUNCIL ITEM A

CITY OF LYNNWOOD City Council

TITLE: Business Roundtable Discussion

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Benjamin Goodwin, Council President

SUMMARY:

The Lynnwood City Council has been discussing for several months what we, as a city, can do to develop lasting partnerships with local businesses. As a council, we understand that in order to accomplish these partnerships we need to help create an environment that not only allows businesses opportunities for growth but, we also need to provide businesses opportunities to thrive.

POLICY QUESTION(S) FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

- 1) What opportunities are available for our city to improve the relationship between the city and local businesses?
- 2) Are there new codes that need to be enacted and / or are there current codes that need to be revised to create more of the above-mentioned opportunities?
- 3) What other policy discussions need to be included in our efforts to move forward with more opportunities for businesses in Lynnwood to thrive?
- 4) What can the city council do to develop, create and maintain relationships with the business community?

ACTION:

There is no voting planned. The council may decide to give the administration some direction in ordinance review or other research.

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CITY COUNCIL ITEM B

**CITY OF LYNNWOOD
City Council**

TITLE: Mayor Comments and Questions

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Nicola Smith, Mayor

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CITY COUNCIL ITEM C

**CITY OF LYNNWOOD
City Council**

TITLE: Council President and Council Comments

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Benjamin Goodwin, Council President

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CITY COUNCIL ITEM FYI-1

CITY OF LYNNWOOD Public Works

TITLE: City of Lynnwood Solid Waste Program Update

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Public Works Manager Marcie MacQuarrie and Director Bill Franz

SUMMARY:

With the retirement of long-time Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator Steve Fisher, Public Works is making changes to how this work is assigned and looking into the City's options for handling solid waste and recycling into the future. Mr. Fisher was a City of Edmonds employee shared with Lynnwood by interlocal agreement. This work has now been assigned to our Internal Services and Programs Division under Manager Marcie MacQuarrie.

ACTION:

No action required. Informational only.

BACKGROUND:

Lynnwood's garbage service is provided under the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) that under tariffs (agreements) with Waste Management and Republic Services provide services to our east and west properties with SR 99 as the border, respectively. With this arrangement, Lynnwood has little influence on consumer issues such as pricing, pick up schedules, or any other hauler practices and policies.

With the change in management of the Solid Waste and Recycling Program, Public Works is taking the opportunity to review the program and identify options for going forward. Historically, the management of garbage services started with the County operating under the UTC tariff. When cities annex, or anytime after annexation, they have the option to continue under the same management, to take over contracting with a hauler directly, or even to provide garbage service themselves with city forces. Lynnwood has never elected to change the management of our garbage service from the UTC.

Public Works receives occasional phone calls from property owners in Lynnwood who are unhappy with a hauler, or their pricing schedules. For example, a recent caller would like a low income discount for garbage fees. Another was not happy with the hauler's recent price increase for their small container. Under the UTC, Lynnwood is not able to directly address such concerns and can only direct inquiries to either the hauler or the UTC staff. Neither approach has proved to result in satisfied customers.

We have been researching the options for the City to directly contract with a hauler so that we may negotiate more specific terms for our property owners. There are many pros and cons of taking this step, and staff is preparing to attend a future Work Session so these can be shared with the Council. One major con is that state law requires that a City wishing to leave the UTC garbage system give up to seven years of notice to the current hauler(s). This appears to be a very long process.

These are important questions to ask and we look forward to discussing this with the Council.

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