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Lynnwood City Council greenlights new \$600 million vision for the Event Center



Concept of one of the new buildings as part of The District's bold economic redevelopment Master Plan. Source: The District.

By MARIO LOTMORE

LYNNWOOD—The Lynnwood City Council on Monday, October 13, greenlit a series of pivotal motions spearheaded by Councilman David Parshall propelling the Lynnwood Public Facilities District's (LPFD) ambitious \$600 million Master Phasing Plan forward. The Council also approved changes to the Lynnwood Municipal Code. Councilman Patrick Deck-

er did not attend Monday's council meeting.

"The Development Agreement has been two-years in the making but decades in community conversations around what Lynnwood needs for a downtown," said Janet Pope, Executive Director for The District. "It's a shared vision with the City to meet the economic and community development mission of The District and

support City Center planning goals. Our goal has always been for this unique property to become the heart of our City Center, for our local community and all who visit the Event Center. I think we are well on our way. I have to thank city staff, the Mayor, and City Council for embracing that vision as well."

The Council approved a Development Agreement, a \$15 million loan backing for the

LPFD with the Snohomish County Treasurer, and the construction of an extension of 194th Street and a new 38th Avenue W that will connect along the perimeter of the proposed LPFD Master Plan site.

Councilman Parshall, who is also the City Council liaison to the Lynnwood Public Facilities District, recognized

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T&T Supermarket to open in Lynnwood November 13

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD—After a year since the Bellevue store's opening, T&T Supermarket, the largest Asian supermarket chain in Canada, is finally opening its second U.S. location in Lynnwood, Washington next month.

Beginning at 9 a.m., Thursday, November 13, the public is invited to an official grand opening at the new location – located at 19630 Highway 99, at the Lynnwood Crossroads Shopping Center – featuring a traditional lion dance, exclusive promotions, and community giveaways.

The first 300 customers, on opening day, will receive a free \$10 T&T gift card. Shoppers can also get a free \$10 coupon with a \$68, or more, purchase (before tax), along with exclusive city magnets and more.

The upcoming Lynnwood location will offer several Lynnwood-only exclusives including the Baby Bear Bao with braised pork belly, the Sesame Mochi Rice Ball, and specialty beverages from the in-house kitchen.

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Roughly 5,000 beer lovers reel in fall at Elysian’s annual Great Pumpkin Beer Festival in Seattle

By KIENAN BRISCOE

SEATTLE—Roughly 5,000 beerheads congregated at Elysian Brewery’s Capitol Hill brewpub for its 21st annual Great Pumpkin Beer Festival on Friday, October 3, through Saturday, October 4, to taste 60 different innovations from Elysian and guest breweries, hear live music, and witness the ceremonious great pumpkin beer tapping, signifying the start of pumpkin beer season.

Elysian Brewery, Seattle’s second-largest brewery behind Seattle-based Georgetown, has been a pioneer in the local pumpkin beer space since the 1990’s. Since launching its Great Pumpkin Beer Festival in 2005, the annual event has served as a living showcase of that legacy and platform for debuting what’s in store for the local brewery’s seasonal craft, said Jeff Richards, Senior Marketing Director at Elysian Brewing.

“We were thrilled to bring Great Pumpkin Beer Festival back to Capitol Hill, our original brewpub where it all began, after 21 years. The energy this weekend was incredible – we saw longtime fans who’ve been with us since the early days and new faces discovering the magic of GPBF for the first time,” Richards told the *Lynnwood Times*. “Whether decked out in costumes or just coming as they are, our community showed up with incredible energy, capturing the creativity, craft and playful spirit that defines Elysian. The turnout and enthusiasm reminded us why this festival has become such a cherished Seattle tradition, and we’re already looking forward to raising another pumpkin pint with everyone next year.”

At Elysian’s first Great Pumpkin Beer Festival, 21 years ago, the brewery poured fewer than 10 beers. Now, two decades of tradition later, more than 60 different beers were available to try including Elysian’s signature pumpkin pack which includes: the Great Pumpkin (the world’s first Imperial Pumpkin Ale, weighing in at 8.4% ABV), the Night Owl (a Pumpkin Ale brewed with pumpkin puree, juice and spiced in conditioning with ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and allspice), and the Punkuccino (a Pumpkin Ale with the “attitude of a world-weary barista”, the brewery said).

All three of these options are available nationwide now in a Pumpkin Variety Pack and can be purchased in cans for the first time ever.



Elysian’s Great Pumpkin Beer Fest, 2025. Photo: Kienan Briscoe, *Lynnwood Times*

On both Friday and Saturday, the festivities commenced at 4 p.m. Guests were handed an Elysian tasting beer glass and could taste the assortment of draft beers and ciders while indulging on delicious food from a row of food trucks and catching live music from DJ WD4D.

Many guests dressed in Halloween costumes or, at the very least, in orange to commemorate the occasion. The event, like years prior, was completely sold out both days.

As the night progressed, the energy built with a local punk rock music set featuring Monsterwatch and Chico Detour, along with costume contests and pie eating contests.

Following the punk music set, Elysian Co-Founder David Buhler performed the ceremonious Great Pumpkin beer tapping (a longstanding tradition at the beer fest) where a giant pumpkin, filled with pumpkin ale, was taped and pour straight into pitchers for guests to enjoy.

“This ritual creates such an unforgettable experience,” said Richards.


Elysian Brewery was founded in Seattle in 1995 by Buhler (a former spirits wholesaler), Joe Bisacca (former Vice President of Seafirst Bank), and Dick Cantwell (a homebrewer who quickly gained the attention of local breweries like Pike Place Brewing and Big Time


Brewing). The brewery’s first located was opened in Capitol Hill, where the weekend beer fest took place, with just a 20 barrel capacity. In 2006 the brewery opened Elysian Fields, next to Lumen Field (home to the Seattle Seahawks) and AT&T Park (home to the Seattle Mariners), which is the company’s largest location and a go-to destination during Seattle sporting events. The brewery was acquired by Anheuser-Busch in 2015. Following the acquisition Elysian began to increase its operations and distribution. Now Elysian beer can be found in grocery stores throughout the Pacific Northwest.

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Lynnwood City Council Position 2 Candidate Ki Seung Cho—a highly respected internationally-ranked 9th Degree Black Belt Grand Master in World Taekwondo—is a Lynnwood business owner and community leader with over three decades of experience. As founder and head instructor of Master Cho's Taekwondo, he has guided countless students in martial arts while instilling values of respect, integrity and perseverance.

Ki Seung Cho is a prominent figure in Lynnwood and an active leader within the community. Known for his humility and generosity, he is continually involved in youth mentorship, civic engagement, and cultural initiatives. He played a key role in establishing the official Sister City partnership between Lynnwood and Damyang, South Korea, a vision that brought our city new opportunities for cultural exchange, friendship, and global connection.

Ki Seung Cho was appointed as president of the Korean Sports Association of Washington state and served as the director of the Taekwondo Association in WashingtonsState. He was also the President of the Seattle Washington Korean Association.

His unwavering dedication to service has left a meaningful and lasting impact, making him not only a master of martial arts but also a role model and cornerstone of his community. Prior to immigrating to the United States to start his new life, Ki Seung Cho completed military service in the Army for Republic of Korea.

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Safety is of utmost importance to me. I want to work with police, schools, and local leaders to make our streets safer. I will continue to support education on violence prevention and more programs for our youth. I also believe we must give real resources as well as fair oversight to our police. I will work to start a community mental health center to help those in need and ease the pressure on emergency services.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

I believe in smart, careful growth. I want to support responsible development near the Lynnwood Link light rail station. I back small businesses and affordable housing, and I want our community to be walkable and friendly. As someone who has run a family business, I understand how important it is to support local, minority, and family-owned shops. I also want to help make the Alderwood City Center a lively place for business, culture, and community life.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Having run a small business for nearly thirty years, I know small business very well, and I believe in spending money wisely. I will bring a small business mindset to City Council with smart spending, clear goals, and an open budget. I want every dollar spent to meet real community needs. I support using tools like tax increment financing to pay for important projects without putting extra burden on our working families.



"I am dedicated to promoting transparency, accountability, and collaborative leadership to ensure Lynnwood remains a safe and vibrant city for all residents.

"Lynnwood deserves leadership grounded in respect, kindness, and integrity—values I have embraced. Strength is more than physical ability; it comes from discipline, self-control, and a commitment to uplifting those around us. These principles guide my approach to leadership.

"As a business owner for nearly 30 years, I've had the privilege of connecting with our diverse community. I want to bring this perspective to the Lynnwood City Council, fostering a safer environment for residents and supporting economic growth. A secure community strengthens local businesses, and I believe interest-based outreach programs for at-risk youth will help build a brighter future for all.

"Lynnwood is my home, and I am committed to serving its people. I would be honored to represent our community, working together to create a safer, stronger, and more connected future."



Ki Seung Cho is Lynnwood's best choice!



Victoria Woodards, Mayor of Tacoma



Patrick Decker
Lynnwood City Councilman

During my years of service on the Lynnwood Planning Commission and the Lynnwood City Council, I've had the privilege of endorsing many candidates for public office. Yet rarely have I felt as honored and enthusiastic as I do in endorsing Ki Seung Cho to succeed me on the City Council when I retire this December.

I've known Master Cho for nearly 25 years. He is a man of deep integrity and unwavering honor. In all my years of public service, I've seldom met someone so consistently guided by conscience, principle, and moral clarity. Lynnwood will be fortunate to have a leader like him—one who brings fortitude, energy, and a steady hand, free of drama and scandal.

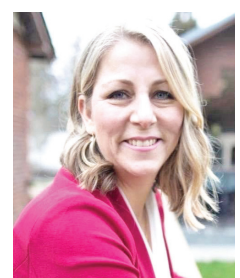
Master Cho's passion for Lynnwood is evident in everything he does. He listens deeply, especially to those whose voices are too often overlooked. He works tirelessly, and I have full confidence that he will approach every issue with thoughtfulness and dedication, always seeking the best path forward for our community. There is no better choice to fill my seat on the Council. Master Cho has my full and unwavering support.

Master Cho, a Korean American immigrant and educator, brings decades of leadership in public safety, youth mentorship, and economic development. My sons trained under him and gained discipline and respect—qualities too often missing in today's youth.

His candidacy is more than historic, it's a chance to elevate Lynnwood's future with a voice rooted in service, character, and community.



Jason Moon
Mukilteo City Councilman



Shannon Sessions
City of Lynnwood, former Council President

We are proud to endorse Ki Seung Cho, also known as Master Cho, for Lynnwood City Council. A beloved Taekwondo master, respected small business owner, and dedicated community leader, Master Cho has long been a pillar of the Korean-American community—one of the largest and most vibrant communities in Lynnwood.

It's time for our city leadership to include Master Cho who is the most qualified, prepared, and capable candidate for this seat. Join the Sessions family in supporting Ki Seung Cho this November 4th.

Ki Seung Cho is a man of integrity and humility whose selfless volunteerism for both the youth and elderly, played a key role in establishing the official Sister City partnership between Lynnwood and Damyang, South Korea.

Lynnwood needs stability, experience, and a candidate our kids can look up to. Ki Seung Cho is the clear choice for Position 2.



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The Hawaiian Council’s 24th annual convention comes to a close at Tulalip

By KIENAN BRISCOE

TULALIP—The 2025 Native Hawaiian Convention came to a close today, Thursday, October 9, wrapping up four days of lū‘au, workshops, performances, and discussions all centered around the life, culture, and policies of the Native Hawaiian people.

This year more than 1,100 people gathered on the Tulalip Tribes land – the first time ever the Hawaiian Council held its annual convention on federal recognized tribal lands and the second time ever it was held on the continent, following its 2022 convention in Las Vegas, Nevada – from all over the world including 37 different states and four different countries.

The four day-long event featured more than 50 breakout sessions and workshops, nearly 1,000 unique items for sale from Hawaiian small business owners at the on-site mākeke (Hawaiian for pop-up store), delicious Hawaiian food, music, hula, cultural storytelling, lei-making, resource connections, and the debut of a brand-new, Broadway-style, performance called The Epic Tale of Hi’iaka, among many other activities.

Beginning on Monday, October 6, the week commenced with a pre-convention Workshop Day, separated into four sessions beginning at 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. These workshops included classes on Hawaiian chants (that honor the nine waters that surround Hawaii), genealogy verification, lei-making, the Kumu Vicky Holt-Takamine (a protest hula standing against military bombing), kapa making (a fabric made from the inner bark of the paper mulberry), hala weaving, cultural storytelling, and workshops on genealogical research.

That night, the evening activities included games, mele (chants, songs, or poems), and arts and crafts where guests could turn their shirts and/or hoodies into lāhui (a collection of people connected by ancestry, culture, or identity) messages.

Day 1: Honoring Our Past

The first official day of the convention began Tuesday, October 7, with an opening ceremony at the Tulalip Resort and Casino Orca Ballroom. This ceremony began with a pre-show luau by Nā Lei Aloha, followed by opening remarks by Tulalip Tribes Chairwoman Teri Gobin and Hawaiian Council CEO Kūhiō Lewis.

“The Tulalip Tribes takes great pride in building relationships with other indigenous communities,” Tulalip Chair Teri Gobin told the Lynnwood Times. “Tulalip is honored to participate in a cultural exchange with our Hawaiian relatives and to learn more about their history and to continue to support efforts to keep our native cultural traditions alive.”

Keynote Speaker Sue van, President and CEO of the Wallace H Coulter Foundation, then shared some words before a panel discussion featuring Moses Goods, Marques Hanalei Mar-



The Epic Tale of Hi’iaka. Photo: Hawaiian Council

zan, Dre Kalili, Malia Ka’aihue, and Alapaki Nahale-a on how to evolve as a culture while staying rooted in ‘ike kūpun (the knowledge of one’s ancestors).

Prior to the first round of breakout sessions and workshops, Pa’a Sibbett gave a presentation on the Chief of War’s teachings on the power of Hawaiian voices, and the power of their history.

Throughout the day breakout sessions included a panel of Native Hawaiian survivors of gender-based crime discussing causes and solutions to missing, and murdered, native women, and girls, as well as panels on federal recognition (maintaining inherent sovereignty rights), native Hawaiian cultures taught in public schools, and a Hot Ones-inspired spicy wing talk show where panelists Tyler Iokepa Gomes and Aaron Sala discussed the “hot” topic of tourism in Hawaii and its future.

After a brief break for lunch, workshops and breakout sessions continued with topics ranging from Hawaii’s criminal justice system’s disproportionate targeting of natives, how to empower Pacific Islander communities, understanding native culture through hula, and a spotlight on Native Hawaiian artists Cris Romento, Brandon Naihe, Nyomi Iwalani, Malia Peoples, Bruce Clayton Tom, and Sage Ke’alohilani Quiamno who exhibited their art of resilience and pride.

That evening the day concluded with games, trivia, and Wahine (women) self-defense classes.

Day 2: Uplifting the Present

The following day, on Wednesday, October 8, opened with a plenary session featuring a pre-show aloha, and keynote speaker Kaiali’i Kahele, Chair of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Hawaiian Council Chairwoman Michelle Ka’uhane and Diana Birkett Rakow, with Hawaiian Airlines, also shared some words before a panel discussion centered on the “Journey Home” featuring panelists Makalika Naholowa’a, Pele Kaio, Keoni De-Franco, and Naka Nathaniel.

Following the conversations and remarks was when The Epic Tale of Hi’iaka performance commenced, a Broadway-style performance by Tony Award-winning WitzEnd Productions.

Breakout sessions and workshops Wednesday included topics such as indigenous housing, the Public Land Trust’s impacts on OHA, its resources, and government, rediscovering the soul of Hawaii, economic sovereignty, data reports, more storytelling, gaming, and crafting, among much more.

A focus on Wednesday was where native Hawaiians are in the present, and what the next few years may look like

as far as coming together as native Hawaiian people to strengthen connections and form meaningful opportunities beyond the shores of Hawaii.

Day 3: Advancing Our Future

The four-day convention concluded on Thursday, October 9, with a breakfast buffet, closing aloha, remarks by Kūhiō Lewis and cultural exchanges between the Hawaiian Council and the Tulalip Tribes, as well as a Hawaiian Council meeting and annual report, and a closing panel discussion on the topic of ‘Strengthening Native Hawaiian Voices’ featuring Robin Danner, Derek Valdo, and Tulalip Tribe Chairwoman Teri Gobin.

“It was an honor to host the 2025 Native Hawaiian Convention in our homelands here at Tulalip. This year was historic as it is the first time the Native Hawaiian Convention has been held on Native-owned land outside of Ha-

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key people for which Monday’s historic approval would not be possible:

“And let me first thank some of the most important people involved in this. I want to thank the board of the public facilities district, the leadership of Taylor Nordby, board president, the financial acumen of Wally Webster II, the community building of Rosario Reyes, the housing knowledge of Chris Collier, and the business acumen of Frank Percival. They are a fantastic board, and they are serving us so well over there at the Public Facilities District.

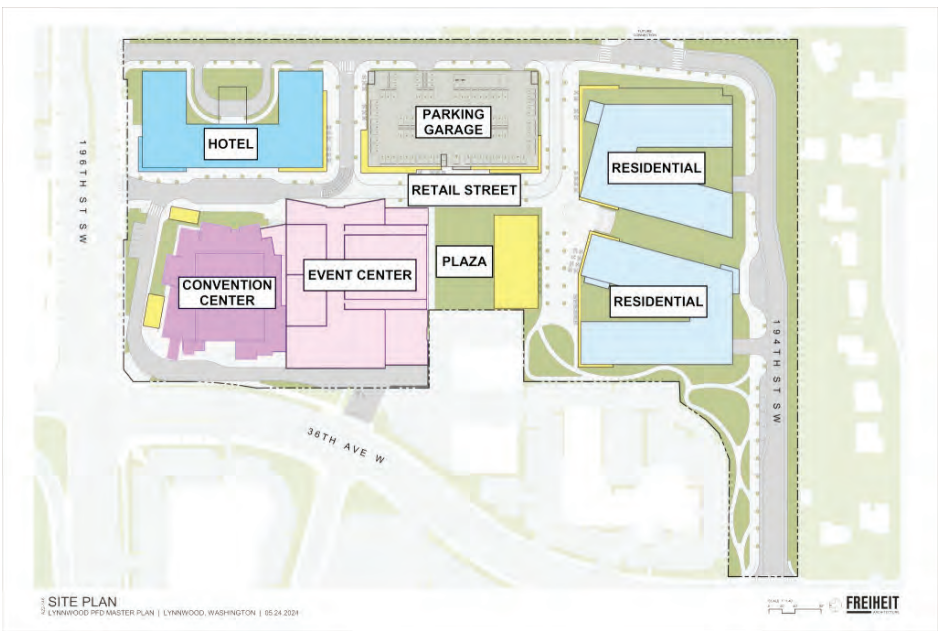
“I would also, of course, thank our DBS department. Director Wolters has been incredibly instrumental in this entire process and has been there every step of the way with the Public Facilities District. And even though she’s not here tonight, we do owe a big thanks to City Center Project Manager Sarah Cho as well. And this is a big part of the overarching vision for our City Center. I do, and he’s not here also, I do want to thank former director David Kleitsch as well. He was instrumental in getting this going, and I don’t regret that he chose to retire and enjoy the post-director life, but he deserves some thanks for this as well.

“And some more:

- Director Meyer, a big thanks for this. She is a de facto member of that board and handles overseeing their finances a little bit, even though they have their own financial director.
- Director Bond and City Engineer David Mach.
- And I want to thank the lawyers as well. I’m not going to mention them by name, but they hammered these things out for us and do a great job.
- And of course, last but not least, I want to thank Director Janet Pope. She has been such a leader over there and driving the vision of this project for a long time.”

The District is actively seeking a retail consultant to assist current tenants during the transition and is working on a possible phasing plan to relocate tenants that want to stay in the new redevelopment.

“Our goal is to double-down on local, Pacific Northwest retailers,” said Executive Director Pope. “As a public agency we have an opportunity to do something more for supporting local businesses, which starts with the current tenants. Most of the tenants are locally owned businesses and I would like to have them in the new develop-



The District is working on a transformational civic master plan to redevelop its 13-acre area to create a vibrant community hub in the heart of Lynnwood’s City Center.
Source: The District.

ment. We just hired a retail consultant to assist us with developing the retail program and part of their scope will be planning with our current tenants in 2026-2027. “

Adoption: LPFD Master Plan and Development Agreement

The Lynnwood Public Facilities District (LPFD) is advancing a Master Plan and Development Agreement to guide the future transformation of the Event Center site into a vibrant, mixed-use district.

The City of Lynnwood held a public hearing on Monday, September 22, to hear public testimony regarding the proposed Development Agreement of its Master Plan. The LPFD approved the Development Agreement on October 7 and the Council approved the Development Agreement on Monday, October 13.

“I think this [The Lynnwood Event Center Redevelopment Project] is what we’ll become known for in the not-too-distant future,” said Councilman Robert Leutwyler. “I think once we get there, we’ll look back and everyone will be grateful that people were willing to make the investment, put in the work to get us there. So, I would be enthusiastically joining Councilmember Parshall in voting yes for this and supporting the district and its efforts.”

The motion to approve the Development Agreement was made by Councilman Parshall and seconded by Council President Nick Coelho. The motion passed 6-0.

Ben Wolters, Development and Business Services Director on September 22 provided an overview of the Development Agreement, emphasizing its alignment with the City Center plan and its public benefits, such as economic growth, public infrastructure,

affordable housing, and open spaces.

“The proposal is well within the goals and purposes and requirements of the City Center downtown plan,” Wolters said during the September meeting. “It provides mixed-use development for housing, retail, hotel. It provides green space. It accounts for an expanded event center and the opportunity for some potential outdoor event space.”

This Master Plan seeks to transform the surrounding 1960’s era shopping mall into a 13-acre town square with public plazas, downtown open space, festival streets, 80,000 square feet of commercial spaces for local Pacific Northwest retailers, a new hotel, a 550-stall parking garage with a new City Center ring road, and privately developed workforce apartments serving households with 60-80% of area median income.

The Project promotes public benefits like economic growth, job creation (estimated 500 permanent jobs post-construction), and tax revenue (\$3 million annually projected), while providing development certainty for The District over a 15-year term.

The total estimated project cost is around \$600 million, with potential District investment of \$270 million via bonds and private contributions of \$320 million.

In the Development Agreement, the City of Lynnwood would take on responsibility for construction of an extension of 194th St and a new 38th Ave to form a Ring Road for circulation, access, and connection to future City Center street grid. The current estimated cost of the proposed Ring Road project is \$18 million. Funding would come from a combination of grants, tax increment financing (TIF), and City capital funds.

The Project involves demolishing

~76,500 square feet of existing commercial buildings, expanding the existing 64,000-square-foot Event Center, and adding new multifamily housing, hotel, commercial spaces, structured parking, plazas/open spaces, utilities, and roads. Soil remediation for historical contamination (from dry cleaning and auto services) is required per Washington Department of Ecology standards. The site will feature ground-floor retail activation and public amenities to enhance walkability and event hosting (up to 2,500 attendees).

Lynnwood resident Ted Heichel in September expressed concerns about the development’s impact on the adjacent single-family neighborhood, particularly regarding insufficient parking, noise from outdoor events, and financial burdens on the city.

He criticized the agreement’s vagueness (e.g., “blank pages” in attachments) and the city’s potential liability for PFD debts, including a \$15 million loan backed by the city. Heichel also worried about the precedent set by allowing taller buildings closer to residential areas and questioned the adequacy of parking provisions (1.5 spaces per apartment unit).

Wolters clarified the flexibility in the Development Agreement, which includes three housing scenarios: a low-density option (~400 multifamily units), a medium-density option (up to 550 units), and a high-density option (up to 795 units) if the proposed 300-room hotel does not materialize. These scenarios align with the City Center subarea plan’s environmental impact statement and mitigation measures for infrastructure like roads and utilities.

Rosemary Graziani, representing 21 petition signers, voiced concerns about the development’s impact on her quiet cul-de-sac (192nd Street). She highlighted parking shortages, predicting that new apartment residents would park in nearby neighborhoods due to insufficient on-site spaces (1.5 per unit). She urged the council to require two parking spaces per unit, preserve existing trees as noise buffers, and ensure developers, not the city, bear infrastructure costs.

Wolters shared that surface parking will be available during interim phases, with a dedicated parking garage for the event center and potential hotel parking.

Ray Liao, Legal Counsel for LPFD, reinforced that the Development Agreement adheres to city codes, with minor modifications supported by mitigation measures (e.g., landscaping, noise control). The planned parking garage and surface parking for the project will ad-

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dress parking needs, with exceptions for large events managed through permits or shuttle services, she said.

Chip Peterson, Hilton Garden Inn General Manager, supported the Development Agreement, emphasizing its economic benefits for the city including increased tourism, job creation, and tax revenue from an expanded event center and new hotel. As a member of the Tourism Advisory Committee, he argued that the project would make City Center a regional destination, benefiting local businesses despite potential competition for his hotel.

Councilmen Goerge Hurst raised concerns about the city’s current Multi-family Tax Exemption (MFTE) ordinance and asked Wolters whether the Development Agreement would lock in the proposed ordinance or allow developers to apply under a future, updated ordinance.

Wolters clarified that it does not lock in the current MFTE ordinance and allows developers to apply under future ordinances.

Adoption: Public Facilities District Short-Term Financing Resolution

The Council approved 6-0 to adopt a resolution to provide City of Lynnwood backing to a short-term \$15 million loan between the Snohomish County Treasurer and the Lynnwood Public Facilities District contingent on the adoption of the Development Agreement between the City and the District which was approved earlier in Monday’s meeting.

The Lynnwood Public Facilities District (otherwise known as “The District”) sought to utilize the Snohomish County Treasurer’s Community Investment Program with the issuance of up to \$15 million bonds towards its economic development goals and refinancing its existing debt obligations. A similar \$15 million short-term loan was utilized by the Port of Everett back in 2022, to fund its economic development at Waterfront Place.

If awarded, the loan will be used to refinance The District’s remaining \$9 million worth of debt from its Lynnwood Event Center construction (which opened in 2005) as well as receive additional funding to pay for the schematic designs for its downtown redevelopment Master Plan.

The City of Lynnwood currently provides credit backing for approximately \$9.6 million in long-term PFD bonds. From the short-term loan currently being considered, \$9 million out of \$15 million will be used immediate to pay off the PFD’s existing debt, bringing the City of Lynnwood’s total debt backing to \$15.6 million while the loan new is outstanding, according to Lynnwood Finance Director Michelle Meyer.

The PFD’s Board of Directors approved a resolution seeking this loan at its July 8 meeting and has was discussed in Lynnwood’s Finance Committee on

July 23. The approval on October 13 of an additional \$6 million debt backing of the Lynnwood PFD, would reduce the City’s current non-voting bond capacity from approximately \$76 million to \$70 million—a value within healthy parameters according to Finance Director Meyer.

Adoption: LPFD Ring Road Project Financing and Future Connection Interlocal Agreement

The City Council approved 6-0 to accept the terms of a proposed Ring Road Project Financing and Future Connection Interlocal Agreement between the Lynnwood PFD and City of Lynnwood. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Parshall and seconded by Councilman Leutwyler.

In the proposed Development Agreement (DA) for the Lynnwood Public Facilities District (LPFD) Master Plan, the City and the LPFD agreed to detail terms for the process and financing of the design and construction of the proposed Ring Road (part of the Master Plan) in a separate agreement titled the Ring Road Project Financing and Future Connection Interlocal Agreement (ILA).

The Ring Road Project will construct an extension of 194th Street and a new 38th Avenue W that will connect along the perimeter of the proposed LPFD Master Plan site. The project will provide traffic and utility connections for future development of the Master Plan.

The project also advances the future connection of 194th Street between 40th Avenue W and 36th Avenue W as identified in the City Center Subarea Plan to improve traffic circulation and support redevelopment in the area.

Vote on proposed update to LMC to update an RCW reference

The City Council unanimously approved updates to Section 2.92.070 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code that updates the reference of a specific RCW (from RCW 39.04.155 to RCW 39.04.152) related to procurement using a small works roster for public works projects. The RCW has been updated, necessitating a change in the corresponding LMC. Lynnwood Finance Director Michelle Meyer will be presenting the changes to council members.

The motion was made by Councilman Leutwyler and approved by Council President Nick Coelho.

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This will also be the first year T&T is launching its Thanksgiving menu featuring its popular Chinese-style roasted turkey stuffed with seasoned sticky rice, available at both the upcoming Lynnwood store as well as the Bellevue location.

Also, from October 13 through November 12, T&T members can enter a contest (via the T&T App) for a chance to win two round-trip tickets to Asia with China Airlines. To enter simply

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waii. This was a powerful moment of unity, mutual respect, and cultural exchange,” said Tulalip Chariwoman Gobin. “Our people are connected across the vast ocean by the enduring strength of our ancestors, the wisdom of our elders, and the hopes we carry for our children and grandchildren’s futures. Though our homelands are far apart, we share a common bond, the sacred responsibility to care for our lands, our waters, to protect our culture, preserve our sovereignty, and build a future of strength and resilience for our future generations.”

“As First Nations people, it is important that we uplift and support one another, sharing best practices and knowledge,” Gobin continued. “It fills our hearts with so much love that was shared from our Hawaiian brothers and sisters. We have created strong bonds, and we hope that our children and grandchildren will carry this friendship forward, keeping our traditions and culture alive. It was a true honor to be a part of this conference.”

Why Washington?

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement decided to begin holding its annual convention in mainline states to meet Native Hawaiians where they are, as more and more continue to move out of the state. The plan is to hold the convention in a different state, other than Hawaii, every three years or so.

“More than half of our community have left Hawaii because it’s so expensive to live there so they’ve migrated,” said Kūhiō Lewis, Chief Executive Officer for the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. “Our concern is that as more families move on and start to relocate, they start to lose connection with Hawaii, which is a very special place mainly for its culture. If they don’t know their culture — where they come from — it’s very hard to be a part of Hawaii’s soul.”

Washington was chosen as the location for this year’s convention due to the state being home to the third largest Native Hawaiian population in the world outside of Hawaii – behind California and Nevada.

There are more than 600,000 Native Hawaiians spread across the United States. More than half of these live outside of Hawaii.

“When you have a unified voice nationally it can be very powerful,” said Lewis. “If you can unify that voice, it becomes a powerful tool to advance

download the T&T App, click “Special Event” and “Asian Trip Sweepstakes” and then click “Enter Now” to join. No purchase necessary. The contest is limited to those who are 18-years or older.

About T&T Supermarkets

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our interests.”

The Tulalip reservation was chosen specifically because the council believes it’s important to “band together” with fellow Native Americans through the current political climate. That and there are quite a few similarities between the Tulalip people and the Native Hawaiian people, regarding issues and policy.

Reclaiming Hawaii’s tourism industry

Hawaii’s history with the United States is one steeped in colonialism and exploitation. When American traders and missionaries first arrived at the islands in the early 1800’s they used the islands for harvesting sugar and pineapple while attempting to spread Christianity among the Natives. While originally welcome by the Native Hawaiian people, these American businessmen eventually gained disproportionate wealth and power.

When the country’s last monarch, Queen Lili’uokalani, attempting to restore power back to her people, she was imprisoned in her own palace – ‘Iolani Palace – by a group of American businessmen and lawyers in 1893.

Since then, and well beyond Hawaii annexing into the United States in 1959, a large portion of Hawaii’s tourism is still owned and operated by non-Native Hawaiians, with most of the resorts and luxury hotels being owned by private equity firms on the mainland.

Even many of the celebrations of Hawaiian culture, such as luaus and hula, are conducted by non-Native Hawaiian people.

Part of those reclaiming efforts include gaining back economic control of Hawaii’s tourism industry.

In 2023 the state of Hawai’i signed a multi-year, multi-million-dollar contract with the Native Hawaiian organization that would allow them to manage tourism and better steward the impacts tourism was having in the islands. CNHA also has embarked upon their own initiatives in the tourism industry including launching a hula-themed dinner show and acquiring a stage and lighting company.

Leading up to this month’s convention, Kūhiō Lewis, joined by the Council for Native Hawaiians Advancement’s Chief of Staff Nicholas Carroll, spent three days, from March 16 through March 19, meeting with Tulalip Tribe leaders to establish a relationship he hopes will continue long after the convention adjourns.

over 38 stores across Canada and the United States. The stores are located in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and Washington. T&T Supermarkets was founded in Vancouver in 1993 and is now led by second generation successor and CEO, Tina Lee. T&T Supermarkets is headquartered in Richmond, BC, with offices in Toronto and Los Angeles.



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