



City of Lacey, Washington

Lacey City Council Worksession Minutes

Thursday, October 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Mayor Andy Ryder

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller

Councilmember Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Michael Steadman

Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Councilmember Ed Kunkel (remote)

Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Robert Almada, Chief of Police

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Ashley Smith, Design and Construction Manager

Brett Boogerd, Capital Projects Engineer

Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. Motion carried.

5. Agenda Items

A. Thurston EDC Center for Business and Innovation Annual Update

Heidi McCutcheon, Director of Operations, Thurston EDC

Sean Moore, Director, Center for Business and Innovation, Thurston EDC

Michelle Pope, Director, Lacey MakerSpace

The Council received an update on the Thurston Economic Development Council Center for Business and Innovation, and the Lacey MakerSpace. The presentation highlighted partnerships and programs that feature resources designed to help small businesses grow and succeed. Representatives of Lacey MakerSpace also shared updates on the expansion of the facility, and information on memberships with testimonials.

B. Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A Update

Ashley Smith, Design and Construction Manager

Staff presented an update for the Greg Cuoio Park Phase 1A Project. The update provided an overview, original design and revised design comparison, cost summary, and project schedule.

C. Crime Statistics

Robert Almada, Chief of Police

Staff presented statistics on crime data within the City of Lacey, along with a comparison to neighboring jurisdictions, for the year 2022. The presentation also included a detailed assessment for police staffing needs.

D. Public Safety Sales Tax Discussion

Rick Walk, City Manager

Staff reviewed the Thurston County Public Safety Tax measure and requested direction regarding the resolution to be presented at the October 19, 2023, Council meeting.

Council were presented with the following options for consideration:

- One resolution: expressing support and confirming the intent of the funds.
- Two resolutions: one expressing support and the second confirming the intent of the funds.



- Another option not previously considered.

Mayor Ryder moved to proceed with one resolution. Councilmember Cox seconded. Mayor Ryder and Councilmember Cox voted in favor. Deputy Mayor Miller, Councilmembers Steadman, Greenstein, Kunkel and Vazquez did not vote. Motion failed.

6. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder called the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

