



City of Lacey, Washington

Lacey City Council Worksession Minutes

Thursday, September 28, 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 Lenny Greenstein (remote)

Councilmember Michael Steadman

Councilmember Ed Kunkel (remote)

Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager

Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator

Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

We, the City of Lacey, are on the ancestral land of the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek, including the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Squaxin Island Tribe. We acknowledge, and remember those Tribal People not recognized today who were absorbed or relocated into other tribes for survival. We recognize the ancestors and their descendants who are still here. We recognize and respect the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek as the traditional stewards of this land since time immemorial and their role today in taking care of these lands in perpetuity. We recognize and have the responsibility to call attention to the histories of

dispossession, forced removal, and abridged treaty rights that allowed our nation, state, and city to develop as it has today. We recommend that community members read the Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Councilmember Vazquez moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Cox seconded. Motion carried.

5. Agenda Items

A. Public Safety Tax Proposal

Robin Campbell, Interim County Manager
Tye Menser, County Commissioner
Derek Sanders, Thurston County Sheriff

The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners voted on July 27, 2023, to include a resolution on the upcoming general election ballot for a public safety tax resulting in an increase in sales tax of two-tenths of one percent to be dedicated to supporting public safety within the county. Sherriff Sanders highlighted the need to increase deputies within the region. Lacey City Council expressed support of the resolution.

B. Capital Facilities Plan Update

Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager

Julie Bassuk, Partner in Charge, and Beth Batchelder, Project Manager, with Makers Architecture and Urban Design, provided a detailed briefing on the draft Government Facilities Master Plan, and requested feedback and recommendations to be incorporated into the draft Capital Facilities Plan template. Staff anticipate final consideration of adoption will occur by the end of 2023.

C. Interlocal Agreement for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan

Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator

The City adopted the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP) and the current Interlocal Agreement (ILA) in 2021, with the intent of implementing the assessed mitigation actions in the TCMP. In January 2023, a new Interlocal Agreement was developed to replace the existing ILA in order to incorporate the new structure. Staff briefed Council on the updated structure and draft ILA. The ILA will be presented to the full Council for action at a future meeting.



D. Legislative Meeting Processes and Efficiencies: Alternative 1 Review

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Staff reviewed and discussed the four (4) options relating to the next steps in reconstructing the legislative meeting process. Staff recommended moving forward with implementing Alternative 1: No Committees, Expand Worksession and Regular Meetings, and change City Council meeting nights from Thursdays to Tuesdays starting January 1, 2024. Council expressed support of the recommended direction.

6. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

