



City of Lacey, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 5, 2023 - 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 (remote)
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Ed Kunkel

Council Excused

Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Scott Egger, Public Works Director
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney (remote)
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Land Acknowledgement

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items:

- A. City Council meeting minutes of September 21, 2023
- B. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages, and transfers for September 11, 2023, through September 22, 2023

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Councilmember Cox seconded. Motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations:

7. Public Comment:

8. Public Hearing:

9. Proclamations:

A. Walk to School Month

Kerri Wilson, Walk N Roll Program Supervisor and Employee Transportation Coordinator

Council proclaimed October 2023, as Walk to School Month. Kerri Wilson, Walk N Roll Program Supervisor and Employee Transportation Coordinator with Intercity Transit, accepted the Proclamation.

B. National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Joseph Kasperski, Chief Financial & Operations Officer, Washington State Department of Services for the Blind

Council proclaimed October 2023, as Disability Employment Awareness Month. Cecilia Zamprelli-Jones, Washington State Department of Services for the Blind representative, accepted the proclamation.

C. Hispanic and Latino/a/e/x Heritage Month

Kindra Galan, Education Program Director, Cielo Programs

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed September 15 through October 15, 2023, as Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month. Kindra Galan, Education Program Director of Cielo Programs, accepted the proclamation.

10. Referral from Planning Commission:

11. Referral from Hearings Examiner:



12. Resolutions:

A. Resolution No. 1138: Advisory Board Stipend Program

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Staff advised that in order to try and reduce barriers to participation in government and increase representation on advisory boards, government agencies are introducing stipend programs for advisory body members. Stipends offset costs incurred by participating on the City's advisory bodies. Staff provided an overview of the proposed Stipend Program for Advisory Boards. Pending 2024 Budget funding, the program will be implemented in January 2024.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve Resolution 1138 adopting the Advisory Board Stipend Program in the City Council Policies and Procedures Manual. Councilmember Kunkel seconded. Motion carried.

13. Ordinances:

14. Mayor's Report:

A. Planning Commission Appointment: Jeffrey Gadman

Mayor Ryder

Mayor Ryder moved to appoint Jeff Gadman to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. Motion carried.

15. City Manager's Report:

A. City of Lacey Wellness Program

Alyssa Dolan-Caret, Human Resources Specialist

Staff presented on the City's Wellness Program and highlighted Committee efforts and events throughout the year.

16. Standing General Committees:

A. Finance and Economic Development Committee - September 26, 2023

Mayor Ryder provided a report on the meeting.

17. Other Business:



18. Boards, Commissions and Committee Reports:

A. Mayor Andy Ryder:

1. Mayors' Forum
2. Thurston Chamber Shared Legislative Committee
3. Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Mayor Ryder did not present any reports.

B. Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller:

1. Economic Development Council (EDC)
2. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)
3. Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking (TCCAT)
4. Thurston Thrives

Deputy Mayor Miller presented reports on the Economic Development Council and Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

C. Councilmember Carolyn Cox:

1. Climate Action Steering Committee
2. LOTT Clean Water Alliance
3. Regional Housing Council

Councilmember Cox presented a report on the Regional Housing Council.

D. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)



2. TCOMM911

E. Councilmember Michael Steadman:

1. Community Action Council
2. Nisqually River Council
3. Thurston County Law & Justice Council

Councilmember Steadman was excused from the meeting.

F. Councilmember Ed Kunkel:

1. Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM)
2. Lacey South Sound Chamber
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)
4. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Councilmember Kunkel presented a report on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

G. Councilmember Robin Vazquez:

1. Intercity Transit Authority
2. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)
3. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)
4. Thurston County Board of Health

Councilmember Vazquez was excused from the meeting.

19. Convene to Worksession



A. 2024 Budget Workshop

Rick Walk, City Manager

Troy Woo, Finance Director, presented the 2024 Budget in detail. Staff requested Council direction on the following topics:

- Workforce Enhancements
- Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater rate increases
- Rescind Water Utility Rate
- Property Taxes
- Local Human Services Grant Program
- Reserve Discussion
- Thurston County Public Safety Tax

20. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

