



City of Lacey, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2023 - Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller (remote)
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman (remote)
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Ed Kunkel (remote)

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder
Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

Deputy Mayor Miller announced that as presiding officer in the Mayor's absence, and due to attending the meeting remotely, he would like to nominate Councilmember Greenstein as Chair for the November 16, 2023, Council meeting. Deputy Mayor Miller, Councilmembers Greenstein, Steadman, Cox and Kunkel voted in favor.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Greenstein led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Councilmember Greenstein presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

5. Approval of Amended Agenda and Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Council Worksession meeting minutes of October 26, 2023
- B. Payment of claims, wages and transfers for October 12, 2023, through November 3, 2023.

Councilmember Greenstein recommended amending the agenda to place agenda item 9.A immediately following agenda item 6.

Councilmember Cox moved to approve the amended agenda and consent agenda. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. Motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations:

- A. **Lacey Youth Council Report**
Youth Council Representatives

The following youth representatives provided reports to the Council:

Eliana Allin, Pope John Paul II
Zury Ramirez-Plascencia, North Thurston High School
Anthony Santiago, River Ridge High School
Nathaniel Clay, Timberline High School

9. Proclamations:

- A. **Small Business Saturday**
Blake Knoblauch, Executive Director, Lacey South Sounds Chamber & Visitors Center

Deputy Mayor Miller, and Council, proclaimed Saturday, November 25, 2023, as Small Business Saturday. Blake Knoblauch, Executive Director, Lacey South Sound Chamber & Visitors Center accepted the proclamation.

7. Public Comment:



Verbal Public Comments: The deadline to pre-register to speak via Zoom was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Zero (0) people signed up to speak via Zoom.

Five (5) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Shane Hunter, Lacey resident, provided public comment regarding Home Owner's Association (HOA) concerns.

Jim Smith, Lacey resident, provided public comment regarding HOA concerns.

Heather McArthur signed in, but did not wish to speak.

Brandon Gardner, Lacey resident, provided public comment regarding HOA concerns.

Joshua King, Lacey resident, provided public comment regarding HOA concerns.

Written Public Comments: The deadline to submit written public comments was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Written comments are not addressed during the meeting; however, they are added to the official record.

Zero (0) written public comments were received.

8. Public Hearing:

A. Draham Road Annexation - Project No 23-306

Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager

Councilmember Greenstein opened the Draham Road Annexation Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Verbal Public Testimony: The deadline to pre-register to speak and provide public testimony was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Zero (0) – people signed up to provide public testimony via Zoom.

One (1) – person signed up to speak at the meeting.

David Toyer, Land Use Consultant, provided public testimony in support of the annexation.

Written Public Comments: The deadline to submit written public testimony was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Written comments are not addressed during the



meeting; however, they are added to the official record.

Zero (0) - written public testimony was received.

Councilmember Greenstein closed the Draham Road Annexation Budget Hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve the preparation and filing of a Notice of Intent to Annex for the Draham Road Annexation, Project Number 23-306, with the Boundary Review Board for Thurston County. Councilmember Kunkel seconded. Motion carried.

B. Proposed 2024 Budget Hearing

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Councilmember Greenstein opened the Proposed 2024 Budget Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Verbal Public Testimony: The deadline to pre-register to speak and provide public testimony was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Zero (0) – people signed up to provide public testimony via Zoom.

One (1) – person signed up to speak at the meeting.

Joshua King, Lacey resident, provided comments regarding identifying opportunities for HOA resources within the City's budget.

Written Public Comments: The deadline to submit written public testimony was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Written comments are not addressed during the meeting; however, they are added to the official record.

Zero (0) - written public testimony was received.

Councilmember Greenstein closed the First 2024 Budget Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

10. Referral from Planning Commission:

11. Referral from Hearings Examiner:

12. Resolutions:

A. Resolution 1141: Authorizing Ad Valorem Tax

Troy Woo, Finance Director



Staff presented Resolution 1141. The proposed resolution authorizes an increase of the 2024 Ad Valorem tax levy by one percent over the tax levy of 2023, which is equal to \$84,887.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to adopt Resolution 1141, authorizing the Ad Valorem Tax. Councilmember Kunkel seconded. Motion carried.

13. Ordinances:

A. Ordinance 1644: Ad Valorem Tax

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Staff presented Ordinance 1644. The proposed ordinance sets the 2024 property tax levies.

Councilmember Cox moved to adopt Ordinance 1644, authorizing the Ad Valorem Tax. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. Motion carried.

B. Ordinance 1645: Modifying the Public Utility Tax Rate

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Staff presented Ordinance 1645. The proposed ordinance amends LMC 3.01.040, modifying the public utility business tax rate on water distribution.

Councilmember Steadman moved to adopt Ordinance 1645, modifying the Public Utility Tax Rate. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. Motion carried.

C. Ordinance 1646: 2024-2027 Water Rate Ordinance

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Staff presented Ordinance 1646. The proposed ordinance amends LMC 13.32.030, establishing water rates for 2024 through 2027.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to adopt Ordinance 1646, authorizing the 2024-2027 Water Rate Ordinance. Councilmember Cox seconded. Motion carried.

D. Ordinance 1647: 2024-2027 Sewer Rate Ordinance

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Staff presented Ordinance 1647. The proposed ordinance amends LMC 13.16.060 and 13.16.061, establishing sewer rates for 2024 through 2027.



Councilmember Steadman moved to adopt Ordinance 1647, authorizing the 2024-2027 Sewer Rate Ordinance. Councilmember Kunkel seconded. Deputy Mayor Miller and Councilmembers Greenstein, Steadman and Cox voted in favor. Councilmember Kunkel voted against. Motion carried.

E. Ordinance 1648: 2024-2025 Stormwater Rate Ordinance

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Staff presented Ordinance 1648. The proposed ordinance amends LMC 13.70.030, establishing stormwater rates for 2024 and 2025.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to adopt Ordinance 1648, authorizing the 2024-2025 Stormwater Rate Ordinance. Councilmember Cox seconded. Motion carried.

14. Mayor's Report:

15. City Manager's Report:

16. Standing General Committees:

A. Transportation Committee

Meeting of November 7, 2023

Deputy Mayor Miller reported the November 7, 2023, Transportation Committee did not have a quorum and therefore was not held.

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 was excused and no reports were provided.



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 did not provide any reports.

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
2. TCOMM911

Councilmember Greenstein did not provide any reports.

D. Councilmember Michael Steadman:

1. Nisqually River Council
2. Thurston County Law & Justice Council

Councilmember Steadman did not provide any reports.

E. Councilmember Carolyn Cox:

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

Councilmember Cox provided reports for LOTT Clean Water Alliance and the Regional Housing Council.

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 provided a report for the Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM).

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. Councilmember Cox provided a report for Intercity Transit Authority as alternate.

19. Adjourn

Councilmember Greenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

