



City of Lacey, Washington

Lacey City Council Worksession Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2023

6:00 PM

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
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Ed Kunkel (remote)
Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Member
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

5. Agenda Items

A. 2024 Federal and State Legislative Priorities Agenda

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Brian Enslow, Government Affairs Consultant, Arbutus Consulting

David Hodges, Government Affairs Consultant, CFM Advocates

A review of the draft legislative agendas for 2024 State and Federal priorities was presented to Council.

State Policy Areas Identified

- Housing and Homelessness
- Blake Decision and Behavioral Health
- Public Safety
- Property Tax Cap
- Climate Commitment Act
- Artificial Intelligence and Data Protection

State Priorities Discussed

- Emergency Coordination Center
- Regional Athletic Complex LED Replacement Lights
- Homeless Services Sustainability
- Defense Community Compatibility Account
- I-5 Corridor between Mounts Road and Tumwater

Federal Priorities Discussed

- Emergency Coordination Center
- College Street Safety Improvement Project
- I-5 Corridor
- Young Child and Family Center (future)
- Museum and Cultural Center in Depot District (future)
- Regional Animal Services (future)

Preparations for future projects were also highlighted and included Childcare and Early Learning Access, Joint Animal Services Regional Animal Facility, and the Thurston County Regional Basic Law Enforcement Academics and Training Center.

Council expressed support for the draft 2024 state and federal legislative agendas as presented. The 2024 State and Federal Legislative Agendas will be presented to Council at the December 7, 2023, Council meeting for adoption.

B. Council Policies and Procedures Update - Legislative Structure

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager



Staff presented a review of the proposed updates to the Council Policy and Procedures Manual. Earlier in the year, the Council directed staff to proceed with elimination of Committee meetings and transition of Council meeting dates from Thursdays to Tuesdays. The changes include comprehensive updates to reflect current practices, as well as increased efficiencies and administrative flexibility for non-policy items.

Council expressed support for the proposed amendments as presented.

A resolution to modify the City Council Policies-Procedures Manual to remove references to Committee meetings is tentatively scheduled for the December 7, 2023, Council meeting for consideration. An ordinance modifying the City Council meeting dates from Thursdays to Tuesday is also tentatively scheduled for the December 7, 2023, Council meeting.

6. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

