



City of Lacey, Washington
City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 4, 2024 - 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 Robin Vazquez
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director
Scott Egger, Public Works Director
Dave Schneider, City Attorney (remote)
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager
Ed Andrews, Water Maintenance Supervisor
Charlene McHendry, Water Resources Specialist
Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Land Acknowledgment

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of the Minutes of May 7, 2024
- B. Approval of the Minutes of May 14, 2024
- C. Approval of wages, claims, and transfers for April 11 through May 24, 2024

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as published. Councilmember Steadman seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. Recognition of the 2023-2024 Lacey Youth Council

Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst

Siglin presented recognition to the following 2023-2024 Lacey Youth Councilmembers, and highlighted accomplishments and future endeavors.

Sarah Towne, Mayor

Zury Ramirez-Plascencia, Deputy Mayor

Eliana Allin, Clerk

Nathaniel Clay, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Representative

Rory Line, Historical Commission Representative

Sophie Allard, Library Board Representative

Samuel Tatarian, Commission on Equity Representative

The following Youth Councilmembers presented reports to Council:

Eliana Allin, Pope John Paul II High School

Zury Ramirez-Plascencia, North Thurston High School

Sophie Allard, Timberland High School

Samuel Tatarian, Timberland High School

Sarah Towne, Lacey Youth Council

B. Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys Ernest H. Campbell Award

Dave Schneider, City Attorney



Schneider recognized Joe Svoboda, retired City Attorney and Prosecutor, as the 2024 recipient of the Ernest H. Campbell Award. The award is a lifetime achievement award, issued by the Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys (WSAMA). The award recognizes a significant contribution to the field of municipal law over a long period of time. Svoboda is the second City of Lacey attorney to receive the prestigious award.

7. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

Two (2) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Nancy Dihle signed up, but declined to speak.

Althea Sims, City of Lacey resident, provided comments surrounding ongoing conversations with the City regarding rodent response efforts.

One (1) person registered to speak via Zoom.

Stephany Newman, City of Lacey resident, provided comments regarding ADA Title 2 barriers at the Lacey Museum Food Truck Depot.

Written Public Comment

Zero (0) written public comment were received.

8. Public Hearing

9. Proclamations

A. Juneteenth 2024

Melvin Butler and Lester Dickson, Fred U. Harris Masonic Lodge #70 PHA

Deputy Mayor Miller and Council proclaimed June 19, 2024, as Juneteenth Day. Representatives of Fred U. Harris Masonic Lodge accepted the proclamation and invited the community to attend the 2024 Juneteenth Celebration, jointly hosted by the City and Fred U. Harris Lodge on June 15, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

10. Resolutions

A. Action: Resolution 1148 - Parks Improvement Funding Work Group

Jennifer Burbidge, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director

Burbidge presented draft Resolution 1148 establishing a Parks Improvement



Funding Workgroup and outlined the framework discussed at the May 28, 2024, Council Worksession. The workgroup's purpose is to review parks expansion and replacement projects identified in the six-year Parks Capital Improvement Program (PCIP), analyze available funding options, and recommend to the Council funding sources to implement a prioritized list of parks capital projects.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to adopt Resolution 1148 to establish a Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup. Councilmember Steadman seconded. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to appoint Councilmember(s) Dunning, Vazquez, and Greenstein to a three-member Council Committee to recommend appointments to the Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup in accordance with Resolution 1148. Councilmember Steadman seconded. The motion carried.

B. Action: Resolution 1149 - Investment Policy Amendments
Troy Woo, Finance Director

Woo presented the draft resolution, updating the City's investment policy. After completing this year's annual review, the City's investment adviser recommended a minor update to the policy, correcting a reference to the "State Finance Director."

Councilmember Greenstein moved to adopt Resolution 1149 amending the City's Investment Policy. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. The motion carried.

11. Ordinances

A. Action: Ordinance 1660 - Cuoio Park North Annexation
Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager

Andrews presented the draft ordinance, annexing the remaining portions of Cuoio Park into City limits. If approved, the annexation would only apply to those parcels owned by the City of Lacey. The annexation of the remaining seven (7) private properties that would become islands upon approval of the annexation will be addressed in the pending Draham Road Island annexation interlocal agreement with Thurston County.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve Ordinance 1660 to annex the remaining unincorporated portions of Cuoio Park into the Lacey municipal limits. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

B. Action: Ordinance 1661 - Eminent Domain



Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Ed Andrews, Water Maintenance Supervisor

Andrews provided details surrounding the Well 7 Replacement Project. The well was built in 1976 and is the largest water production well by volume, providing 480 million gallons in 2023. Since 2019, the well's capacity has dropped significantly and needs to be replaced. Additional property rights are required to site the replacement well.

Schneider summarized the acquisition process and reviewed the draft ordinance that would authorize the City Attorney to proceed with filing an action of eminent domain to acquire the necessary property rights in sufficient time for design and construction of the Well 7 Replacement Project. Eminent domain is the procedure authorized by state law for obtaining an independent decision by a judge or jury as to the just compensation to be paid for the property rights. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Steadman moved to adopt Ordinance 1661 authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire property rights for the Well 7 Replacement Project. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. Councilmember(s) Greenstein, Steadman, Cox, Vazquez and Dunning voted in favor. Deputy Mayor Miller voted against. The motion carried.

12. Mayor's Report

A. **Appointments: Human Services Ad Hoc Workgroup**

Deputy Mayor Miller
Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to appoint James Broman, Nathaniel Clay, Nancy Dihle, Juliet Lawson-Hall, Dalia Martinez, Brandon Stephens and Tiffany Walker to the Ad Hoc Human Services Workgroup. Councilmember Cox seconded. Deputy Mayor Miller, Councilmember(s) Greenstein, Steadman, Cox and Vazquez voted in favor. Councilmember Dunning recused himself from voting due to a conflict of interest. The motion carried.

Chavez introduced Nancy Dihle and Brandon Stephens, who were present at the meeting. The Workgroup will host their first meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

13. City Manager's Report

A. **2024 Consumer Confidence/Water Quality Report**

Charlene McHendry, Water Resources Specialist



McHendry presented a detailed review of the 2024 Water Quality Report. The report contains important information about where Lacey's water comes from, where Lacey's water goes, water saving tips, groundwater protection, the mandatory watering schedule and details surrounding lead and other contaminants that may be present in drinking water.

B. Water Shortage Response Plan & Mandatory Watering Schedule

Charlene McHendry, Water Resources Specialist

McHendry provided a presentation on the 2024 Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP). The WSRP provides operating procedures to be implemented by the City of Lacey Water Utility in the event of a weather-related water shortage, natural or human-caused disaster, or other water system operating emergency.

C. Action: North Thurston Public Schools Master Interlocal Agreement

Jennifer Burbidge, Parks, Culture, & Recreation Director

Burbidge highlighted the agreement for the purpose of joint use of North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS) and City indoor and outdoor facilities for programs. Sub-agreements would be approved by the Parks, Culture and Recreation Board and signed by the City Manager or designee.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Master Interlocal Agreement between NTPS and the City of Lacey. Councilmember Steadman seconded. The motion carried.

14. Other Business

15. 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. Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM)

Deputy Mayor Miller provided reports from the EDC and JASCOM.

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
2. TCOMM911
3. Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee

Councilmember Greenstein did not provide any reports.

D. Councilmember Michael Steadman:

1. Nisqually River Council
2. Thurston County Law & Justice Council
3. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)

Councilmember Steadman did not provide any reports.

E. Councilmember Carolyn Cox:

1. LOTT Clean Water Alliance
2. Regional Housing Council
3. Intercity Transit Authority



Councilmember Cox provided reports from the Intercity Transit Authority and LOTT.

F. Councilmember Robin Vazquez:

1. Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative
2. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)
3. Thurston County Board of Health

Councilmember Vazquez provided a report from the Thurston County Board of Health and highlighted some upcoming items scheduled for the next TRPC meeting.

G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

1. Thurston Thrives
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)

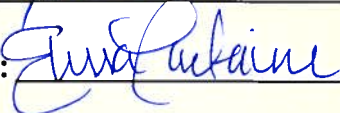
Councilmember Dunning provided a report from Thurston Thrives.

16. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller and Council provided condolences to the family and friends of Rob Gordon, the late Mayor of Bucoda.

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

MAYOR: 

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: 

DATE APPROVED: June 18, 2024

