



City of Lacey, Washington Lacey City Council Approved Worksession Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Mayor Andy Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Mayor Andy Ryder

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller

Councilmember Michael Steadman (present until 7:15 p.m.)

Councilmember Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Council Excused

Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Scott Egger, Public Works Director

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager

Hans Shepherd, Senior Planner

Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgment

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to approve the agenda as amended to postpone item 5c, Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, to a future meeting. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. The motion carried.

5. Agenda Items

A. LOTT Clean Water Alliance Annual Update

Matt Kennelly, LOTT Executive Director

Kennelly presented the annual Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater-Thurston (LOTT) Clean Water Alliance update. The structure of the utility, which serves approximately 124,000 people, was described, and regulatory requirements were summarized. Kennelly outlined the areas of service provided by the utility, including providing essential wastewater removal and treatment, environmental education, and reclamation of biosolids for use in agriculture, biogas as an energy source, and reclaimed water for irrigation and public water features. The utility's groundwater replenishment efforts using water recharge facilities were described. Kennelly noted other public services of the utility, such as connection fee rebates, low-income housing support, and climate change mitigation. Budget and revenue sources were reviewed, and Lacey's wastewater rates were reported to be below average compared to other Washington cities and counties.

B. Neighborhood Commercial Discussion

Vanessa Dolbee, Community & Economic Development Director

Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager

Hans Shepherd, Senior Planner

Shepherd presented the city's Neighborhood Commercial Districts addressing ground-floor ceiling heights and affordable housing considerations. Minimum ceiling height requirements for different commercial uses were discussed. Shepherd addressed considerations and options applicable to housing within Neighborhood Commercial Districts. At the invitation of Mayor Ryder, Development Manager Matt Farrell, Tarragon LLC, engaged in Council discussion.

Councilmember Steadman was present until 7:15 p.m.

C. Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Review

Consideration of this item was postponed to a future meeting.



D. South Sound Senior Services Campaign Against Loneliness and Isolation
Brian Windrope, South Sound Senior Services Executive Director

Windrope engaged with councilmembers on the health impacts, such as early mortality and higher risk of dementia, to teens and older community members due to isolation and loneliness. South Sound Senior Services is pursuing increased awareness of this subject. Councilmembers inquired about the status of Senior Services' home-sharing facilitation for seniors.

6. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes approved July 2, 2024

