



City of Lacey, Washington
City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 - 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 Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Robin Vazquez
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning (remote)

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Robert Almada, Chief of Police
Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director
Vanessa Dolbee, Community Development Director
Scott Egger, Public Works Director
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator
Ed Taylor, Emergency Management and Safety Coordinator
Hans Shepherd, Senior Planner
Brandy Legomina, Deputy City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Land Acknowledgment

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of wages, claims, and transfers for June 11, 2024, through July 5, 2024

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

7. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

Evette Temple, Board President of Homes First, commented on affordable rental housing challenges and solutions.

One (1) person registered to speak via Zoom.

Hailey Saxton, Program Support Specialist for New Horizon Communities, formally known as Gehote Communities, introduced the organization to the Council and expressed interest in working in the Lacey community.

Written Public Comment

No written public comment was received.

8. Public Hearing

9. Proclamations

- A. **Community Action Council Monarch Program and Retirement of Astro the Service Dog**

Abi McLane, Chief Operating Officer, Community Action Council of Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties

Mayor Ryder and Council recognized the outstanding work of Astro, the Courthouse Service Dog, and wished him a happy retirement.

Tambra Donohue, Astro's caregiver, and Lisa Wahl, Astro's primary handler, accepted the proclamation on Astro's behalf.

10. Resolutions



A. **Resolution 1152: 2025 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
Martin Hoppe, Transportation Manager

Hoppe presented Resolution 1152: 2025 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Six-Year TIP is a list of projects planned to start in the next six (6) years, that is consistent with City's Comprehensive Plan. The Six-Year TIP is both a state and federal requirement that is checked for consistency by the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) and the State TIP. Upon completion of the review, the City is allowed to apply to obligate funding for these projects. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve Resolution 1152, adopting the 2025 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program Mitigation List. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

B. **Resolution 1153: 2024 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Update**
Bracy DiLeonardo, Benefits Manager
Ed Taylor, Emergency Management and Safety Coordinator

Taylor presented Resolution 1153: 2024 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Update. The CEMP is the City's plan of response to disasters and recovery. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Vazquez moved to adopt Resolution 1153, approving the 2024 City of Lacey Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), as amended to include authorization for signing the CEMP and the associated letter of adoption. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

11. Ordinances

A. **Ordinance 1662: Neighborhood Commercial District Code**
Vanessa Dolbee, Director of Community and Economic Development

Dolbee presented Ordinance 1662: Neighborhood Commercial District Code. The Neighborhood Commercial Zoning Amendment was initiated after a Land Use Application was submitted for a gas station in a Neighborhood Commercial Zone. Due to the number of concerns within the community, the Code Amendment process was initiated to analyze the particular use within the zone. Since then, staff has spent eighteen (18) months working through public engagement, analysis of feedback, development feasibility, and drafting regulations for consideration by the public. This project has over one thousand (1,000) touchpoints with the community and interested parties, eleven (11) Planning Commission meetings, and



seven (7) City Council Worksessions.

Shepherd presented district characteristics; a timeline of the ordinance's progression; draft code language for ground floor commercial heights; draft code language for affordable housing; and the future code review processes for Townhouse Development and Multifamily Tax Exemption. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Vazquez moved to approve Ordinance 1662, adopting the amendments to LMC 16.36 Neighborhood Commercial District. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

12. Mayor's Report

A. Reappointment: Parks, Culture and Recreation Board - Gary Larson

Mayor Andy Ryder

Mayor Ryder moved to reappoint Gary Larson to the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Ryder addressed national events from the past weekend and called on the need for compassion, compromise, and the importance of listening to each other for the betterment of the community. Mayor Ryder affirmed that violence is never acceptable in our democracy.

13. City Manager's Report

A. Human Services Grant Program Update

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Chavez presented an update on the Human Services Grant Program (HSGP). This presentation showcased meeting progression to include the grant application and the rubric process; an application workshop; and the acceptance period for applications. The goal is to have the Program Year One launch from October 2024 through September 2025. Discussion ensued.

B. National Opioid Settlement: Kroger Settlement

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Schneider presented the National Opioid Settlement with Kroger. This presentation included discussion on a Washington state settlement for \$47.5 million to be paid over eleven (11) years, with half of the amount being allocated to cities.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to participate in settlements with Kroger. Deputy



Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

C. Fireworks Spectacular Event Update

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Burbidge presented an overview of the Fireworks Spectacular Event at Rainier Vista Park. This presentation included discussion on the various sponsors, volunteers, staff, entertainment, and members of the public who attended the event. This event had an attendance of over 23,000, with over 1,000 attendees coming from outside the fifty (50) mile radius.

D. Other Items

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 provided a report from the Mayor's Forum.

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 a report from 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 provided a report from ORCAA.

E. Councilmember Carolyn Cox:

1. Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater-Thurston Clean Water Alliance (LOTT)
2. Regional Housing Council
3. Intercity Transit Authority

Councilmember Cox did not provide any reports.

F. Councilmember Robin Vazquez:

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

Councilmember Vazquez provided reports from TCMC and TRPC.

G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

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

Councilmember Dunning did not provide any reports and supported Mayor Ryders address on the national events over the weekend.

16. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

MAYOR:

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK:

DATE APPROVED:

August 20, 2024

