



City of Lacey, Washington Lacey City Council Approved Worksession Minutes

Tuesday, July 23, 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 Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman (remote)
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Robin Vazquez
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning (remote)

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director
Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager
Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator
Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgment

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.

5. Agenda Items

A. Draft Interlocal Agreement for Draham Road Island Annexation

Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager

Andrews presented the interlocal agreement with Thurston County and the areas north of I-5 to be annexed. The agreement would supersede some provisions of previous interlocal agreements covering the same areas dealing with tax revenue and County ownership of sewer utilities already maintained by the City of Lacey. Andrews summarized the schedule for transferring fee collection and permit responsibilities in the annexation area and notifications to third-party taxing districts. Annexation is expected to be complete by the end of 2024 following a public hearing likely in October.

B. Interlocal Agreement for HOME Consortium

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Chavez presented an interlocal agreement (ILA) for participation in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Consortium. The federal program, managed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, makes funding available in support of affordable housing efforts through Entitlement communities. The new ILA will assure Lacey's participation as an independent Community Development Block Grant entitlement city. A resolution adopting the new ILA is expected for Council consideration on August 6.

C. Public Comment and Public Hearing Policy

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong summarized prior review of updates to public comment and public hearing policies by the City Council, Lacey Youth Council, Commission on Equity, and advisory board staff liaisons. Kelley-Fong provided background on recent hate speech incidents in various jurisdictions, including Lacey, First Amendment considerations, and the current state of Lacey's comment and testimony policies. Councilmembers discussed policy options still pending consensus. Based on Council input, a draft policy will be presented for approval at a subsequent City Council public meeting.



D. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Strategic Plan - Council Message Input

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong presented the City's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Strategic Plan initiative, which Council previously reviewed on July 9, 2024. Kelley-Fong summarized the purpose, goals, and development roadmap for the DEIB Strategic Plan. Councilmembers were asked to contribute to a City Council message for the strategic plan by means of an idea cloud exercise. Council input will be used to draft a message for incorporation in the strategic plan.

6. Executive Session

A. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

At 7:37 p.m., the City Council recessed to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss matter(s) pertaining to performance of a public employee. The Mayor announced that the executive session would start at 7:40 p.m. and last approximately 25 minutes, after which the City Council would reconvene the worksession at or shortly after 8:05 p.m.

At 8:05 p.m., the Mayor announced that the executive session would be extended an additional 10 minutes to 8:15 p.m. The executive session lasted 35 minutes, and no final actions were taken.

7. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder reconvened the Council worksession and immediately adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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