



City of Lacey, Washington
City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 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

Mayor Andy Ryder (remote)
Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Robin Vazquez
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director
Scott Egger, Public Works Director
Scott Devlin, Operations Manager
Sarah Schelling, Current Planning and Economic Development Manager
Scott Johnston, Transportation Maintenance Supervisor
Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Mayor Miller led the 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 Council minutes of July 16, 2024
- B. Approval of the Worksession minutes of July 23, 2024
- C. Approval of the Council minutes of August 6, 2024
- D. Approval of wages, claims, and transfers for July 11 through August 9, 2024

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. 988 Suicide Prevention Program

Don Seese, Washington State Department of Veteran's Affairs

Seese presented on the 988 Suicide Prevention Program. The dialing code 988 is the new, nation-wide code to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline via call, text or chat.

B. Spirit of Lacey Recipient and Mariner's Fan of the Year: Ruth Weigelt

The Council honored Ruth Weigelt, Spirit of Lacey Award winner, for her recognition by the Seattle Mariners as their 2024 Season Ticket Holder of the Year. Weigelt's volunteer contributions to the Lacey community for the last 50 years were also highlighted.

7. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

Cassandra Houghton, Olympia resident and Administrative Assistant with Nurture Hope, provided comments regarding the organization's programs to support the homeless community.

Lisa Gillotti, an employee of Nurture Hope, shared stories about individuals



supported through the program.

No one registered to speak via Zoom.

Written Public Comment

No written public comments were received.

8. Public Hearing

9. Proclamations

A. St. Martin's University and Abbey Proclamation and Recognition

Dr. Brownsberger, President, Saint Martin's University

Mayor Ryder and Council presented an official proclamation to Saint Martin's University and Abbey for their significant contributions to education, community service, and ongoing partnership with the City of Lacey. Dr. William Brownsberger, President, Saint Martin's University, was present to accept the proclamation and thanked the Council and City for their continued partnership.

10. Resolutions

11. Ordinances

12. Mayor's Report

A. Appointment: 2024-2025 Lacey Youth Council

Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst

Siglin presented on the 2024-2025 Lacey Youth Council recruitment efforts. The following fifteen (15) applicants were recommended for appointment:

- Zurysaday Ramirez-Plascencia
- Eliana Allin
- Sophia Allard
- Faith Kim
- Kieran Sills-Powell
- Lydia Neat
- Luka Froehlich
- Isabella Valerio
- Elhadj Toure
- Lily Schneider



- Ellie Hambly
- Dior Trinh
- Avani Kumar
- Aryan Kumar
- Sydney Lee

Mayor Ryder moved to appoint the 2024-2025 Lacey Youth Council as recommended. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

13. City Manager's Report

A. Impacts of State Legislative Actions SB 5290 and HB 1293

Vanessa Dolbee, Community & Economic Development Director

Sarah Schelling, Current Planning & Economic Development Manager

Schelling presented a briefing on the upcoming legislative efforts relating to code adjustments. The pending legislation under SB 5290 and HB 1293 affects permit processing timelines, monetary penalties for non-compliance, review timelines, and reporting.

Staff will draft language to comply with the requirements of SB 5290 and HB 1293. The updates will be reviewed by the Planning Commission before bringing it to the full Council.

B. Transportation Maintenance Update

Scott Johnston, Transportation Maintenance Supervisor

Johnston presented a detailed overview of maintenance efforts by the Transportation Department. Divisions within the department include stormwater; streets; signs and markings; and electrical. Data regarding the daily duties, repairs, personnel hours, and vehicle replacements were presented. Discussion ensued.

C. Public Art Utility Wrap Overview

Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst

Siglin presented the Utility Wrap project. A review of the 6-Year Public Art Plan and the Lacey Art Policy was also provided. Utility box wraps are used to transform the utility box into visually appealing works of art that reflect the City's history, culture, and diversity, past and present. Siglin highlighted the themes for the art, locations of available utility boxes, project process, and recommendations for selection.

The City received thirteen (13) unique qualifying submissions for consideration, representing six (6) of the fifteen (15) advertised themes. The submissions were reviewed by the Commission on Equity and the Historical Commission. The



advisory boards recommended submissions for consideration. Council expressed support in moving forward as recommended. The item will be placed on the consent agenda for a future meeting for approval.

D. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Strategic Plan Council Message Review

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

The purpose of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Strategic Plan is to create a guide for the City to advance and support equity efforts in the greater Lacey Community. Kelley-Fong highlighted the input received by the Council during the July 23 Worksession, and presented a draft Council message for incorporation into the strategic plan. Discussion ensued. The Council expressed approval of the draft message as proposed.

E. Other Items

Rick Walk, City Manager, recognized Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, as the recent recipient of the 2024 Washington City/County Management Association's Outstanding Assistant Award.

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 did not provide any reports.

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 the Urban Growth Area Subcommittee.



C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

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

Councilmember Greenstein provided a report from TCOMM911.

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. Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater-Thurston Clean Water Alliance (LOTT)
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 (TCMC)
2. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)
3. Thurston County Board of Health

Councilmember Vazquez provided reports from the TRPC, TCMC, and Thurston County Board of Health.

G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

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

Councilmember Dunning provided reports from the VCB and SWAC.



16. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____ September 3, 2024 _____

