



City of Lacey, Washington
City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 17, 2024 - Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Malcolm 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
Jennifer Adams, Housing Coordinator
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Mayor Miller led the Flag Salute.

4. Land Acknowledgment

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of the Worksession minutes of August 27, 2024
- B. Approval of the Council minutes of September 3, 2024
- C. Approval of wages, claims, and transfers for August 12 through September 6, 2024

**Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda as published.
Councilmember Dunning seconded. The motion carried.**

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. Lacey Youth Council Welcome Youth Council Representatives

Siglin introduced the 2024-2025 Youth Council and highlighted the Elected Officer results. Recommendations for the Advisory Board Representatives were reviewed for Council action.

Mayor Ryder moved to appoint Youth Councilmembers to serve as advisory board representatives for the 2024-2025 term as presented. Councilmember Steadman seconded. The motion carried.

B. Lacey Fire District 3 Update Steve Brooks, Fire Chief

Chief Brooks presented updates for the Lacey Fire District. The presentation included an overview, highlights, and a review for 2025 and beyond. Chief Brooks announced his upcoming retirement at the end of 2024. Deputy Chief Jennifer Schmidt was announced as the new Chief, starting in 2025.

7. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

Thelma Jackson signed up but did not wish to provide public comment.

Jon Halvorson, a Lacey resident, provided comments regarding the Public Employee Retirement System.

No people registered to speak via Zoom.

Written Public Comment

No written public comment was received.



8. Public Hearing

9. Proclamations

A. Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed September 15, 2024, through October 15, 2024, as Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month. David Puente, CIELO Board Member, and CIELO representatives were present to accept the proclamation.

B. Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed September 2024 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Ryder made a personal announcement regarding his journey with Prostate Cancer. Paul Eldenburg, Providence Prostate Cancer Support Group representative, was present to accept the proclamation.

10. Resolutions

A. Resolution 1157: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Strategic Plan Adoption

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong presented the draft resolution, adopting the 2024-2030 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Strategic Plan. 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.

Mayor Ryder moved adoption of Resolution 1157 - the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Strategic Plan 2024-2030. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. The motion carried.

11. Ordinances

12. Mayor's Report

A. Reappointment: Historical Commission - Jon Halvorson and Tula'i Patane Mayor Ryder

Mayor Ryder moved to reappoint Jon Halvorson and Tula'i Patane to the Historical Commission. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.



13. City Manager's Report

A. **Multi-Family Tax Exemption Application: 629 Woodland Square Loop**

Jennifer Adams, Housing Coordinator

The Lacey City Council established a Multi-Family Tax Exemption program in 2018, and designated Lacey Midtown as a Residential Target Area as authorized by Chapter 84.14 RCW. Adoption of the ordinance provides an incentive for property owners and developers to construct new multi-family and new or redeveloped mixed-use buildings within the identified target area.

Adams presented a briefing on the contract between DM Ventures 629 LLC and the City of Lacey. The contract is the initial step in enrolling the parcel addressed as 629 Woodland Square Loop SE in an eight-year multi-family tax exemption status in accordance with LMC 3.64. The item will return for Council for action on October 15, 2024.

B. **Other Business**

City Manager Walk provided an update on the City's partnership with the 12 Stryker Brigade based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. The brigade is deploying to South Korea.

Walk reported on the dedication of St. Martin's University's new Nursing program facilities, housed on the fourth floor of Old Main.

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 reports from the Mayor's Forum and TPD.

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 JASCOM and LTAC.

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 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 provided reports from the Intercity Transit Authority and LOTT Clean Water Alliance.

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 TRPC and the 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)

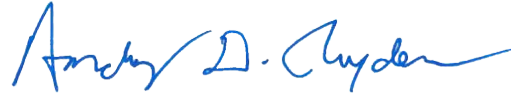


Councilmember Dunning provided a report from the VCB.

16. Adjourn

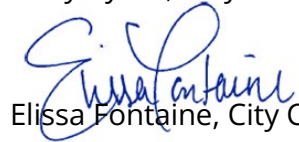
Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: October 15, 2024

