



City of Lacey, Washington Lacey City Council Approved Worksession Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

6:00 PM

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

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller

Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Councilmember Michael Steadman (remote, present after 6:09 p.m.)

Councilmember Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Nicole Williams, Executive Assistant

Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgment

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

5. Public Comment

No one registered to speak via Zoom and no written comments were received.

6. Agenda Items

A. Washington Center Free Day Applicant Presentations

Nicole Williams, Executive Assistant

The Washington Center for the Performing Arts makes two days available free of charge to the City of Lacey annually, one of which the City grants to a local organization. Williams introduced the following applicants, who presented their organizations' requests to the City Council to use the Washington Center:

1. Julia Pinnix, Event Coordinator, Olympia Chorus
2. Sweekriti Apple, Co-Lead Administrator, and Sami Brisson, Eighth Grade Teacher, Olympia Waldorf School
3. Shellica Trevino, CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Thurston County
4. Tessa Effland, Co-Founder/Advisor, and Maxey Brooks, Secretary, 4 the Love Foundation
5. Daniel M. Colgan, Founder/Artistic Director, and Connie Sowa, Board Vice President, Capital City Chorus of Olympia

B. LOTT Water Alliance Surplus Property

Rick Walk, City Manager

Walk presented an update on an approximately 6-acre parcel owned by the Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater-Thurston County (LOTT) Water Alliance. The parcel is located near Komachin Middle School on Mullen Road SE and is expected to be declared surplus by the agency. There is a proposal potentially to use the parcel for affordable housing, pending further investigation. Further presentation is anticipated October 22, 2024, when the City Council meets jointly with the North Thurston Public School District Board of Directors.

C. 2025 Budget Workshop

Rick Walk, City Manager

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

Walk, Woo, and Dolbee presented information on the following topics related to the City's 2025 preliminary budget, responded to questions, and received councilmember perspectives and opinions on key budgetary questions:

- Revenue assumptions
- Utility rates



- Salaries and Benefits
- Major and continuing initiatives
- Transportation Benefit District
- Human and social services
- City workforce considerations
- Budget priorities
- Property tax levy
- Block grant funding
- City reserves and deficit
- Revenue and service levels
- Revenue opportunities
- Budget administration strategies
- Strategic investment opportunities
- Capital project revenue
- Changes to the City's organizational structure
- Annual reserves

7. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes approved October 15, 2024

