



Joint Meeting Lacey City Council and North Thurston Public Schools Board of Directors Approved Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

6:00 PM

Komachin Middle School

1. Call to Order

Mayor Andy Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

City Council Present

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

North Thurston Public School Board Present

Gretchen Maliska, President, Board of Directors
Tiffany Sevruck, Member, Board of Directors
Sarah Tracy, Member, Board of Directors
Esperanza Badillo Diiorio, Member, Board of Directors
Michelle Gipson, Member, Board of Directors
Khushi Agrawal, Timberline Student Advisor
Celine Joseph, River Ridge Student Advisor
Ashley Yourkoski, North Thurston Student Advisor

Staff Representatives Present

Rick Walk, City Manager, City of Lacey
Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director, City of Lacey

Vanessa Dolbee, Community & Economic Development Director, City of Lacey
Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst, City of Lacey
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk, City of Lacey
Troy Oliver, Superintendent, NTPS
Sean Dotson, Operations Assistant Superintendent, NTPS
Nikki Grubbs, School Leadership Assistant Superintendent, NTPS
Craig Chance, Executive Director, Housing Authority of Thurston County

3. Land Acknowledgment

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

5. Public Comment

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

Loretta Byrnes, City of Lacey resident, provided public comment regarding the Young Child and Family Center.

No (0) written public comment was received.

6. Agenda Items

A. Young Child and Family Center Update

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director
Sean Dotson, Assistant Superintendent, Operations

Dotson and Burbidge presented the Young Child and Family Center project. The project is designed to create a safe environment to serve up to 600 preschool-age students, while sharing amenities with the public during and outside school hours. The presentation reviewed the project goals, timeline, proposed site, conceptual design, and themes. Burbidge highlighted upcoming parks funding strategy discussions. Discussion ensued.

B. Youth Advisory Groups

Nikki Grubbs, Assistant Superintendent, School Leadership
Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst

Grubbs presented an overview of the Superintendent's Student Advisory program. The program's purpose includes gaining student voices on important issues,



feedback about food services, and bridging communication between student bodies and the district office. The presentation highlighted the criteria and configuration of the program, and the annual meeting topics.

Siglin presented an overview of the Lacey Youth Council. The Youth Council is composed of sophomores, juniors, and seniors from North Thurston Public Schools, Pope John Paul II High School, and home-school student bodies. The presentation highlighted the Youth Council values, upcoming events, and potential collaborations that invite increased participation and youth perspectives. Discussion ensued.

C. LOTT Surplus Property

Vanessa Dolbee, Community & Economic Development Director

Craig Chance, Executive Director, Housing Authority of Thurston County

Dolbee presented the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Lacey and The LOTT Clean Water Alliance. The purpose of the MOU is to outline the intent to purchase surplus property for the development of affordable housing units to support the community. The parties have until June 30, 2025, to enter into a Purchase and Sale agreement. Chance reviewed the parcel, location benefits, project vision, and next steps. Discussion ensued.

7. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

MAYOR:

Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: November 19, 2024

