



City of Lacey, Washington
City Council Revised Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 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

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman
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
Robert Almada, Chief of Police (remote)
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Wesley Nguyen, Economic Development 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 Amended Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of the October 22, 2024, Worksession meeting minutes
- B. Approval of the November 5, 2024, Council meeting minutes
- C. Approval of wages, claims, and transfers for October 14, through November 18, 2024

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda as amended to place Proclamations after Public Recognitions and Presentations and before Public Comment and to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Steadman seconded. The motion carried.

(Note: Following minutes approval on December 3, 2024, City Council subsequently revised the motion above on December 17, 2024, to reflect the amended agenda order originally approved November 19, 2024.)

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. Lacey Youth Council Report

Lacey Youth Council Representatives

The following reports were provided by the Youth Council:

Pope John Paul II - Eliana Allin
River Ridge High School - Dior Trinh
Summit Virtual Academy - Kieran Sills-Powell
North Thurston High School - Lily Schneider
Timberline High School - Avani Kumar
Home School - Luka Froehlich
Northwest Christian High School - Faith Kim
Youth Council - Zury Ramirez Plascencia

B. Governor's Smart Community Award for Lacey MakerSpace Expansion Project

Andrew Ness, Washington State Department of Commerce
Wesley Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator

Nguyen announced the Lacey MakerSpace Expansion Project was awarded the Governor's Smart Community Award. The award recognizes local communities and their partners for outstanding efforts in creating vibrant and livable communities that align with the goals of the Growth Management Act and other community development objectives throughout Washington State.

Ness highlighted the recipient review process and congratulated the City and its partners on the successful project. Staff shared a video produced by the Department of Commerce, as well as a video acknowledgment from Governor Jay



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7. Proclamations

A. Small Business Saturday

Amber Young, President, Lacey South Sound Chamber of Commerce, America's Credit Union

Deputy Mayor Miller and Council proclaimed Saturday, November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday. Young was present to accept the proclamation.

B. Veterans Appreciation Month

Mark Moffett, Social Services Manager, Thurston County Developmental Disabilities Veterans Assistance Program

Deputy Mayor Miller and Council proclaimed the month of November 2024 as Veterans Appreciation Month. Moffett and representatives of the Thurston County Developmental Disabilities Veterans Assistance Program were present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak in person or via Zoom. No written public comment was received.

9. Public Hearing

A. 2025 Budget Hearing

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Deputy Mayor Miller opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Woo presented the subsequent changes to the 2025 proposed budget since the last Council presentation on October 15. The 2025 Budget is balanced through the strategic use of budget policy reserves in the amount of \$1,759,545. The City Council is scheduled to conduct a second and final budget hearing on December 3, 2024. Budget adoption is scheduled for December 17, 2024.

No public testimony was received.

Deputy Mayor Miller closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

10. Resolutions

A. Resolution 1159: Resolution Authorizing the Ad Valorem (Property) Tax

Troy Woo, Finance Director



Woo presented draft Resolution 1159, authorizing the Ad Valorem Property Tax. RCW 84.55.005(2)(c) sets the property tax limit factor for a taxing jurisdiction with a population over 10,000 as the lesser of 101% percent, or 100% percent plus inflation.

Councilmember Dunning moved to adopt Resolution 1159, authorizing the increase of the 2025 Ad Valorem tax levy by one percent over the tax levy of 2024. Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.

11. Ordinances

A. Ordinance 1664: Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Woo presented the draft Ordinance 1664, setting the 2025 property tax levies. The proposed ordinance sets the 2025 general property tax, as well as the voter-approved General Obligation (GO) Bond redemption property tax levies.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to adopt the Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance 1664. Councilmember Dunning seconded. The motion carried.

B. Ordinance 1665: 2025 Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bond Ordinance

Troy Woo, Finance Director

The proposed ordinance authorizes the issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bonds with a total principal amount not to exceed \$18,300,000. These bonds are intended to fund the construction and equipping of a new police station and training facility. The ordinance serves as a comprehensive framework for the bond issuance process.

Councilmember Steadman moved to adopt Ordinance 1665 authorizing the Finance Director or City Manager to conduct the sale of limited tax general obligation (LTGO) bonds. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

C. Ordinance 1666: LMC 5.38 Massage and Reflexology Services

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Schneider presented the proposed Ordinance 1666, amending the Lacey Municipal Code (LMC) relating to massage and reflexology services. The proposed amendments are intended to prevent an individual or business from engaging in the practice of providing unlicensed massage and reflexology, deter criminal activity, and support the legitimate delivery of these services by licensed massage practitioners and reflexologists.



Councilmember Greenstein moved to adopt Ordinance 1666, amending LMC 5.38 relating to Massage and Reflexology. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

12. Mayor's Report

13. City Manager's Report

A. Astound Telecom Franchise Renewal

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong presented an application for the location of telecommunications facilities within the City right-of-way. The purpose is to install and operate facilities to provide telecommunications, internet access, and private line services to potential customers, including mobile back haul services to existing cell phone towers within the city. No new infrastructure is proposed. Discussion ensued. Final Council action is tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2024.

B. Other Items

Walk highlighted a recent award issued to Scott Egger, Public Works Director. Egger received the 2024 Outstanding Service Award from the Washington Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Walk thanked staff for the efforts to successfully provide online public meeting access when faced with technical challenges.

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 was excused, and no reports were provided.

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 the EDC, and JASCOM.

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 Regional Housing Council.

F. Councilmember Robin Vazquez:

1. Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC)
2. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)
3. Thurston County Board of Health

Councilmember Vazquez did not provide any reports.

Councilmember Vazquez requested the Council host a discussion at a future meeting regarding addressing the legislature concerning PERS 1 benefit holders and cost-of-living adjustments. Council expressed support for having the discussion.

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. Executive Session

A. Executive Session Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

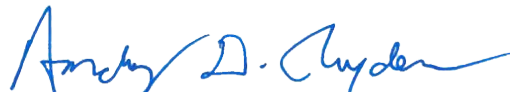
At 8:10 p.m., the City Council recessed to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss matter(s) pertaining to current or potential litigation. Deputy Mayor Miller announced that the executive session would start at 8:10 p.m. and last approximately 15 minutes, after which the City Council would reconvene the regular meeting at or shortly after 8:25 p.m.

The executive session lasted 13 minutes, during which no final actions were taken.

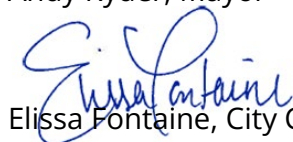
17. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller reconvened the Council meeting and immediately adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

MAYOR:


Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: December 3, 2024, and Revised December 17, 2024

