



Lacey City Council Approved Worksession Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Mayor Andy Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Mayor Andy Ryder

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller

Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Councilmember Michael Steadman

Councilmember Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Robin Vazquez (remote)

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Bracy DiLeonardo, Human Resources Benefits Manager

Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

Anna McBee, Police Records Supervisor

Brandy Legomina, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgment

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

5. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

Katrina Stensgaard, Lacey community member, provided public comment on

veteran's services and support.

No one registered to speak remotely, and no written public comment was received.

6. Agenda Items

A. Federal Legislative Update and 2025 Priorities

Joel Rubin, Partner, CFM Advocates

David Hodges, Partner, CFM Advocates

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

The following items were discussed in detail:

Recent Successes from 2022-2024

City Congressional Funding

- Emergency Coordination Center Generator (pending)
- Vets Hub
- MakerSpace Expansion
- College Street Phase III

City Federal Grants (2022 to 2024)

- MakerSpace Equipment (EDA)
- Safe Streets for All Planning (USDOT)

Legislation

- American Rescue Plan
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Inflation Reduction Act
- Puget Sound SOS Act

2025 Draft Federal Agenda

Cities Federal Funding Priorities

- Huntamer Park
- College Street Safety Improvement Project
- I-5 Corridor

City's Policy Priorities

- Build America, Buy America Flexibility
- Septic-to-Sewer Conversation Program
- Support the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)
- National Housing and Homeless Strategy
- Support for Community Programs (eg. CDBG and COPS)
- Support HELPER Act

2025 Preview

- FY25 Budget
- Debt Limit
- Tight margins in House and Senate
- Tax Reform/Cuts (Filibuster Proof)
- Trump 2.0

Further discussion ensued on the following topics:

- The \$1 million RAISE grant is expected to be encompassed in the \$10 million College Street Corridor Improvement Project request.
- Clean water program appropriations to help convert septic to sewer.
- Childcare subsidies.
- JASCOM capital funding.
- Executive branch tariffs impacts.

Council provided direction to add policy priorities on childcare and associated programs, as well as, flexible spending for clean water programs.

B. Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) Risk Management Training
Rob Roscoe, WCIA Insurance Programs

WCIA provides insurance to municipalities within the state of Washington. Roscoe provided the advantages of being a WCIA member and an overview of recent public cases in Washington. Roscoe presented ways to avoid liability pertaining to land use, personnel, negligent misrepresentation, defamation, public works, executive session, and written communication that may violate the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA). Roscoe further discussed reducing claims, state legislative impacts, and the WCIA actuarial review of assessment formula.

Council recessed from 7:47 p.m. until 7:52 p.m.

C. Public Records Summary
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk
Anna McBee, Police Records Supervisor

Fontaine provided an overview of the Public Records Act and detailed frequently requested records and common exemptions. Fontaine discussed legislative requirements, the 2023 JLARC Report, the current fee schedule, penalties, litigation, public disclosure trends, and increased complexity factors associated with the Public Records Act.

McBee presented the Body Worn Camera (BWC) Program, as it relates to Law Enforcement Public Records. McBee provided history of the program, statistics, and an overview of BWC requests. McBee detailed the differences between exemptions and prohibitions, and discussed redactions, fees, and other agency fees for BWC. Staff intends to research BWC fee options and considerations to present to council for consideration.

D. Council Assignment Discussion
Andy Ryder, Mayor

Ryder presented the option to discuss Council assignments in the next year.

Ryder stated Commissioner Edwards retirement card is available to sign in the Council Work Room.

Dunning proposed a discussion regarding the investigations of Thurston County

Commissioner Clouse. No further action or discussion occurred.

7. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes approved January 7, 2025