



Lacey City Council and State Legislators Approved Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

5:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Mayor Andy Ryder called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A. Welcome and Introductions

Lacey City Council and State Legislators

Legislators Present

Andrew Barkis, Representative, District 2

Lisa Parshley, Representative-Elect, District 22

Beth Doglio, Representative, District 22

Brian Enslow, State Government Affairs Consultant

Council Present

Mayor Andy Ryder

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller

Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Councilmember Michael Steadman

Councilmember Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Council Excused

Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

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, as published.
Councilmember Steadman 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. 2025 Legislative Session Discussion

Andrew Barkis, Representative, District 2

Lisa Parshley, Representative-Elect, District 22

Beth Doglio, Representative, District 22

Brian Enslow, State Government Affairs Consultant

Rep. Barkis updated the Council on transportation budget forecasts and upcoming landlord-tenant and supply housing policies. Transportation revenues have declined due to increased costs of capital projects, yet projects like Connecting Washington, Mounts Rd. to Tumwater I-5 improvements, and the Nisqually Delta are committed projects that will require continued advocacy to prevent being slowed down or paused. Rep. Barkis explained that the Gas Tax is declining, but other fees help to stabilize its decline. The Road Usage Charge is intended to eventually replace the Gas Tax, and legislation is expected to introduce implementation of its first phases. The Climate Commitment Act is a significant revenue source in which utilization will be discussed. Discussion ensued.

Rep. Doglio discussed priorities including education funding, transitioning to a clean energy economy, and supporting housing programs like Maple Court. Discussion ensued.

Parshley reported on revenue growth forecasts. State revenues have decreased since 2023, but is forecasted to increase in 2026-2027. There is an unknown effect of how Federal tariffs will affect this prediction. Parshley reported on Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) statistics throughout regional jurisdictions and presented found barriers in services, infrastructure, and workforce. Discussion ensued.

Enslow presented the 2025 State Legislative Priorities, listing requests for the Thurston County Regional Basic Law Enforcement Academies (BLEA) at the Lacey Regional Training Center and Huntamer Park Civic Improvement Projects.

7. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Minutes approved January 7, 2025