



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 7, 2025 - Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Jennifer Adams, Housing Coordinator
Jenny Bauersfeld, Community Relations Specialist
Wesley Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator
Brandy Legomina, Deputy City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Land Acknowledgment

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of the Minutes of December 10, 2024, Council Special Meeting
- B. Approval of the Minutes of December 10, 2024, Worksession
- C. Approval of the Minutes of December 17, 2024, Council meeting
- D. Approval of wages, claims, and transfers for December 7 through 27, 2024

- E. Approval of 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities

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

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. Certificate of Appreciation from the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

Donald Seese, Suicide Prevention Program Specialist, Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs

Seese thanked the City Council for supporting the 988 Suicide Prevention Program by installing 988 Suicide Prevention emblems on city vehicles. Funds from this program go towards grants for community-based programs supporting Veteran mental health. The dialing code 988 is a nation-wide code to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline via call, text or chat.

David Puente, Jr., presented a certificate of appreciation to the Council on behalf of the Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs.

B. Thurston Regional Planning Council Update

Marc Daily, Executive Director

The Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) is an organization comprised of 23 jurisdictions. The TRPC focuses on issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries, including Land Use, Environmental, and Transportation Planning. In December, the Call for Projects totaled over \$20 million in federal funds for local projects, in which TRPC programmed out \$1.6 million for College Street improvements.

Marc Daily, Executive Director of Thurston Regional Planning Council presented an overview on the following projects: Martin Way Corridor, Martin Way Crossing Strategy, High-Capacity Transportation Strategy, Transportation Leaders Visioning Event, Growth Management Act Housing allocations and Comprehensive Plan Update, Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Consistency Review, Commute trip reduction local plans, Regional Safety Action Plan, and ongoing projects.

Discussion on updating the County Planning Policy to include climate elements and receiving feedback from the Lacey Youth Council ensued.

7. Proclamations

A. Korean-American Day

Chami Jo Ro, Board Member, Washington State Korean-American Day Celebration Foundation

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed January 13, 2025, as Korean American Day. Chami Jo Ro of the Washington State Korean American Day Celebration Foundation was present to accept the proclamation.

B. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Dr. Thelma Jackson and the New Life Baptist Church

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed January 20, 2025, as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Thelma Jackson and Rev. Reaves from the New Life Baptist Church were present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

No one registered to speak at the meeting or remotely. No written public comment was received.

9. Resolutions

A. Resolution 1161 - Multi-Family Tax Exemption Program Expansion

Jennifer Adams, Housing Coordinator

Resolution No. 1161: Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) would set a public hearing date for January 21, 2025, to discuss the potential expansion of the MFTE program into a new Residential Target Area (RTA), formally known as the Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD).

The MFTE program has been in place in the Woodland District since 2014 and has supported market rates and affordable housing. As the City continues to grow, expanding the MFTE program could further promote housing development and affordability. At the October 8, 2024, Worksession, Council provided a directive to include designating the NCD as a new RTA for both the 12- & 24-year MFTE programs, expanding the Woodland District's existing program to include the 20-year exemption option, and introduce a 12-year extension option for current participants in both the 8- and 12-year programs. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Steadman moved to adopt Resolution No. 1161 notifying the public of the Council's intent to designate a new Residential Targeted Area and setting a date of January 21, 2025, for a public hearing. Councilmember Dunning seconded. Motion carried.

10. Mayor's Report

A. Memorial Roadway Designation Request

Mayor Ryder

Mayor Ryder presented a letter to the City Council requesting a commemorative street name sign, honoring retired Fire Chief Steve Brooks, on Franz Street SE, for Council Consideration. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Ryder moved to direct Staff to prepare a resolution placing a commemorative street name sign, honoring Fire Chief Steve Brooks, on Franz Street SE, for Council Consideration on January 21, 2025. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. Motion carried.

11. City Manager's Report

A. Night Market Year-End Report

Wesley Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator
Jason Huang, Owner, SWAE Night Market

The City of Lacey partnered with SWAE LLC, through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, to create a Night Market, which had 16 events occurring every other Friday. Huang presented the 2024 Event Impact Report, which included statistics on vendors, attendance, age demographics, total sales, social media engagement, and hours of planning, logistics, and event coordination. Huang elaborated on vendor relationship building through lower fees and presented 2025 goals to increase attendance, expand reach, boost repeat attendance, enhance entertainment offerings, expand family-friendly features, and collaborate with community organizations. Discussion ensued.

B. Economic Development Year-End Report

Wesley Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator

In support the 2022-2024 Council priority of having a vibrant and diverse economy, Nguyen presented the 2024 Activities Update. This update included statistics and trends on new businesses, business retention and expansion, business recruitment, business trainings, workforce trainings, the Lacey MakerSpace, the Food Truck Depot, and partnership engagements. Discussion ensued.

C. Lacey Community Academy

Jenny Bauersfeld, Community Relations Specialist

Bauersfeld presented an overview of the Lacey Community Academy. The academy is a 6-week program comprised of 15 Lacey or Lacey Urban Growth Area residents looking to learn more about city government, programs, and community services to foster an environment of informed community members. The academy will take place every Thursday from February 20 through March 27, 2025. Discussion ensued.

D. 400 Pressure Zone Transmission Main Project Award

Ryan Jewell, Utilities Engineer

Jewell presented an overview of the 400 Pressure Zone Transmission Main project. This project provides approximately 3,200 linear feet of 12" water main in Pacific Avenue between 15th Court and McAllister Court. The project was advertised for 3 weeks and bids were opened December 17, 2024. Western United Civil Group, LLC had the lowest bid at \$1,403,817.37, which was below the Engineer's Estimate of \$1,990,426.94. The project is anticipated to start in March 2025 with 70 working days allotted to complete the work. The project is expected to be completed by July 2025.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to award Contract 400 Pressure Zone Transmission Main Project Award Lacey Contract Number PW 2023-25 to low

bidder Western United Civil Group from Yacolt, Washington, in the amount of \$1,403,817.37. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. Motion carried.

E. Other Items

The Thurston Chamber Forum and the State of the Communities will be held at the Worthington Center at St. Martins University, on January 8, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

The retirement ceremony for Fire Chief Brooks will be at the community college on January 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

An event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held at New Life Baptist Church on January 20, 2025.

12. 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 informed the Council that no Councilmembers chose to be reassigned to different boards or commissions.

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 informed the Council of the new members on the Economic Development Council.

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
2. TCOMM911
3. Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee

Councilmember Greenstein informed the Council that the radio system for TCOMM is now fully functional.

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 did not provide any reports.

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.

G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

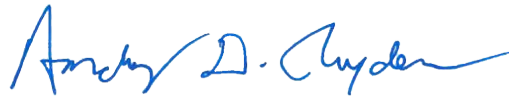
1. Thurston Thrives
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)

Councilmember Dunning did not provide any reports.

13. Adjourn

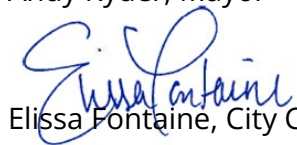
Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: January 21, 2025