



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Mayor Andy 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 (remote)
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Robin Vazquez
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager
Ashley Smith, Engineering Design Manager
Doug Christenson, Senior Utility Engineer
Brandy Legomina, Deputy City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of the Minutes of January 14, 2025
- B. Approval of the Minutes of January 21, 2025
- C. Approval of wages, claims, and transfers for January 10-24, 2025

- D. Approval of the Commission on Equity 2025 Work Plan
- E. Approval of the Historical Commission 2025 Work Plan
- F. Approval of the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board 2025 Work Plan

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

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

- A. Public Service Award: Daphne Retzlaff (Planning Commission)
- B. Public Service Award: Eddie Bishop (Planning Commission)

Mayor Ryder and the Council presented Public Service Awards to Daphne Retzlaff and Eddie Bishop for their service on the Planning Commission.

7. Proclamations

A. Black History Month

Mayor Ryder and the Council proclaimed February 2025, as Black History Month. Clifton Brown, Chairman; Mike Okoro, President; and representatives of the Pearl Foundation of Puget Sound were present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

Craig Foster, Community Member, commented on the appeal process for utility billing fees.

One (1) person(s) registered to speak remotely, but was not present to provide comment.

Written Public Comment

No written public comment(s) were received.

9. Resolutions

- A. **Resolution 1163: Memorial Roadway Designation - Fire Chief Steve Brooks**
Rick Walk, City Manager

Walk presented Resolution 1163: Memorial Roadway Designation - Fire Chief Steve Brooks. Lacey Fire District #3 Chief Steve Brooks retired from service on January 10, 2025, after 20 years of distinguished service to the Lacey Community, Lacey Fire District #3, and the region. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Ryder moved to approve Resolution No. 1163 designating Franz Street, between Lacey Boulevard and Pacific Avenue SE, a memorial roadway

honoring Chief Steve Brooks. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

10. Mayor's Report

11. City Manager's Report

A. **Regional Environmental Education Partnership Interlocal Agreement**

Doug Christenson, Senior Utility Engineer

Christenson presented the Regional Environmental Education Partnership (REEP) Interlocal Agreement (ILA) renewal for the years 2025-2029.

REEP, also known as the Stream Team of Thurston County, is a multi-jurisdictional partnership between the cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and unincorporated Thurston County. REEP's primary mission is to meet the education and outreach requirements, for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit issued by Washington Department of Ecology. REEP will continue to develop 1 meaningful partnership per year, to work with overburdened communities; fulfilling the new requirements of the 2024-2029 Municipal Stormwater Permit. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Vazquez moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County and the cities of Olympia and Tumwater regarding the Regional Environmental Education Partnership. Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.

B. **Comprehensive Plan Outreach and Survey Results**

Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager

Andrews presented statistics and an overview of the Comprehensive Plan outreach engagement efforts since July 2024. Through various methods of engagement, approximately 45,000 direct community contacts were made. Andrews presented results from the Geobudgeting Survey, which showed where community members would like to locate residential and commercial infrastructure throughout the city. A Comprehensive Plan Open House, scheduled for February 12, 2025, will allow the community to give more feedback. Discussion ensued.

C. **Award Contract PW2022-06: Greg Couio Park Phase 1A**

Ashley Smith, Engineering Design Manager

Smith presented Midway Underground, LLC, as the lowest bidder for Phase 1A of the Greg Couio Park (PW 2022-06) project. The project is expected to begin in March 2025, with 150 working days.

The project's Engineer's Estimate was \$5,830,407.82; and is being funded by the General Fund for \$5,137,235.84, an ADA Grant for \$499,550, and a RCO Grant for

\$500,000; for a total of \$6,136,785.84. Discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to award Lacey Contract PW2022-06 to low bidder, Midway Underground, LLC, from Tolido Washington, in the amount of \$6,136,785.84. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

D. Black Home Initiative Overview

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong provided background on the Black Home Initiative (BHI). The BHI is a network of organizations who share a mission of increasing homeownership opportunities for low-and moderate-income Black homeowners. The BHI aims to provide avenues for homeownership by growing the pool of available homes for purchase; supporting Black households who want to buy a house and obtain a mortgage; and improving collaboration among public, private, and non-profit organizations to create a more efficient and effective “ecosystem” for Black homeownership.

At the October 28, 2024, Commission on Equity meeting, Marty Kooistra, BHI representative, presented an update on the BHI, in which the Commission on Equity unanimously recommended the City of Lacey to join the BHI. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Ryder moved to join the Black Home Initiative and send Attachment 1, which is a letter asking to join the Black Home Initiative. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

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 did not provide any reports.

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 a report from EDC.

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
2. TCOMM911

3. Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee

Councilmember Greenstein provided a report from EMS.

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 a report from the 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 provided a report from TCMC.

G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

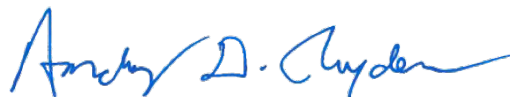
1. Thurston Thrives
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)

Councilmember Dunning did not provide any reports.

13. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

MAYOR:


Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: February 18, 2025