



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 18, 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 (remote)
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
Jenny Bauersfeld, Community Relations Specialist
Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ryder led the flag salute

4. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgment.

5. Approval of Amended Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Worksession Minutes of January 28, 2025
- B. Council Minutes of February 4, 2025
- C. Approval of wages, claims, and transfers for January 10, through February 7, 2025

Mayor Ryder requested to amend the agenda to add Resolution 1164 immediately before the Mayor's Report (*see Agenda Item 9.A).

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to approve the amended agenda and consent agenda. Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. Lacey Youth Council Report

The following representatives presented reports:

Isabella Valerio, River Ridge High School
Lily Schneider, North Thurston High School
Luka Froehlich, Home School
Lydia Neat, Northwest Christian High School
Aryan Kumar, Timberline High School
Eliana Allin, Pope John Paul II High School and Youth Council

B. Public Service Award: John Grausam, Capital Area Regional Public Facilities District

Mayor Ryder and Council presented John Grausam with a public service award for his service on the Capital Area Regional Public Facilities District Board of Directors. Grausam was present to accept the award.

C. Public Service Award: Adam Gonzales, Lacey Veterans Services Hub

Mayor Ryder and Council presented Adam Gonzales with the distinguished public service award for his volunteer service with the Lacey Veterans Services Hub Transportation Program. Gonzales was present to accept the award.

D. Public Service Award: James Notter, Lacey Veterans Services Hub

Mayor Ryder and Council presented James Notter with the distinguished public service award for his volunteer service with Lacey Veterans Services Hub Transportation Program. Notter was present to accept the award.

7. Proclamations

A. Cancer Awareness Month

Nichole Woolsey, Senior Development Manager, American Cancer Society
Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed February 2025 as Cancer Prevention Month. Woolsey and representatives of the American Cancer Society were present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

No (0) person(s) signed up to speak at the meeting in-person or remotely. No (0) person(s) registered to speak remotely.

Written Public Comment

No (0) written public comment(s) were received.

9. Resolutions

A. Resolution 1164: Rescinding Resolution 1162, ULID 25 Public Hearing Date Dave Schneider, City Attorney

*Item added on February 18, 2025

Schneider presented draft Resolution 1164, rescinding Resolution 1162. Resolution 1162 previously fixed a hearing date of March 18, 2025, to consider the final assessment roll for the Utility Local Improvement District (ULID) 25. It was later determined that minor adjustments would be required, and the final assessment roll would not be prepared in time to meet the statutory requirements of a March 18, 2025, public hearing. Staff recommend adopting Resolution 1164, in order to fix a new hearing date once the necessary adjustments are completed, and the final assessment roll is prepared.

Councilmember Steadman moved to adopt Resolution 1164, rescinding Resolution 1162. Councilmember Dunning seconded. The motion carried.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ryder announced he attended a Chinese New Year Event and thanked the Olympia Area Chinese Association for hosting.

A. Advisory Board Reappointment: Judith Doyle, Planning Commission Mayor Ryder moved to re-appoint Judith Doyle to the Planning Commission. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

11. City Manager's Report

A. Lacey Veterans Services Hub Update Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Chavez provided a presentation on the Lacey Veterans Services Hub (Hub). The Hub provides a comprehensive range of supportive services, including assistance with Veterans Benefits, housing, employment, nutrition, education, healthcare,

mental health, and legal aid. The presentation included an overview of services, history, project updates, statistics, and process improvements. Chavez also highlighted current partners, providers, the volunteer workforce, and a recent update to management operations.

B. Lacey Neighborhood Grant Overview
Jenny Bauersfeld, Community Relations Specialist

Bauersfeld presented a review of the annual Lacey Neighborhood Grant Program (LNGP). The matching-grant program awards up to \$2,500 for projects that foster community pride, beautify the city, and expand community-member involvement. The LNGP is available to both formally recognized Homeowners Associations, and informal neighborhood groups located within city limits. Applications are due by Monday, March 31, 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 provided a report from the Transportation Policy Board.

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 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 provided a report from ORCAA.

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 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 was excused and no reports were provided.

G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

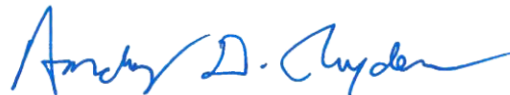
1. Thurston Thrives
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)

Councilmember Dunning provided reports from SWAC and the VCB.

13. Adjourn

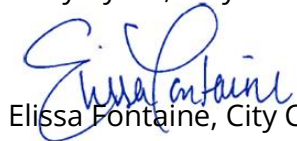
Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: March 4, 2025