



## City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

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### 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 Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Robin Vazquez

#### Council Excused

Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Councilmember Michael Steadman

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

#### Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Dave Schneider, City Attorney (remote)

Ali Brown, Water Resources Specialist

Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator

Brandy Legomina, Deputy 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 Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

A. Worksession minutes of March 11, 2025

B. Council minutes of March 18, 2025

- C. Approval of payment of claims, wages and transfers for March 7 through 21, 2025.

**Deputy Mayor Miller moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda items. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. Motion carried.**

## **6. Proclamations**

### **A. Fair Housing Month**

Mark Kitabayashi, President, Thurston County Realtors Association

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed April 2025, Fair Housing Month in the City of Lacey. Mark Kitabayashi, President, Thurston County Realtors Association, was present to accept the proclamation.

### **B. Earth Day**

Ali Brown, Water Resources Specialist

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed April 22, 2025, Earth Day in the City of Lacey. Ali Brown, Water Resources Specialist, was present to accept the proclamation.

### **C. Arbor Month and Tree Presentation**

Chris Vaccaro, Building Official, City of Yelm

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed April 2025, Arbor Month in the City of Lacey. Chris Vaccaro, City of Yelm Building Official, was present to accept the proclamation. Vaccaro presented the City of Lacey with a Crimson Curled Willow tree.

## **7. Public Comment**

### Verbal Public Comment

Eleven (11) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Nancy Schorn, Community Member, commented on consideration of a rent protection ordinance.

Diane Ecker, Community Member, signed up to speak but chose not to provide comment.

Mark Brown, Community Member, commented on taking favorable action on Resolution 1166: Metropolitan Park District.

Ruth Weigelt, Community Member, commented on taking favorable action on Resolution 1166: Metropolitan Park District.

Cynthia Pratt, Community Member, commented on taking favorable action on Resolution 1166: Metropolitan Park District.

Deb Clemens, Community Member, commented on taking favorable action on Resolution 1166: Metropolitan Park District.

Wendy Goodwin, Community Member, commented on taking favorable action on Resolution 1166: Metropolitan Park District.

Kristina Hancock, Lacey Library Manager, commented on library news and updates.

Michelle Gipson, Park Foundation of Thurston County, commented on taking favorable action on Resolution 1166: Metropolitan Park District.

Jeff Prevost, Thurston County Pickleball Club, Commissioner of the Washington State Senior Games, Pickleball Association Ambassador for Washington State, and parks advocate commented on taking favorable action on Resolution 1166: Metropolitan Park District.

Aram Wheeler, Community Member, commented on taking favorable action on Resolution 1166: Metropolitan Park District.

No person(s) registered to speak remotely.

#### Written Public Comment

One (1) written public comment was received.

## **8. Resolutions**

### **A. Resolution 1166 - Lacey Metropolitan Park District**

Rick Walk, City Manager

Walk presented draft resolution 1166: Lacey Metropolitan Park District. The draft resolution calls for a proposition to be placed on the August 5, 2025, general election, the boundary of the district to be commensurate with the city municipal boundary, and the levy rate be up to \$.45 per 1,000 of assessed valuation. The purpose of creating the Lacey Metropolitan Park District is to provide ongoing funding to acquire, maintain, operate and improve parks, natural spaces, trails, recreational facilities, and programs.

**Deputy Mayor Miller moved to adopt Resolution 1166, providing for the submission of a proposition to the qualified voters of the City of Lacey at a general election to be held on August 5, 2025, for the approval or rejection of the creation of a Metropolitan Park District pursuant to Chapter 35.61 RCW. Councilmember Cox seconded. Motion carried.**

## **9. Mayor's Report**

No reports were provided.

## 10. City Manager's Report

### A. Climate and Sustainability Efforts

Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator

Fields presented Climate and Sustainability Efforts. The City of Lacey is a partner jurisdiction in the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC), which works to implement regional initiatives and cost-share ongoing work for the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan (TCMP).

Fields detailed 2024 regional initiatives to include the Home Energy Score Model Ordinance and the Energize Thurston campaign. The Home Energy Score Model Ordinance is expected to be placed on the 2026 work program for Council consideration. The Energize Thurston campaign is a partnership between Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Tenino, and aims to provide subsidies for the purchase and installation of heat pump space heaters and heat pump water heaters. The City will utilize \$418,000 of HEAR grant funding to provide full and partial subsidies for income-qualified Lacey residents. The City and program staff are expecting to be able to upgrade around 40 homes (roughly 22 fully-subsidized and 18 partially-subsidized).

Fields provided an update on the creation of the Climate Element of the Comprehensive Plan, which will include a Green House Gas Emissions reduction sub-element and a Climate Resiliency Sub-Element. Both sub-elements are currently drafting goals and policies, and is expected to be completed by June 2025.

Walk provided an additional report on a renewal Interlocal Agreement with the Thurston County Emergency Management Council, signed on March 18, 2025. This regional partnership between Thurston County, the jurisdictions within, and the Chehalis and Nisqually tribes, convene to work on best practices for emergency management, disaster response, and recovery. Partners contribute on a per capita basis, with the City's contribution being approximately \$562 per year.

## 11. 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, but requested tenant protection topics be brought before the Council.**

### 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 reports from EDC District.**

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

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

**Councilmember Greenstein was excused and no reports were provided.**

D. Councilmember Michael Steadman:

1. Nisqually River Council
2. Thurston County Law & Justice Council
3. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)

**Councilmember Steadman was excused and no reports were provided.**

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 Intercity Transit Authority.**

F. Councilmember Robin Vazquez:

1. Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC)
2. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

**Councilmember Vazquez did not provide any reports.**

G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

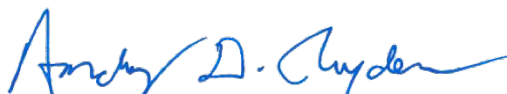
1. Thurston Thrives
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)

**Councilmember Dunning was excused, and no reports were provided.**

## 12. Adjourn

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

MAYOR:

  
Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: April 15, 2025