



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Robin Vazquez
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Robert Almada, Chief of Police
Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director
Ryan Andrews, Community Planning Manager
Hans Shepherd, Senior Planner
Jennifer Adams, Housing Coordinator
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Mayor Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of the minutes of April 8, 2025
- B. Approval of the minutes of April 15, 2025
- C. Approval of payment of claims, wages and transfers for April 7-25, 2025.

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

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. Retirement of Police Commander Jim Mack

Rick Walk, City Manager

Deputy Mayor and Council commended Commander Jim Mack on his retirement after 35 years of service to the Lacey Police Department. Mack was present to accept the commendation.

7. Proclamations

A. Bicycle Month

Duncan Green, Intercity Transit

Deputy Mayor Miller and Council proclaimed May 2025, as Bicycle Month. Duncan Green, Intercity Transit, accepted the proclamation remotely.

B. Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Brian Lock, Asian Pacific Islander Coalition of South Puget Sound

Deputy Mayor Miller and Council proclaimed May 2025, as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Mustafa Mohamedali, Asian Pacific Islander Coalition of South Puget Sound representative, was present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

Two (2) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Alidani Naipo, a Lacey resident, commented on the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation and native Hawaiian history within the community.

Benjamin Baker, a Lacey resident, commented on Hawaiian civic clubs within the community.

No one registered to speak remotely.

Written Public Comment

Two (2) written public comments were received.

9. Mayor's Report

- A. Human Services Commission Appointment: Lester Dickson

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to appoint Lester Dickson to the Human Services Commission. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

10. City Manager's Report

- A. City Council Workplan

The Work Plan provides a strategic and transparent guide for major City initiatives. The City will be moving from a two-year Work Plan period, to an annual Work Plan to better align with the City's budget cycle and to more effectively direct resources to key initiatives. The Council completed a comprehensive review and set goals and priorities during the two-day Council Retreat in January 2025. Using the Council's direction at the conclusion of the retreat, a draft work plan was constructed. Walk presented a review of the draft City Council Work Plan and requested feedback. Discussion ensued.

Council expressed support in scheduling the adoption of the draft Work Plan as presented at a future meeting.

11. Council Reports

- A. Mayor Andy Ryder:

1. Mayors' Forum
2. Thurston Chamber Shared Legislative Committee
3. Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Mayor Ryder was excused and no reports were provided.

- 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 the EDC and JASCOM.

- C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

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

Councilmember Greenstein provided a report from the Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee.

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.

Councilmember Steadman commended Gary Naipo, a retired City employee, for his years of service and contributions to the Lacey community.

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, LOTT, and Regional Housing Council.

F. Councilmember Robin Vazquez:

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

Councilmember Vazquez provided a report from the TRPC and shared an observation regarding bicycle lanes within city limits.

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 VCB.

The meeting recessed at 7:21 p.m. and reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

12. Worksession

A. Comprehensive Plan: Land Use and Housing Elements

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director
Ryan Andrews, Community Planning Manager

Hans Shepherd, Senior Planner
Jennifer Adams, Housing Coordinator

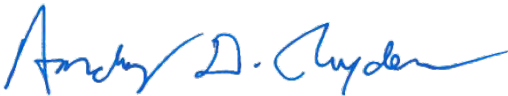
The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires cities to review and update their Comprehensive Plan and associated development regulations, at least once every ten years. Andrews and Shepherd advised that the draft goals and policies of the Land Use Element are intended to address relevant changes in the GMA and respond to changes in land use and population growth. Shepherd outlined rezoning requests, submitted by the community, and a draft Future Land Use Map. The Future Land Use Map has been developed to better illustrate the vision and goals of the community while working to streamline permitting applications and review timelines.

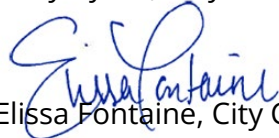
Adams presented revisions to the Housing Element, reflecting requirements mandated by new state laws: HB 1220, HB 1110, HB 1337, HB 1998 and ESSSB 5258. The presentation included key themes, goals, and policies, and emphasized continued collaboration with the community, advisory boards, and stakeholders. Discussion ensued.

The Land Use and Housing Element drafts will be refined based on Council feedback. The Council will continue to receive updates and opportunities to provide guidance on the elements. Once a draft Comprehensive Plan has been developed, it will be shared with the community. Community engagement is expected to begin in Summer 2025.

13. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

MAYOR: 
Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: May 20, 2025