



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 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 (remote) (present at 6:48 p.m.)

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Dave Schneider, City Attorney (present until 7:01 p.m.)

Robert Almada, Police Chief

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

Scott Egger, Public Works Director

Shannon Barnes, Police Lieutenant

Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager

Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator

Jenny Bauersfeld, Community Relations Specialist

Jason Kashani, Utility Engineer

Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ryder led the flag salute.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Worksession minutes of March 25, 2025
- B. Council Informational Dinner minutes of April 1, 2025
- C. Council minutes of April 1, 2025
- D. Approval of payments of claims, wages, and transfers for March 13 through April 4, 2025
- E. Mid-Town Entrance Roundabout at 7th and College Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Authorization

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

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

- A. **FBI National Academy Graduate: Lieutenant Shannon Barnes**
Robert Almada, Chief of Police

Walk and Almada recognized Lieutenant Barnes for her graduation from the FBI National Academy, an executive leadership academy, and celebrated her 30 years of service with the Lacey Police Department.

- B. **Poem Reading in Honor of Poetry Month**
Cynthia Pratt, Lacey Poet Laureate

Lacey Poet Laureate Pratt presented an original poem reading, in honor of National Poetry Month.

- C. **Lacey Youth Council Report**
Lacey Youth Council Representatives

The following representatives presented reports:

- Sophia Allard, Youth Council
- Avani Kumar, Timberland High School
- Eliana Allin, Pope John Paul II
- Zury Ramirez-Plascencia, North Thurston High School
- Isabella Valerio, River Ridge High School

- D. **Lacey Community Academy Graduation**
Jenny Bauersfeld, Community Relations Specialist

Bauersfeld recognized the Lacey Community Academy graduates. The Lacey Community Academy is an interactive, hands-on program designed to engage with the community, increase transparency, and highlight city departments.

7. Proclamations

A. Child Abuse Prevention Month

Shelly Willis, Executive Director, Family Education and Support Services

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed April 2025, Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Lacey. Shelly Willis, Family Education and Support Services Director, was present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

No public comment was received in person or remotely.

Written Public Comment

No written public comment was received.

9. Mayor's Report

A. Green Business Award

Rick Walk, City Manager

Mayor Ryder recognized the City for receiving the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce's Green Business Award, for being a municipal leader in environmental stewardship.

10. City Manager's Report

A. Lift Station 23 Improvements Projects

Jason Kashani, Utility Engineer

Kashani presented City Project PW 2022-12: Lift Station 23 Improvements. This project relocates the existing lift station to accommodate future transportation improvements, provide upgrades, brings the facility to current City standards, and provides increased capacity for growth within the basin. The project was advertised for three (3) weeks, and five (5) bids were received. The engineer's estimate was \$2,972,239.36.

Councilmember Vazquez was present after 6:48 p.m.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to award Lacey Contract Number PW 2022-12 to low bidder Pacific Civil & Infrastructure from Tacoma, Washington

for the amount of \$2,536,196.48. Councilmember Steadman seconded. The motion carried.

B. Source 6 Eminent Domain Update

Rick Walk, City Manager

Walk presented an update regarding the Source 6 Eminent Domain. At the April 15, 2025, meeting, Council issued notice that the City Attorney would request authority to file an action in condemnation, pursuant to RCW 8.12.040. Walk advised the City had reached an agreement with the property owners and the City Attorney would no longer be proceeding with a request for eminent domain.

11. Council Reports

Councilmember Dunning highlighted two upcoming events honoring Earth Day.

Councilmember Cox announced LOTT is hosting a "Name the Crane" contest.

Without objection, the remaining Council Reports were postponed to a future meeting.

The meeting recessed at 6:53 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

12. Worksession

A. Comprehensive Plan: Climate Element Draft Goals and Policies

Rick Walk, City Manager

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

Ryan Andrews, Community Planning Manager

Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator

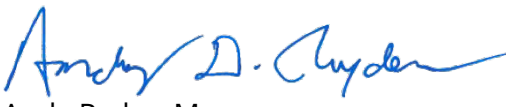
Dolbee, Andrews, and Fields introduced the Comprehensive Plan Workshop series and highlighted Council's extensive review on each element in order to provide direction for drafting goals and policies for incorporation. The City's goals for the 2025 update include readability, usability, integration between elements, and inclusion of the new Growth Management Act requirements and laws.

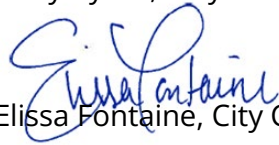
Staff introduced the Climate Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Climate planning is supported by a State Climate Planning Grant, in the amount of \$350,000. Staff presented draft goals and policies for the Greenhouse Gas Sub-Element and the Climate Resilience Sub-Element. Discussion ensued.

Climate Element feedback gathered from Council and Advisory Boards, will be incorporated into a final draft and included as part of the larger Comprehensive Plan. A community review of the Plan is targeted for Summer 2025. The second Workshop of the series, Land Use and Housing Element, is scheduled for the May 6, 2025, Council meeting.

13. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

MAYOR: 
Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: May 6, 2025