



Lacey City Council Worksession Approved Minutes

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Robin Vazquez (remote)

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Teri O'Neal, Senior Utility Engineer
Gagan Brar, PE, Civil Engineer
Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve the agenda as published.
Councilmember Cox seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No one signed up to speak during the meeting remotely or in person, and no written comments were received.

6. Agenda Items

A. **LOTT State of the Utility**

Matthew Kennelly, LOTT Executive Director

Kennelly presented the wastewater utility update for the LOTT (Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater-Thurston) Clean Water Alliance, describing the utility's service areas and treatment facilities, including its primary plant in Olympia. Kennelly summarized the regulatory oversight and performance indicators for the utility, noting its high level of treatment compared to below-average rates. Agency achievements, initiatives, and public engagement were summarized. Kennelly presented LOTT's future planning efforts, including planning for capital projects, new technology, and water reclamation, and noting recent real property sales.

B. **Reclaimed Water Plan (RWP)**

Gagan Brar, P.E., Civil Engineer

Teri O'Neal, Senior Utility Engineer

Brar presented the City of Lacey Reclaimed Water Plan, which evaluates how the city currently uses reclaimed water. Reclaimed water is wastewater that has been treated with biological oxidation, membrane filtration, and disinfection. Different levels of treatment applied to wastewater result in classes of reclaimed water suitable for various uses. Brar presented an overview of the city's reclamation facilities. Currently, all reclaimed water in city facilities contributes to water rights mitigation. The projected water volume needs for water rights mitigation through 2040 were presented. Irrigation is a potential reclaimed water use once volumes increase. No expansion of irrigation infrastructure is proposed until reclaimed water volumes exceed the needs of water rights mitigation.

C. **Equity Map Introduction**

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong presented draft equity maps and a user guide prepared by consultant Community Attributes Inc., for the City of Lacey. An equity mapping tool to evaluate community decisions is a benchmark in the City's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Strategic Plan. The underlying data is based on several sources, including U.S. Census data. The maps are correlated to available demographic information and reflect an equity score based on five indices: accessibility, livability, education, economics, and environment. Various features of the user interface were demonstrated and councilmembers were encouraged to share observations and questions. The equity map tool is expected to be publicly available in a couple of months and to be refreshed on a two-year cycle.

Without objection, the City Council received the following additional report:

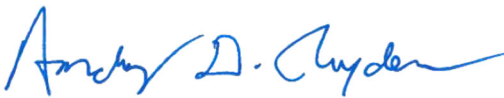
Olympia/Lacey/Thurston County Fan Zone 2026

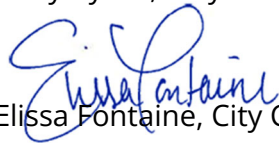
Rick Walk, City Manager

Walk reported that in connection with Seattle's hosting of the *Fédération Internationale de Football Association* (FIFA) 2026 World Cup championship, the organization is planning to establish regional Fan Zones where audiences can experience the World Cup without going to the stadiums. A Fan Zone in Thurston County is planned and will likely come with a funding request via an interlocal agreement and potential increased hotel stays locally. More information will be shared in July.

7. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

MAYOR: 
Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: August 5, 2025