



Lacey City Council Worksession Approved Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 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 Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Council Excused

Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Councilmember Michael Steadman

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

Scott Egger, Public Works Director

Joey Etter, Development Review Manager

Martin Hoppe, Transportation Manager

Brandy Legomina, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

Three (3) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Geoff Browning, Lacey resident, presented comments opposing the removal of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and climate change language from the Thurston Regional Transportation Plan.

Jim Lazar, road user and cyclist, presented comments urging the removal of the Log Cabin Road Extension.

Talauna Reed, NAACP Olympia, presented comments opposing the removal of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) language from the Thurston Transportation Policy Board's long-range transportation planning documents.

Written Public Comment

Eighty-four (84) written public comments were received.

6. Agenda Items

A. Public Works Standards Briefing

Joey Etter, Development Review Manager

Scott Egger, Public Works Director

Etter and Egger presented proposed amendments to the Development Guidelines and Public Works Standards. Amendments to Chapter 4: Transportation, Section 4B.070B.2, were brought before the Planning Commission's public hearing at their April 23, 2025, meeting, and an additional amendment to Chapter 7: Sewer--is being proposed with a 'Do Pass' recommendation from the Planning Commission. Chapter 1: Planning Issues, will be revised and approved through a separate process. The proposed Development Guidelines and Public Works Standards amendments will go before the council at a later date for final action. Chapter 4: Transportation and Chapter 7: Sewer--were discussed in detail.

B. Thurston Regional Transportation Plan Discussion

Rick Walk, City Manager

Scott Egger, Public Works Director

Katrina Van Every, Transportation Manager, Thurston Regional Planning Council

Mayor Ryder addressed the involvement of Diversity Equity and Inclusion efforts in the Thurston Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Walk, Egger, Hoppe, and Van Every presented a historical overview of the draft 2025 RTP as it relates to the Log Cabin Road connection project.

The Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) is in the final stages of updating the RTP, in which the Log Cabin Road connection is currently listed as a future

project. This project aims to provide additional east-west street transportation between I-5 and Yelm Highway and between Capital Boulevard and Ruddell Road. A number of studies, street improvements, and right-of-way acquisitions have been made by Thurston County and the cities of Olympia and Lacey, based on the currently approved RTP. Concluding the public comment period for the draft RTP, a number of public comments were received requesting the removal of the Log Cabin Road Connection project, as the project was removed from the City of Olympia's local transportation plan. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Cox moved to support removing the Log Cabin Road Connection from the RTP with a written agreement from Olympia that they will conduct a regional transportation analysis within the next 5 years to evaluate the impacts of removing the project from the RTP. The agreement will stipulate that the project will be added to the RTP if the removal of the project negatively impacts other transportation corridors or if a transportation analysis is not conducted within a 5-year period. Councilmember Vazquez seconded.

Councilmembers Cox and Vazquez voted in favor. Mayor Ryder, Deputy Mayor Miller and Councilmember Dunning voted against. The motion failed.

Mayor Ryder moved to support leaving the Log Cabin Road Connection in the RTP until a regional traffic analysis is conducted in order to evaluate and understand the impacts of removing the project from the RTP. Councilmember Vazquez seconded.

Mayor Ryder, Deputy Mayor Miller and Councilmember Dunning voted in favor. Councilmembers Cox and Vazquez voted against. The motion carried.

C. FIFA Fan Zone Update

Rick Walk, City Manager

[FIFA refers to the *Fédération Internationale de Football Association*, or International Association Football Federation, which organizes soccer events worldwide.]

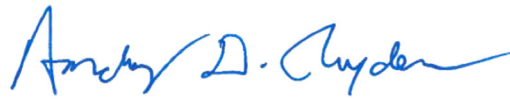
Walk provided an update on the FIFA Fan Zone. The 2026 FIFA World Cup will take place in Seattle as one of the host cities. Thurston County has been designated an official fan zone, where community members can watch live match broadcasts and enjoy food, music, and family-friendly entertainment. Representatives from Thurston County, the cities of Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey and the Port of Olympia have collaborated with the Thurston Chamber to plan a Fan Fest event, which the Port will host at the Port Peninsula. The Thurston Chamber has created a proposal outlining event logistics, costs, support needs, and a cost-sharing plan among the County and participating cities. Of the \$1.5 million proposed budget,

the City of Lacey is being asked to contribute \$392,750 in funding and in-kind resources. Discussion on proceeding to consult with the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee ensued.

7. Adjourn

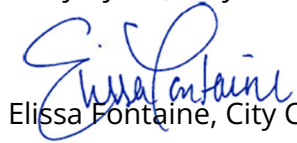
Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: August 5, 2025