



City Council Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

Tuesday, August 5, 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 Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Council Excused

Councilmember Michael Steadman

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Brian Waananen, Veterans Services Hub Coordinator

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 June 24, 2025

B. Worksession minutes of July 8, 2025

- C. Council minutes of July 15, 2025
- D. Approval of payment of claims, wages, and transfers for July 3 through 25, 2025

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda items. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

6. Proclamations

A. Legislators Appreciation

Jessica Bateman, Senator, 22nd District
Beth Doglio, Representative, 22nd District
Drew MacEwen, Senator, 35th District
Dan Griffey, Representative, 35th District
Matt Marshall, Representative, 2nd District

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed the City's appreciation to the State Legislators of the 22nd, 2nd, and 35th Districts. MacEwen, Marshall, and Doglio were present to accept the proclamation.

B. National Purple Heart Day

Oliver Osborne, Marine Corps Veteran

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed August 7, 2025, as National Purple Heart Day. Osborne was present to accept the proclamation.

7. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. MakerSpace Update

Michelle Pope, Director, MakerSpace
Chris Pierson, Director of Operations and Funding, AJAC Training
Sean Moore, Director, Center for Business and Innovation, Thurston Economic Development Council

Pope presented an update on the Lacey MakerSpace, an innovator's workshop where community members can access tools and training. The presentation highlighted a membership overview, new class development, educational programs, volunteer programs, and new and ongoing collaborations. Moore presented funding details for 2025, a financial overview and projections, and reviewed the implementation of the strategic plan.

AJAC is a statewide nonprofit training organization that offers pre-apprenticeship, youth apprenticeship, and adult apprenticeship programs for manufacturing industries. Damien Magista, AJAC Regional Program Manager, presented on the partnership with the MakerSpace, program outcomes, and future plans.

John Zinser, MakerSpace member and woodworker, presented an ongoing canoe woodworking project.

B. Veterans Services Hub Update

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Brian Waananen, Lacey Veterans Services Hub Coordinator

The Veterans Services Hub provides a single point for veterans and their families to access Veterans Administration (VA) benefits, employment, financial assistance, healthcare, housing, education, legal, nutrition, and transportation services. Chavez introduced Waananen as the new Lacey Veterans Services Hub Coordinator, who presented an update on the Veterans Services Hub. The presentation included a client summary, visit locator, volunteer update, current providers, initiatives, and training and development.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

One (1) person signed up to speak at the meeting.

Cortni Holthaus, community member, commented on housing vouchers.

Written Public Comment

No written public comment(s) were received.

9. Mayor's Report

No reports were provided.

10. City Manager's Report

A. Thurston County District Court Violations Bureau Interlocal Agreement

Kristy Wolf, Financial Services Manager

Woo presented the draft amendment to the City's interlocal agreement with the Thurston County District Court. The amendment transfers the processing, adjudicating, and administering of violations occurring in the City to Thurston County. Violation revenues to the City will remain unaffected.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement Establishing District Court Filing and Jury Trial Fees, allowing for the transfer of all Violations Bureau functions to Thurston County. Councilmember Dunning seconded. The motion carried.

B. Human Services Grant Program Funding Awards

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Chavez presented the recommendation of the Human Services Commission regarding 2025 program funding. The application review, interview process, and deliberation were reviewed in detail during the July 22, 2025, Worksession. The Human Services Commission presented a recommendation to the Council that awards funds to applicants with scores above 95 with 60 percent or \$30,000 of the

total requested, whichever is less, and applicants with scores of 90-95 with 46 percent or \$23,125.

Councilmember Dunning moved to approve awarding 2025 Human Services Grant Program funding as recommended by the Human Services Commission. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. The motion carried.

C. Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan & Annual Action Plan
Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Chavez presented the draft 2025-2027 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan (AAP). The Consolidated Plan is a planning document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be submitted every three to five years by all jurisdictions that receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and HOME funds. The AAP is required by HUD to be submitted annually by all jurisdictions that receive CDBG and HOME funds. A detailed review of the plans, goals, national objectives, and process for project certification was reviewed during the July 22, 2025, Worksession.

Councilmember Dunning moved to authorize staff to submit the Draft 2025-2027 Consolidated Plan and Draft 2025 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval. Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.

11. Council Reports

A. Mayor Andy Ryder:

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

Mayor Ryder provided a report from the Mayors' Forum.

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 did not provide any reports.

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

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

Councilmember Greenstein provided a report from TCOMM911.

- 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 did not provide any reports.

- 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 and the 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 Thurston Regional Planning Council.

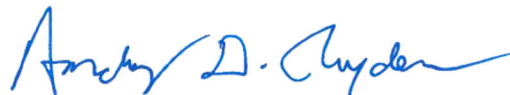
- G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:
1. Thurston Thrives
 2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
 3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)

Councilmember Dunning did not provide any reports.

12. Adjourn

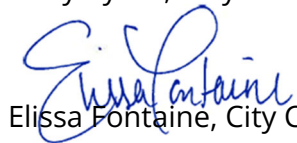
Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: August 19, 2025