



City Council Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 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 (remote and present until 8:13 p.m.)

Councilmember Michael Steadman

Councilmember Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Robin Vazquez

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning (remote)

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Chelsea Yarwood, Accounting Manager

Anna McBee, Police Records Supervisor

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. Council worksession minutes of July 22, 2025

B. Council dinner meeting minutes of August 5, 2025

C. Council meeting minutes of August 5, 2025

- D. Approval of payment of claims, wages, and transfers for July 11 through August 8, 2025
- E. 2025-2026 Lacey Youth Council Appointments
- F. Final Plat & PRD Approval for Morel Meadows Division 1 - Project number 25-0162 (23-0180)

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

6. Proclamations

A. Overdose Awareness Day

Katie Strozyk, Thurston County Opioid and Overdose Response Program Manager

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed August 19, 2025, as Overdose Awareness Day. Strozyk was present to accept the proclamation.

7. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

Corlonda Felicia Hayes Byrd, a community member, provided comments on the resources available to the houseless.

Written Public Comment

No written public comments were received.

8. Resolutions

A. Resolution 1171: 5025 Mullen Rd. SE Property Surplus

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

Dolbee presented Resolution 1171, authorizing the disposition of the property located at 5025 Mullen Rd. SE to the Housing Authority of Thurston County for the specific public benefit of providing affordable housing. Council was briefed in detail on the item during the July 22, 2025, Worksession.

Councilmember Steadman moved to approve Resolution 1171 as presented. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

9. Ordinances

A. Ordinance 1681: Business License Code Amendment

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Chelsea Yarwood, Accounting Manager

Yarwood presented Ordinance 1681, amending the minimum licensing threshold for out-of-city businesses specific to Lacey Municipal Code (LMC) 5.12.010. Council

was briefed in detail on the amendments during the August 12, 2025, Worksession.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to approve Ordinance 1681, amending the minimum licensing threshold for out-of-city businesses specific to LMC 5.12.010. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. The motion carried.

10. Mayor's Report

- A. **Advisory Board Appointment: Shinhyoung (Annie) Reinhardt, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee**

Mayor Ryder moved to appoint Annie Reinhardt for a first term to the vacant business representative position on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Councilmember Steadman seconded. The motion carried.

11. City Manager's Report

- A. **National Opioid Settlement: Purdue**
Rick Walk, City Manager

Schneider presented the National Opioid Settlement with Purdue Pharma, Sackler Family, and various other generic opioid manufacturers. If all eligible cities and counties in Washington join each of the nine new settlements, cities and counties are expected to receive a combined total of approximately \$61.1 million over 15 years. If settled, the amount must be spent on opioid remediation to abate the opioid crisis in their communities. If not enough cities and counties join, the settlement is void.

Councilmember Steadman moved to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to participate in settlements with Purdue Pharma, Sackler Family, and various other generic opioid manufacturers. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

12. Council Reports

- A. Mayor Andy Ryder:
1. Mayors' Forum
 2. Thurston Chamber Shared Legislative Committee
 3. Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Mayor Ryder did not provide any reports.

- 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 a report from JASCOM.

- C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:
1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
 2. TCOMM911
 3. Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee

Councilmember Greenstein did not provide any reports.

- 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.

- 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 LOTT.

- F. Councilmember Robin Vazquez:
1. Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC)
 2. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

Councilmember Vazquez provided a report from TCMC.

- G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:
1. Thurston Thrives
 2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
 3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)
 4. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)

Councilmember Dunning provided reports from SWAC, ORCAA, and the VCB.

13. Worksession

The meeting recessed at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

- A. **Revenue Sources Overview Discussion**
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

The 2025 Lacey City Council Work Plan considers further exploration of potential revenue sources a priority. Revenue options include changes to existing fees and taxes, as well as new tax options. The following potential revenue options were discussed in detail:

Technology Fees: Kelley-Fong and Dolbee presented the implementation of convenience fees to support the maintenance of permitting systems.

Public Record Request Fees: Kelley-Fong, Fontaine, and McBee presented options for updating and expanding fees for qualified public records requests, including requests for Body Worn Camera footage. Council expressed support in proceeding with implementation of a fee schedule for Body Worn Camera requests.

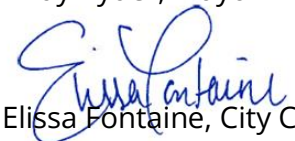
Franchise Fees: Kelley-Fong presented solid waste and other franchise agreements.

Gambling Tax: Kelley-Fong presented options for increasing the Gambling Tax rate and the number of gaming tax establishments.

14. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

MAYOR: 
Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: September 2, 2025