



City Council Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 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 (remote)
Councilmember Robin Vazquez
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Robert Almada, Police Chief
Scott Egger, Public Works Director
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Nate Ensley, Utilities Engineer
Brandy Legomina, Deputy City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ryder led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes of August 12, 2025
- B. Minutes of August 19, 2025

- C. Approval of claims, wages, and transfers for August 6-22, 2025

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

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. United Way Community Programs

Chris Wells, Executive Director

Wells provided an overview of the ALICE (Assist Limited Income Constrained Employed) Report, highlighting data specific to Thurston County and the City of Lacey. The ALICE Report is a national research study by United Way that aims to accurately measure poverty, especially working households that struggle to obtain their basic needs.

Wells introduced the Residential Construction Academy at South Puget Sound Community College, which is a certification program that offers hands-on training and pathways into careers in the construction industry.

7. Proclamations

A. Emergency Preparedness Month

Teresa Garret-Hill, President, Thurston County DART

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed September 2025, as Emergency Preparedness month. Garret-Hill, President of the Thurston County Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), was present to accept the proclamation.

B. National Voter Registration Day

Tillie Naputi-Pullar, Thurston County Election Manager

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed September 16, 2025, as National Voter Registration Day. Naputi-Pullar, Thurston County Election Manager, was present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

Terry Ballard, Tanglewilde Community Member and Veteran, commented on Tanglewilde annexation.

No one registered to speak remotely.

Written Public Comment

Two (2) written public comments were received.

9. Mayor's Report

- A. Reappointment to the Historical Commission - Ed Holm

Mayor Ryder moved to reappoint Ed Holm to the Historical Commission. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Ryder provided an additional update on FIFA Fan Zone funding. Discussion on extending the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee application process for 2 weeks ensued.

10. City Manager's Report

- A. **Sidewalk Repair Contract PW2025-02**

Scott Egger, Public Works Director

Egger presented an overview of Project PW2025-02: Sidewalk Repair. The low bidder, R.W. Scott Construction Co., provided an estimate of \$1,296,654, which was lower than the engineer's estimate. The project is expected to begin in October 2025, and includes 160 working days. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Steadman moved award Lacey Contract Number PW 2025-02 to the low bidder, R.W. Scott Construction Company, from Auburn, Washington in the amount of \$1,296,654. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

- B. **Lift Station 9 Improvements Contract PW2024-13**

Nate Ensley, Utilities Engineer

Ensley presented a summary of Project PW2024-13: Lift Station 9 Improvements. The lowest qualified bidder, Pacific Civil and Infrastructure, provided an estimate of \$2,569,661.06, which was higher than the engineer's estimate. The project is expected to begin in the Winter, and includes 220 working days. Discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to award Lacey Contract number PW 2024-13 to low bidder Pacific Civil & Infrastructure from Tacoma, Washington in the amount of \$2,569,661.06. Councilmember Steadman seconded. The motion carried.

- C. **Police Annual Report**

Robert Almada, Police Chief

Almada presented the Annual Police Report, which included 2024 crime and staffing statistics, immigration enforcement updates, and crime projections for

2025. The statistics presented were published by the Washington Association of Sheriff and Police Chiefs (WASPC) in July 2025, and is based on the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

Between 2019 and 2024, Lacey's population increased by 10.62%, while overall crime decreased by 11.27%. Almada clarified that the Lacey Police Department does not enforce immigration but may assist in criminal investigations when appropriate.

11. 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 did not provide any reports.

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 the Regional Housing Council.

F. Councilmember Robin Vazquez:

1. Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC)
2. Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)

Councilmember Vazquez did not provide any reports.

G. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

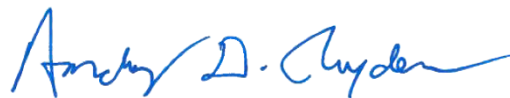
1. Thurston Thrives
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)

Councilmember Dunning provided reports from the Housing Round Table with the Lieutenant Governor.

12. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

MAYOR:


Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: October 7, 2025