



City Council Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

Tuesday, October 7, 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)
Councilmember Michael Steadman
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Robin Vazquez
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Jamie Oakland, Parks Maintenance Supervisor
Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator
Sarah Allison, RRT Maintenance Assistant
Hayden Mitchell, RRT Maintenance Assistant
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 August 26, 2025
- B. Dinner Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2025
- C. Council Minutes of September 2, 2025
- D. Worksession Minutes of September 9, 2025
- E. Council Minutes of September 16, 2025
- F. Payment of claims, wages, and transfers for August 26, 2025, through September 26, 2025.

Councilmember Vazquez moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

Two (2) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Pete Muschke, Lacey resident, commented on the proposed low-income housing project at 5025 Mullen Road SE.

Kris Booth, Lacey resident, commented on the proposed low-income housing project at 5025 Mullen Road SE.

Written Public Comment

Two (2) written public comment(s) were received.

7. Ordinances

A. Ordinance 1684: Amend LMC Chapter 2.04 - City Council Meetings

Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

Fontaine presented Ordinance 1684 amending the Lacey Municipal Chapter (LMC) 2.04. The proposed update addresses regular Council Meetings that fall on general or primary election days, or an observed holiday, be scheduled for the preceding Monday. The proposed update also includes adding Council Informational Dinner Meetings to the LMC.

Councilmember Dunning moved to adopt Ordinance 1684 as presented. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. The motion carried.

8. Resolutions

A. **Resolution 1174: Amend City Council Policy and Procedure Section 7.01 - Meetings**

Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

Fontaine presented Resolution 1174, updating Section 7.01 of the Council Policies and Procedures. The proposed update outlines regular Council Meetings that fall on general or primary election days, or an observed holiday, would be scheduled for the preceding Monday.

Deputy Mayor Milled moved to adopt Resolution 1174 as presented. Councilmember Dunning seconded. The motion carried.

B. **Resolution 1175: Amend Resolution 1173 - Permit Fee Update**

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

Schneider presented Resolution 1175, amending Resolution 1173, which addressed unintended administrative errors, clarified fee calculations and added new land use fees. However, Resolution 1173 did not include the clarity needed to ensure fees are calculated and applied consistently year after year. Resolution 1175 provides two amendments to provide the necessary clarity.

Councilmember Steadman moved to adopt Resolution 1175 as presented. Councilmember Dunning seconded. The motion carried.

9. **Mayor's Report**

No reports were provided.

10. **City Manager's Report**

A. **Public Works Rapid Response Team Annual Report**

Jamie Oakland, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

Oakland presented the RRT annual report. The City has a 3-prong approach to community outreach; the Mobile Outreach Team (MOT), the Rapid Response Team (RRT), and the Community Resource Unit (CRU). The RRT assists the CRU with the collection and cleanup of abandoned camps, roadside cleanup, graffiti removal, collection and sanitation of abandoned shopping carts, sanitation of public spaces and debris removal.

Oakland recognized Hayden Mitchell and Sarah Allison, Rapid Response Team Members, for their extraordinary life-saving efforts of a community member.

B. **Public Works Rapid Response Team Recognition**

Rick Walk, City Manager

Mitchell and Allison were presented with City Manager's Commendation Certificates and Outstanding Service Awards by Walk and Council for their live-saving efforts of a community member.

C. Community and Cultural Event Grant Program

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong presented the draft Community and Cultural Event Grant Program, a program designed to amplify and celebrate additional community events and cultural celebrations. Discussion ensued. A majority of Council expressed support for the program to be included as presented as part of the 2026 Budget.

D. Energize Thurston Program Results

Linsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator

Fields presented the results of the Energize Thurston Campaign. The campaign officially launched on March 3, 2025. Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Tenino partnered to provide subsidies for the purchase and installation of heat pump heaters and heat pump water heaters. The City utilized \$418,000 of HEAR grant funding to provide full and partial subsidies for 35 income-qualified Lacey residents.

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 provided a report from the EDC.

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
2. TCOMM911

3. Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee

Councilmember Greenstein provided a report from the Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee.

D. Councilmember Michael Steadman:

1. Nisqually River Council
2. Thurston County Law & Justice Council
3. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)

Councilmember Steadman provided a report from the Thurston County Law & Justice Council.

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 Intercity Transit Authority 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:

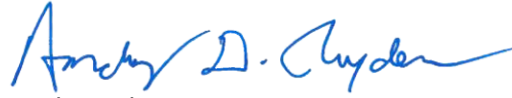
1. Thurston Thrives
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)

Councilmember Dunning provided a report from the VCB.

12. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: October 21, 2025