



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 3, 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 Robin Vazquez (remote)

Council Excused

Councilmember Michael Steadman

Councilmember Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Scott Egger, Public Works Director

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Vince McGowan, Water Resource Manager

Chelsea Yarwood, Acting Financial Services Manager

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 October 14, 2025

- B. Council minutes of October 21, 2025
- C. Payment of claims, wages, and transfers for October 9 through October 24, 2025.

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

6. Proclamations

A. Native American and Indigenous Heritage Month

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed October 2025, Native American and Indigenous Heritage Month. Hanford McCloud, Nisqually Tribe representative, was present to accept the proclamation.

7. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

Elizabeth Burnett, Lacey resident, commented against the removal of trees as part of the sidewalk replacement program.

No one registered to speak remotely and no written public comments were received.

8. Public Hearing

A. 2026 Revenue Sources

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Woo and Yarwood detailed revenue sources for the proposed 2026 Budget, including projected property tax revenue. The purpose of the revenue hearing is to accept public comment and for the Council to provide guidance on the proposed 2026 revenues, with a focus on property taxes. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Ryder opened the Public Hearing at 6:46 p.m.

No testimony was received.

Mayor Ryder closed the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

9. Resolutions

A. Utility Local Improvement District 25 - Tolmie Park Estates Sewer

Vince McGowan, Water Resource Manager

Prior to connecting to City sewer, Tolmie Parks Estates was served by a failing Large Onsite Septic System (LOSS). The failing LOSS polluted shallow groundwater and was determined to be a public health risk. This project connecting Tolmie Park

Estates to City sewer has been fully constructed, invoices paid, with staff completing the final assessment role. McGowan presented Resolution 1176, fixing a hearing date of December 2, 2025, to consider the final assessment roll for the ULID 25 Tolmie Park Estates project.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to adopt Resolution 1176, fixing a hearing date of December 2, 2025, to consider the final assessment roll for ULID#25 Tolmie Park Estates. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

10. Mayor's Report

- A. Appointment: Historical Commission - Gary Montgomery
- B. Appointment: Historical Commission - David Shipley

Mayor Ryder moved to appoint Gary Montgomery and David Shipley to the unexpired terms on the Historical Commission. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

11. City Manager's Report

- A. **Interlocal Agreement: LOTT Reclaimed Water Class A+**
Vince McGowan, City of Lacey Water Resources Manager

The Lacey Olympia Tumwater Thurston County (LOTT) Alliance with partnering agencies is conducting a small-scale demonstration project to investigate the treatment of wastewater to Reclaimed Class A+ standards, destigmatize public perceptions of reclaimed water, and show that potable reuse is more than theoretically possible. McGowan presented the draft interlocal agreement between the City and LOTT to support the project, including financial support of \$50,000 in 2025.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with LOTT to support a reclaimed water Class A+ potable reuse demonstration project. Councilmember Vazquez seconded. The motion carried.

Walk updated Council on the following routine interlocal agreements for \$25,000 or less:

- Amendment to Lacey Veterans Services Hub Pilot Program regarding staffing.
- Agreement with Department of Enterprise Services for Plain Language Training.

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 the EDC.

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

Councilmember Steadman was excused and no reports were provided.

E. Councilmember Carolyn Cox:

1. Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater-Thurston Clean Water Alliance (LOTT)
2. Regional Housing Council
3. Intercity Transit Authority

Councilmember Cox was excused and no reports were provided.

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)
4. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)
5. Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board (LEOFF-1)

Councilmember Dunning was excused and no reports were provided.

13. Worksession

With unanimous consent, Mayor Ryder postponed items **13.A. Water Meter Replacement Project**, and **13.B. 2026 Lodging Tax Funding Recommendations** to a future meeting.

14. Adjourn

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

MAYOR:


Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: November 18, 2025