



Lacey City Council Worksession Approved Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Carolyn Cox (remote)
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning (remote)
Councilmember Maren Turner
Councilmember Ryan Siu

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Brandy Legomina, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Dunning seconded. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

6. Agenda Items

A. Fire District 3 Presentation

Jennifer Schmidt, Fire Chief

Michael Cerovski, Deputy Chief of Administration

Jason Roberts, Assistant Chief - Community Risk Reduction

Schmidt, Cerovski, and Roberts presented an overview of the Community Risk Reduction Division, which works with businesses and building owners through regular inspections to support the district's response readiness. The program provides third-party assessments of inspection and inspection performance to help improve the district's Washington Survey and Ratings Bureau (WSRB) public protection classification, contributing to lower insurance rates. A five-year analysis of commercial fire structure and content losses identified trends showing where fire damage was most severe. The presentation highlighted the hidden costs of fire to businesses, the community, and local government. The district's fee schedule was reviewed, noting that rates are reevaluated every three years in accordance with RCW 19.27.110 and adjusted for inflation. Discussion followed.

B. Gambling Tax Discussion

Rick Walk, City Manager

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong presented a potential revenue source through a gambling tax. This presentation reviewed prior revenue enhancement strategies, current social card game tax rates, social card games prohibition, and punchboard or pull-tab tax rates. The City currently imposes a 7.5% tax on social card games, though the State allows a rate of up to 20%. The City's punchboard or pull-tab tax rate is 4%, with the State authorizing a maximum of 10%. Various alternatives were discussed, and an Ordinance is expected for Council review at a future date.

C. Intergovernmental Board and Commission Assignments

Mayor Andy Ryder

The Council reviews its appointments to intergovernmental boards and commissions every two years. Discussion ensued and appointments will be made at a future date.

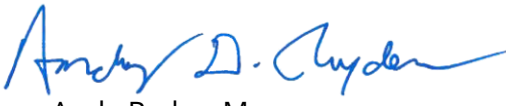
D. 2026 Councilmember Travel

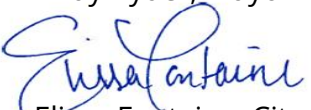
Rick Walk, City Manager

Walk reviewed the Council Policies and Procedures related to travel. Discussion ensued regarding limiting out-of-state travel to essential conferences only.

7. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

MAYOR: 
Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: February 17, 2026