



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Councilmember Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Councilmember Andy Ryder
Councilmember Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning
Councilmember Maren Turner
Councilmember Ryan Siu

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Ryder led the flag salute.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Councilmember Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

5. Oath of Office

A. Maren Turner, Position 4

Councilmember Turner completed the ceremonial oath of office for Position 4.

B. Andy Ryder, Position 5

Councilmember Ryder completed the ceremonial oath of office for Position 5.

C. Ryan Siu, Position 6

Councilmember Siu completed the ceremonial oath of office for Position 6.

D. Carolyn Cox, Position 7

Councilmember Cox completed the ceremonial oath of office for Position 7.

6. Nominations and Elections

A. Mayor

Nominations for the position of Mayor were opened.

Councilmember Miller nominated Andy Ryder to serve as Mayor. Ryder accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented.

Nominations for the position of Mayor were closed.

Without objection, Councilmember Ryder was elected Mayor by unanimous consent.

B. Deputy Mayor

Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were opened.

Councilmember Cox nominated Malcolm Miller to serve as Deputy Mayor. Miller accepted the nomination. No other nominations were presented.

Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were closed.

Without objection, Councilmember Miller was elected Deputy Mayor by unanimous consent.

Recessed and Reconvened

The meeting recessed at 6:07 p.m. and reconvened at 6:19 p.m.

7. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of the December 9, 2025, Worksession minutes
- B. Approval of the December 16, 2025, Council minutes
- C. Approval of claims, wages, and transfers for December 3 through 26, 2025
- D. Approval of the 2026 Federal Legislative Priorities
- E. Approval of the 2025 Police Department Retained Property Report

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

8. Proclamations

A. **Korean-American Day**

Chami Joe Ro, Washington State Korean American Day Celebration Foundation

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed January 13, 2026, as Korean-American Day. Ro was present to accept the proclamation.

B. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Dr. Thelma Jackson, New Life Baptist Church

Reverend David L. Reaves, New Life Baptist Church

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed January 19, 2026, as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Reverend Reaves and Dr. Jackson were present to accept the proclamation.

9. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

Six (6) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Sandra Englund, signed up to speak but was not present during public comment.

Sujecng Yun, signed up to speak but was not present during public comment.

Shaley Marzolf, Lacey resident, commented on tree permitting and safety concerns.

Mickey Pearson, Lacey resident, commented on tree permitting and safety concerns.

Tracey Dunsmoor, Lacey resident, commented on tree permitting and safety concerns.

Jennifer Bayne, Lacey resident, commented on tree permitting and safety concerns.

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

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ryder welcomed Councilmembers Turner and Siu.

11. City Manager's Report

No reports were provided.

12. Council Reports

A. Councilmember Andy Ryder:

1. Mayors' Forum
2. Thurston Chamber Shared Legislative Committee
3. Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Mayor Ryder did not provide any reports.

B. Councilmember 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 Carolyn Cox:

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

Councilmember Cox provided a report from the Intercity Transit Authority.

E. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

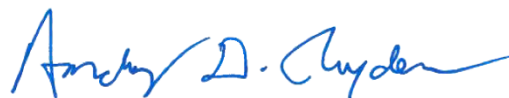
1. Thurston Thrives
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)
4. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)
5. Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board (LEOFF-1)

Councilmember Dunning did not provide any reports.

13. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: January 20, 2026