



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

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

Council Excused

Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Robert Almada, Police Chief
Martin Hoppe, Transportation Manager
Anna McBee, Police Records Supervisor
Erika Scott-Small, Recreation Coordinator
Paul J. White, Deputy 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 **Amended*** Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Informational Dinner Meeting of January 6, 2026
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Regular Meeting of January 6, 2026

- C. Approval of claims, wages, and transfers for December 30, 2025, through January 9, 2026

Deputy Mayor Miller moved 1) to approve the agenda, as amended to add the report of the Lacey Youth Council as a new item 6(a) and move item 10(a), intergovernmental board appointments, to a worksession following Council Reports and 2) to approve the consent agenda items. Councilmember Siu seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. Lacey Youth Council Report

* Item added January 20, 2026

The following representatives presented reports:

Michelle Ewig, North Thurston High School
Avani Kumar, Timberline High School
Harmony Johnson, River Ridge High School
Luke Froehlich, Home School
Caleb Kim, Lacey Youth Council
Jennifer Zheng, Youth Summit Subcommittee

B. Lacey Loves to Read Bookmark Winners

Jami Roberts, Director of ELA, North Thurston Public Schools
Raina Sedore, Youth Services Coordinator, Timberland Regional Libraries
Erika Scott-Small, Recreation Coordinator, City of Lacey

Scott-Small, Roberts, and Sedore described the Lacey Loves to Read and Read Around Lacey programs, noting 2026 featured author Renee Watson, and congratulating bookmark contest winners Olivia, Jaden, Natalie, Eliza, Ayane, Norah, and Lily.

7. Proclamations

A. Lacey Loves to Read

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed February 2026 Lacey Loves to Read Month. Roberts, Sedore, and Scott-Small were present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

Three people signed up to speak at the meeting:

Stephanie Scott, Lacey resident, commented on the Regional Housing Council appointment and on systemic issues of homelessness and local encampments.

Bobby, Thurston County resident, commented on the Regional Housing Council appointment and conditions in local encampments.

Jaiden Hypatia, Olympia resident, commented on the Regional Housing Council appointment, anti-housing-first politics, and systemic pressures on the mental health care system.

No one registered to speak remotely.

Written Public Comment

Three written public comments were received.

9. Resolutions

A. Resolution 1179: Police Department Fee Schedule Update

Anna McBee, Police Records Supervisor

McBee presented Resolution 1179, which would enable the City to charge a fee for background checks of employees of firearms sellers consistent with new requirements of RCW 9.41.110 and to increase administrative fees associated with fingerprinting services. Since implementation of new requirements in July 2025, the Lacey Police Department has subsidized the cost of additional services.

**Deputy Mayor Miller moved to adopt Resolution 1179, as presented.
Councilmember Siu seconded. The motion carried.**

10. Mayor's Report

A. Appointments to City Council Intergovernmental Boards and Commissions

**Item moved to Worksession (Item 13A)*

As noted above, consideration of this agenda item was moved to a worksession as new agenda item 13(a).

B. Reappointment to CAR-PFD: Chris Leicht, District-Wide Representative

Mayor Ryder

Mayor Ryder moved to approve the appointment of Chris Leicht as the district-wide representative to the Capital Area Regional Public Facilities District (CAR-PFD). Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

11. City Manager's Report

A. Authorization of Intercity Transit Smart Corridors Interlocal Agreement

Martin Hoppe, Transportation Manager

Peter Stackpole, Development Director, Intercity Transit

Stackpole presented the interlocal agreement between the City of Lacey and Intercity Transit for the U.S. Department of Transportation Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Corridors project. The grant would be used to install sensors at 10 intersections near the Lacey transit center and on Martin Way to reduce accidents, improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians, and scale technology for use in other transportation corridors. The agreement supports the deployment of AI (artificial intelligence) sensors and allows Intercity Transit to reimburse Lacey for eligible costs. By the terms of the agreement, Intercity Transit would own the hardware and software used and would be responsible for responding to requests for records disclosure. Stackpole explained the goals of the pilot and implementation phases of the project and described the kind of data that would be collected and limitations on its use.

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 did not provide any reports.

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
2. TCOMM911
3. Opioid Abatement Council Independent Subcommittee

Councilmember Greenstein was excused and no reports were provided.

D. 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 Thurston Regional Planning Council and 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 provided reports from LEOFF-1 and the Law and Justice Committee.

Recessed and Reconvened

The City Council recessed at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

13. *Worksession

A. **Appointments to City Council Intergovernmental Boards and Commissions**

**Item moved from Mayor's Report (Item 10A) on January 20, 2026*

Councilmembers discussed the factors affecting appointment to intergovernmental boards and commissions. It was stressed that councilmembers' roles are not individual representations, but are intended to reflect policy decisions of a City Council majority. Replacement of board representatives is possible if the majority view of the City Council is not being represented in an intergovernmental body. Preferences and availability of councilmembers to serve on various boards were discussed.

Mayor Ryder moved to appoint Councilmembers to intergovernmental boards and commissions as discussed. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried, 5-1.

In favor: Ryder, Miller, Dunning, Turner, and Siu

Opposed: Cox

The list of approved appointments is as follows:

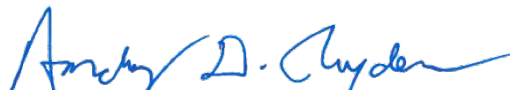
- Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative: Siu (primary) Cox (alternate)
- Economic Development Council: Miller (primary) Dunning (alternate)
- Emergency Medical Services: Greenstein (primary) Dunning (alternate)
- Intercity Transit Authority: Cox (primary) Ryder (alternate)
- Joint Animal Services Commission: Miller (primary) Turner (alternate)
- Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater-Thurston (LOTT) Clean Water Alliance: Cox (primary) Greenstein (alternate)
- Mayors Forum: Ryder (primary) Miller (alternate)

- Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor and Convention Bureau: Dunning (primary) Miller (alternate)
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC): Miller
- Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA): Siu (primary) Cox (alternate)
- Regional Housing Council: Dunning (primary) Siu (alternate)
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee: Siu (primary) Greenstein (alternate)
- TCOMM 911: Greenstein (primary) Dunning (alternate)
- Thurston County Law and Justice Council: Turner (primary) Siu (alternate)
- Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC): Turner (primary) Miller (alternate)
- Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Group 1 Disability Board (LEOFF-1): Greenstein and Dunning
- Transportation Policy Board: Ryder (primary) Cox (alternate)
- Nisqually River Council: Turner (primary) Dunning (alternate)
- Thurston County Opioid Abatement Council: Greenstein

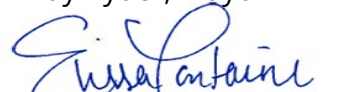
14. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MAYOR:


Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:


Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: March 3, 2026