



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 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 Lenny Greenstein (remote)
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning
Councilmember Maren Turner
Councilmember Ryan Siu

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director
Sarah Schelling, Current Planning Economic Development Manager
Jenny Bauersfeld, Communications Specialist
Wesley Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. January 13, 2026, Worksession Minutes
- B. Approval of claims, wages, and transfers for January 12 through February 6, 2026

Deputy Malcolm Miller moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Councilmember Dunning seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. Lacey Youth Council Report

The following representatives presented reports:

Michelle Ewig, North Thurston High School
Aryan Kumar, Timberline High School
Dior Trinh, River Ridge High School
Luke Froehlich, Home School
Isabella Valerio, Lacey Youth Council
Makayla Lesane, Youth Summit Subcommittee

B. TOGETHER! Grant Award Update

Meghan Sullivan, Deputy Director, TOGETHER!

TOGETHER! representatives were unable to attend. The presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

C. Neighborhood Grant Program Overview

Jenny Bauersfeld, Communications Specialist

Bauersfeld presented an overview of the Lacey Neighborhood Grant Program. The Program was established to encourage neighborhood activities that foster community pride, expand community involvement, and beautify the City. An overview of the program's intention, past projects, grant guidelines and eligibility were outlined. The timeline for 2026 grant program activities were reviewed. Discussion ensued.

7. Proclamations

A. Cancer Prevention Month

Nichole Woolsey, Senior Development Manager, American Cancer Society

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed February 2026 as Cancer Prevention Month. Woolsey was present to accept the proclamation.

B. Keep Washington Working Act

Megan Matthews, Washington State Office of Equity

Mayor Ryder and Council reaffirmed its position as a compassionate and inclusive city and expressed its support for and commitment to upholding the Keep Washington Working Act. Matthews was present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

Annie Clay, Lacey resident, commented in support of the Keep Washington Working Act.

Written Public Comment

One (1) written public comment was received.

9. Mayor's Report

A. **Planning Commission Appointment: Allen Acosta and Aaron Dumas**

Andy Ryder, Mayor

Mayor Ryder moved to appoint Allen Acosta and Aaron Dumas to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Dunning seconded. The motion carried.

B. **Human Services Commission Appointment: John Grausam**

Andy Ryder, Mayor

Mayor Ryder moved to appoint John Grausam to the Human Services Commission. Councilmember Siu seconded. The motion carried.

C. **Library Board Appointment: Jade Sierra and Pat Taviss**

Andy Ryder, Mayor

Mayor Ryder moved to appoint Jade Sierra and Pat Taviss to the Library Board. Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.

10. City Manager's Report

11. Council Reports

A. Mayor Andy Ryder:

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

Mayor Ryder provided reports from the TPB.

B. Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller:

1. Economic Development Council (EDC)
2. Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM)
3. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)
4. Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking (TCCAT)

Deputy Mayor Miller provided reports from the EDC and JASCOM.

C. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
2. Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Plan 1 Disability Board (LEOFF-1)
3. TCOMM911
4. Thurston County Opioid Abatement Council

Councilmember Greenstein did not provide any reports.

D. Councilmember Carolyn Cox:

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

Councilmember Cox provided a report from the Regional Planning Council, Intercity Transit Authority and LOTT.

E. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning:

1. Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board (LEOFF-1)
2. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB)
3. Regional Housing Council

Councilmember Dunning provided a report from the VCB.

F. Councilmember Maren Turner:

1. Nisqually River Council
2. Thurston County Law & Justice Council
3. Thurston Regional Planning Council

Councilmember Turner provided reports regarding the upcoming Nisqually River Council and Thurston County Law & Justice Council meetings.

G. Councilmember Ryan Siu:

1. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC)

Councilmember Siu provided reports from SWAC and ORCAA.

Councilmember Siu also highlighted recent attendance at a Community Chinese New Year event.

Recessed and Reconvened

At 6:57 p.m., Council recessed for a 13-minute break. Mayor Ryder reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

12. Worksession

A. 2026 Commission on Equity Work Plan

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong and Equity Commissioners Brown, Jackson, and Clay presented the 2026 Commission on Equity Work Plan. The Work Plan is reviewed and approved by the City Council annually to guide the Commission on Equity's scope of work and responsibilities. Discussion ensued. The Commission on Equity will review the draft Work Plan for potential updates identified during the discussion. The Work Plan will be presented for Council consideration at a future meeting.

B. Fourth Quarter Investment Report

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Woo presented the Fourth Quarter Investment Report that has been prepared by the City's investment advisor. The three main components of the quarterly report include 1) market commentary, outlook, current investment policy compliances, strategic outlook and portfolio positioning; 2) quarterly asset allocation changes and historical balances; and 3) a summary of the City's total invested funds, investment earnings, and accruals during the report period. Discussion ensued.

C. Economic Development Work Program

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

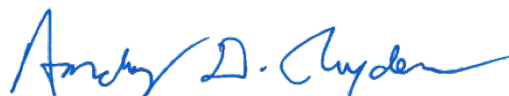
Sarah Schelling, Current Planning Economic Development Manager

Dolbee, Schelling, and Nguyen presented the Economic Development Strategic Plan and the 2026-2027 Economic Development Work Program. Based on Council feedback and prioritized goals from the December 10, 2025, Council Worksession, staff identified six (6) priority actions with clear implementation steps in order to develop the 2026/2027 Economic Development Work Program. Staff highlighted the regular and ongoing economic development items and activities, as well as the implementation process for the Economic Development Strategic Plan. The Work Plan will be considered for Council approval at a future meeting. Discussion ensued.

13. Adjourn

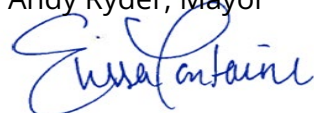
Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: March 3, 2026