



Lacey City Council Approved Worksession Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 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 (remote)
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning
Councilmember Ryan Siu

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder
Councilmember Maren Turner

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Chelsea Knight, Acting Financial Services Manager
Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner
Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

5. Public Comment

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

6. Agenda Items

A. **Historical Commission 2026 Work Plan**

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director
Historical Commission Representatives

Historical Commission members present included Kevin Wycoff, Jim Keogh, Gary Montgomery, Ed Holm, Dave Shipley, and Kimberly Goetz (remote). Wycoff and Keogh presented the commission's 2025 accomplishments, 2026 workplan and answered councilmembers' questions. Workplan approval is scheduled in March.

B. **Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board 2026 Work Plan**

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director
Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner
Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Representatives

Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board members present included Aram Wheeler, Annette Roth, Hilary Dykstra, and Laurie Davies. Wheeler presented the board's 2025 accomplishments, 2026 workplan, and answered councilmembers' questions. Workplan approval is scheduled in March.

C. **ULID No. 25 Bond Ordinance and Debt Issuance Briefing**

Troy Woo, Finance Director
Chelsea Knight, Acting Financial Services Manager

Knight gave an overview of the process of connecting homes in Tolmie Park Estates to the municipal sewer system. To decommission the existing septic systems and install new sewer infrastructure, Utility Local Improvement District (ULID) 25 was formed. Final assessments were adopted by Ordinance 1687 on December 2, 2025, after which some property owners made pre-payments. To fund the remaining cost, the City will issue a bond and use its LID Debt Fund to manage the debt internally. A bond ordinance will be submitted for Council action in March. Knight described the benefits of this approach for property owners and City staff. Discussion ensued.

D. **Fund Level Budget Amendment Process**

Rick Walk, City Manager
Troy Woo, Finance Director

Woo presented administrative changes being made to the City's budget amendment process to strengthen enforcement of line-item budget controls. Accountability will be applied to line items, of which there are about 2,000 in the 2026 budget. Administrative amendments will be limited to a single fund, may not increase the total fund appropriation, must offset increases with corresponding reductions, and may not draw on unbudgeted reserves or result in deficit spending. No additional staffing is expected to be needed to administer the change.

E. Opioid Settlement Interlocal Agreement Update

Rick Walk, City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Walk reported that the Washington One Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for administering national opioid settlements requires formation of an abatement council to oversee distribution of funds. In order to pool funds regionally for better impact, an amendment to the existing interlocal agreement is needed. Schneider described the provisions of the proposed amendments to Section 5 and a new Section 6. As the lead agency, Thurston County must approve the proposed amendment. The County cannot further amend the provisions, but can engage in revisions and resubmittals with member jurisdictions. If ultimately rejected, funds would revert to the member jurisdictions for distribution pursuant to the MOU. Final action by the City Council is planned in March.

F. Council Reports

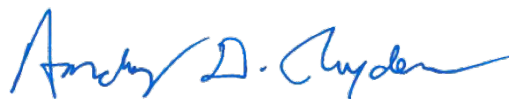
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Councilmember Dunning reported on his and Councilmember Siu's orientation with the Regional Housing Council. Councilmember Cox reported on the meeting of the Intercity Transit Authority, which is preparing for comprehensive route changes in May. Deputy Mayor Miller commented on Employee Recognition Week March 2-6 and acknowledged Black History Month and the February 17 death of civil rights activist the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

7. Adjourn

Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: March 17, 2026