



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 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
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning
Councilmember Maren Turner
Councilmember Ryan Siu

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Chelsea Knight, Acting Financial Services Manager
Sarah Schelling, Current Planning and Economic Development Manager
Elissa Fontaine, 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 Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. January 20, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes
- B. January 27, 2026, Worksession Meeting Minutes
- C. February 10, 2026, Informational Dinner Meeting Minutes

- D. February 10, 2026, Worksession Meeting Minutes
- E. February 17, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes
- F. Approval of claims, wages, and transfers for February 4 through 20, 2026
- G. Project No. 26-0020 - Final Subdivision for Ventura Crossing
- H. Community Planning Division 2026 Docket and Work Program
- I. Historical Commission Work Plan
- J. Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board Work Plan

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

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

- A. Library Board Member Recognition: Scott Robinson
- B. Library Board Member Recognition: Amy Blondin

Mayor Ryder and Council recognized Scott Robinson and Amy Blondin for their years of service on the Library Board. Library Board Chair Desy shared a few remarks.

7. Proclamations

A. American Red Cross Month

Vic Merolla, Community Volunteer Leader, American Red Cross – South Puget Sound and Olympics Chapter

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed March 2026 as American Red Cross Month. Merolla was present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

Three (3) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Dalton Coe, Lacey resident, commented against ICE detentions and license plate readers.

Chris Lewis, Vice President of Ground Zero Outreach, commented on the organization's mission and efforts.

Craig Stevenson, Lacey resident, commented on a completed slurry seal project, and a current sidewalk repair project.

No one registered to speak remotely.

Written Public Comment

No written public comments were received.

9. Ordinances

A. Ordinance 1696: ULID No. 25 Bond

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Chelsea Knight, Acting Financial Services Manager

Knight presented Ordinance 1696, adopting the ULID No. 25 Bond, authorizing the issuance and sale of water and sewer revenue bonds, fixing the form and terms of the bond, and providing the sale to the City's LID Debt Fund. The Council was briefed in detail on the bond during the February 24, 2026, Council Worksession.

**Deputy Mayor Miller moved to adopt Ordinance 1696 as presented.
Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.**

B. Ordinance 1697: Co-Living Housing Amendment

Jennifer Adams, Housing Coordinator

Adams presented Ordinance 1697, amending the Lacey Municipal Code to establish regulations for co-living housing as required by RCW 36.70A.535. Staff advised that recent state legislation under ESHB 1998 requires local jurisdictions planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) to accommodate co-living housing in zones that allow multifamily development. The Council was briefed in detail on the amendments during the February 10, 2026, Council Worksession.

**Deputy Mayor Miller moved to adopt Ordinance 1697 as presented.
Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.**

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ryder did not present any reports.

11. City Manager's Report

A. 2026 Lacey Community Academy Briefing

Jenny Bauersfeld, Communications Specialist

Bauersfeld presented the 2026 Community Academy Program. The program aims to connect with the community, offer insight into how local government operates, and provide a forum where community members can stay informed, ask questions, and learn. The presentation included a detailed program overview, including a weekly session breakdown and the timeline.

B. Economic Development Strategic Plan and 2-year Work Program

Sarah Schelling, Current Planning and Economic Development Manager

Schelling presented the Economic Development Strategic Plan and 2-year Work Program. The strategic plan is a response to key questions about how to shape Lacey's next wave of economic growth, revitalize older commercial areas, and diversify retail options and employment base. The Council was most recently briefed on both items during the February 17, 2026, Council Worksession.

Councilmember Dunning moved to approve the Economic Development Strategic Plan and 2-year Work Program as presented. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

C. Interlocal Agreement: Opioid Settlement

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Walk and Schneider presented an update regarding the opioid settlement interlocal agreement (ILA). The Council was briefed in detail on the proposed amendments to the ILA during the February 24, 2026, Council Worksession.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement for Opioid Abatement Council Independent Committee as presented and authorize the City Manager to sign the amended agreement. Councilmember Turner seconded. The motion carried.

Walk recognized the Lacey MakerSpace for recently receiving the 2026 Innovation in Economic Development Award from the Washington Economic Development Association.

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. Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM)
3. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC)
4. Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking (TCCAT)

Deputy Mayor Miller provided a report from the EDC.

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 provided reports from TCOMM911, and EMS.

D. Councilmember Carolyn Cox:

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

Councilmember Cox did not provide any reports.

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 (RHC)

Councilmember Dunning provided reports from the RHC.

F. Councilmember Maren Turner:

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

Councilmember Turner did not provide any reports.

G. Councilmember Ryan Siu:

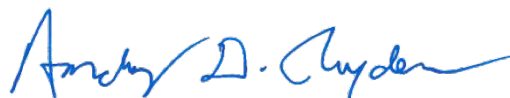
1. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)
2. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
3. Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC)

Councilmember Siu provided reports from ORCAA and TCMC.

13. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: March 17, 2026