



City Council Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council Present

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning
Councilmember Ryan Siu

Council Excused

Mayor Andy Ryder
Councilmember Maren Turner

Staff Present

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Robert Almada, Chief of Police
Scott Egger, Public Works Director
Chelsea Knight, Deputy Finance Director
David Knox, Utility Engineer
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Deputy Mayor Miller led the flag salute.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Deputy Mayor Miller presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of the Minutes of January 30, 2026

- B. Approval of the Minutes of February 6, 2026
- C. Approval of the Minutes of February 24, 2026
- D. Approval of the Minutes of the Dinner Meeting of March 3, 2026
- E. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2026
- F. Approval of claims, wages, and transfers for February 2 through March 6, 2026

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

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

- A. Lacey Youth Council Report

The following representatives presented reports:

Shalom Mutua, Lacey Youth Council Member for Timberline High School
Isabella Valerio, Lacey Youth Council Member for River Ridge High School
Luka Froehlich, Lacey Youth Council Member for Homeschool Community
Joy Ndegwa, North Thurston Superintendent's Achievement Council
Representative for North Thurston High School
Henry Bui, North Thurston Superintendent's Achievement Council for a general update.

7. Proclamations

- A. **Transgender Day of Visibility**

Lucas Miller, PFLAG-Olympia

Deputy Mayor Miller and Council proclaimed March 31, 2026, as Transgender Day of Visibility. Miller was present to accept the proclamation.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

Two (2) people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Sandra Curry Lewis, Founder of Ground Zero Outreach and Lacey resident, commented on the organization's mission and efforts.

Danny Burkett, Founder of Our Arc and Lacey resident, commented on youth homelessness.

No one registered to speak remotely.

Written Public Comment

No written public comments were received.

9. Ordinances

A. **Ordinance No. 1698: 2025 Carryover Budget Amendment**

Chelsea Knight, Deputy Finance Director

Knight presented draft Ordinance 1698, proposing to amend the 2026 budget to re-appropriate 2025 budgeted amounts for projects not completed in 2025. The proposed budget amendments for the upcoming year are specifically limited to carryover encumbrances and capital projects. The Council received a detailed briefing on the amendments during the March 10, 2026, Worksession.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to adopt Ordinance 1698 amending the 2026 budget to re-appropriate 2025 budgeted amounts for projects not completed in 2025. Councilmember Dunning seconded. The motion carried.

B. **Ordinance No. 1699: Repeal Social Card Prohibition**

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong presented draft Ordinance 1699, proposing repealing Chapter 5.06 of the Lacey Municipal Code, Social Card Games Prohibited. The recommendation is a result of several revenue enhancement strategy discussions regarding commercial gambling taxes. The Council had detailed discussion during the January 13, 2026, Worksession and provided direction regarding the draft ordinance.

Councilmember Dunning moved to adopt Ordinance 1699 repealing Chapter 5.06 of the Lacey Municipal Code, Social Card Games Prohibited. Councilmember Siu seconded. The motion carried.

10. Mayor's Report

No reports were provided.

11. City Manager's Report

A. **Contract Award: Chatham Wastewater Looping and Annual Valves**

David Knox, Utility Engineer

Knox presented contract PW 2025-08 pertaining to project work for the annual valve and looping program designed to maintain and improve the City's wastewater system. The City advertised the project for three (3) weeks and bids were opened on February 25, 2025. Twelve (12) bids were received. The project start date is anticipated to be April 2026, with fifty (50) working days allotted to complete the work. The project is expected to be completed by Fall 2026.

Councilmember Siu moved to approve awarding contract number PW 2025-08 to qualified law bidder Rognlin's Inc. in the amount of \$438,946.94. Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.

B. Public Safety Briefing

Robert Almada, Police Chief

Almada presented the Lacey Police Department year-end report for 2025. The presentation reviewed organizational updates, personnel demographics, department statistics, crime data, professional standards and strategic priorities. Discussion ensued.

12. Council Reports

A. Mayor Andy Ryder:

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

Mayor Ryder was excused and no reports were provided.

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 did not provide any reports.

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

Councilmember Cox provided a report from 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 was excused and no reports were provided.

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 a report from ORCAA.

13. Adjourn

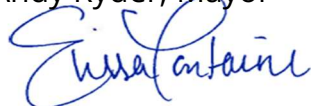
Deputy Mayor Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: April 7, 2026