



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 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 Maren Turner

Councilmember Ryan Siu (remote)

Council Excused

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Martin Hoppe, Transportation Manager

Ryan Jewell, Utilities Engineer

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. Approval of the Minutes of March 10, 2026

B. Approval of the Minutes of March 17, 2026

- C. Approval of claims, wages, and transfers for February 26 through March 27, 2026

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

A. Poet Laureate Poetry Reading

Cynthia Pratt, Poet Laureate

Poet Laureate Pratt presented two original poems and provided gratitude for her time spent serving as Lacey's Poet Laureate. Pratt also highlighted two upcoming local poetry-reading events.

7. Proclamations

A. Proclamation: Fair Housing Month

Dawn Baker, President, Thurston County Realtors Association

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed April 2026 as Fair Housing Month. Baker was present to accept the proclamation.

B. Proclamation: Earth Day

Heather Antanaitis, CEO Thurston County PARC Foundation

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed April 22, 2026, as Earth Day. Antanaitis was present to accept the proclamation.

C. Proclamation: Arbor Month and Tree Presentation

Chris Vaccaro, Building Official, City of Yelm

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed April 2026 as Arbor Month and presented Sister City of Yelm with a tree. Vaccaro was present to accept the proclamation and tree.

8. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

TJ Johnson, Thurston Conservation District's Board of Supervisors Chair, provided comment regarding the Thurston Conservation District's Strategic Plan and provided a handout.

Jenn Chernut, Thurston County Realtors Association Executive Officer, provided comment on the association's efforts and recognized Veronica Hand, City of Lacey

Equity and Inclusion Program Manager, for receiving the Partner of the Year Award.

Tana Morehead, Small Business Administration Representative, provided comment on the organization's disaster programs.

No one registered to speak remotely and no written public comments were received.

9. Resolutions

A. Resolution 1180: Investment Policy Update

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Woo presented draft Resolution 1180, updating the City's Investment Policy. Following the annual review of the City's investment policy, the City's investment advisor recommended a minor update to increase the portfolio's Maximum Weighted Average Maturity (WAM) from 2 years to 2.5 years. Benefits of this change were highlighted.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to approve Resolution 1180, updating the City's Investment Policy. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ryder presented on his schedule commitments from the past two weeks.

11. City Manager's Report

A. Contract Award: Lakes Elementary Fire Flow (PW 2024-16)

Ryan Jewell, Utilities Engineer

Jewell presented the proposed contract award for the Lakes Elementary School Fire Flow Project PW 2024-16. The project includes construction of approximately 1,100 linear feet of 8-inch water main at 6211 Mullen Road SE. Construction is scheduled to begin in late June and conclude in mid-August 2026.

Mayor Ryder moved to award Lacey Contract Number PW 2024-16 for Lakes Elementary School Fire Flow to the low bidder, Raudenbush Earthworks LLC of Auburn, WA in the amount of \$379,006.37. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

B. Intercity Transit SMART Corridors Interlocal Agreement Authorization

Martin Hoppe, Transportation Manager

Hoppe presented the Intercity Transit SMART Corridors Interlocal Agreement, which will install AI-Powered Smart Sensors on Lacey-owned traffic facilities. The draft agreement was previously presented to Council in detail during the January 20, 2026, Council meeting. Hoppe provided answers to the Council regarding

previous retention questions and confirmed no personal identifying information would be captured. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Cox moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into the interlocal agreement as presented. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

Additional Reports

In accordance with Council Policies and Procedures Chapter 10.07, Walk updated the Council on recently signing the 2026 FIFA Fan Zone Planning and Management Memorandum of Understanding.

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 EMS, Thurston County Opioid Abatement Council, and Solid Waste Advisory Committee as the alternate.

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 was excused and no reports were provided.

F. Councilmember Maren Turner

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

Councilmember Turner provided a report from TRPC and thanked the alternates for attending the other assignments in her absence.

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 did not provide any reports.

13. Executive Session

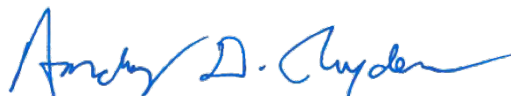
A. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

At 7:16 p.m., Council recessed to Executive Session, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss matters of current or potential litigation. Mayor Ryder announced the executive session would start at 7:20 p.m. and last approximately 10 minutes, after which the City Council would reconvene the Council meeting at or shortly after 7:30 p.m. Legal counsel was in attendance and no final actions were taken during the executive session.

14. Adjourn

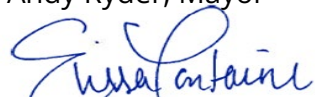
Mayor Ryder reconvened the City Council public meeting and immediately adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: May 5, 2026