



## City Council Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

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Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Council Chambers and Online

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### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:00 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  
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager  
Dave Schneider, City Attorney  
Scott Egger, Public Works Director  
Troy Woo, Finance Director  
Veronica Hand, Equity and Inclusion Program Manager  
David Knox, Utility Engineer  
Ryan Jewell, Utility Engineer  
Shanelle Pierce, Special Projects Coordinator  
Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst  
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 24, 2026
- B. Approval of the Informational Dinner Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026
- C. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026
- D. Approval of Payment of Claims, Wages, and Transfers for March 30 through April 24, 2026

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

## 6. Public Recognitions and Presentations

### A. Utility Wrap Artist Recognition

Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst  
Shanelle Pierce, Special Projects Administrator

Siglin presented on the utility wrap program and recognized the program's artists. The program aligns with Council policies and procedures, the City of Lacey 6-Year Public Art Plan, and the DEIB Strategic Plan. The program includes 31 utility box wraps that celebrate Lacey's history and are located in highly visible, accessible areas. Siglin reviewed the project phases and recognized the artists who created artwork for the Utility Wrap Program.

Pierce outlined improvements made for future calls for art, including a revised application timeline. Art applications will be accepted from October through December, with installations planned for the spring and summer seasons.

### B. Lacey Youth Council

The following representatives presented reports:

Joel Whipple, North Thurston  
Matthew Mandig, Timberline  
Luka Froehlich, Home School  
Heeyoung Kim, River Ridge  
Isabella Valerio, Lacey Youth Council

### C. 2026 State Legislative Briefing

Brian Enslow, Arbutus Consulting  
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Enslow presented an overview of the 2026 state legislative session, including a summary of the state budget and key policy updates. The presentation covered enacted fiscal policy under HB 2442, introduced housing legislation under HB 2201, enacted housing bills HB 2266 and HB 6026, and enacted public safety

policy under SB 6002. Enslow also reviewed priorities and focus areas for the 2027 legislative agenda.

## 7. Public Comment

Annette Bullchild, Nisqually Tribe Archives Director, spoke on Item 6.A, Utility Wrap Artist Recognition, honoring Cecelia Svinth Carpenter, a tribal historian featured in the Utility Wrap Program.

## 8. Ordinances

### A. Ordinance 1700: 2026 Budget Amendment

Troy Woo, Finance Director

Woo presented draft Ordinance 1700 authorizing the 2026 budget amendment. The Council received a detailed presentation on the proposed amendment during the April 28, 2026, worksession. The ordinance would approve adjustments to the General Fund, Special Funds, Capital Funds, and Utility Funds, for a total budget amendment of \$9,578,002.

Walk and Egger provided an update on the water meter replacement program.

**Councilmember Greenstein moved to adopt Ordinance 1700 authorizing the 2026 budget amendment. Councilmember Siu seconded. The motion carried.**

## 9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ryder reported on the State of the City and Advisory Board Recognition event, held on April 29, 2026, at the Virgil Clarkson Senior Center. Councilmembers Cox, Turner, Siu, and City Manager Walk provided additional comments on the event.

## 10. City Manager's Report

### A. Contract Award: Jubilee Stormwater Pond Restoration

David Knox, Utility Engineer

Knox presented on the Jubilee Stormwater Pond Restoration. The City advertised this project for two weeks and bids were opened on April 1, 2026. Eleven (11) bids were received, ranging from \$437,717.26 to \$789,044.67 with an engineer's estimate of \$559,470. This project is to restore a group of aging and deteriorating stormwater ponds owned by the City to original condition. Work is expected to begin in early summer 2026 and there are 30 working days allotted to this project.

**Councilmember Dunning moved to award contract PW2025-19 to qualified low bidder Miken Dirtworx LLC in the amount of \$437,717.26. Councilmember Siu seconded. The motion carried.**

**B. Contract Award: Lift Station 6 Replacement**

Ryan Jewell, Utility Engineer

Jewell presented on the Lift Station 6 Replacement. The City advertised this project for twenty-one (21) days and bids were opened on April 8, 2026. Nine (9) bids were received, ranging from \$2,407,417.40 to \$1,847,251.467 with an engineer's estimate of \$2,296,501.26. This project includes the replacement of the existing wet pit/dry pit wastewater lift station, the construction of a submersible wastewater lift station, and the installation of water, wastewater, and power lines in 32nd Ct SE. Work is expected to begin in July 2026 and there are 250 working days allotted to this project.

**Deputy Mayor Miller moved to award contract PW2022-08 to qualified low bidder Barcott Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,847,251.46. Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.**

**C. Community and Cultural Events Grant**

Veronica Hand, Equity and Inclusion Program Manager

Hand presented the 2026 Community and Cultural Events Grant. This pilot program provides funding to support community and cultural events that enhance community engagement, celebrate cultural diversity, and provide accessible opportunities for community participation. The City received 16 applications, with 12 meeting program criteria. All eligible applications were submitted by local organizations seeking support for community events and cultural programming. Requested funding exceeded the program's available budget of \$25,000. Council discussion followed regarding funding reimbursements and future funding cycles.

**Deputy Mayor Miller moved to approve Option 1, providing funding for eight (8) events that are both community and cultural events, with the applicants receiving nearly 75% (74.6) of their requested amounts, for a total allocation of \$25,000. Councilmember Siu seconded. The motion carried.**

**D. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Funding Process Briefing**

Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst

Siglin provided an overview of the 2025 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) funding awards and updates for the 2026 process. In 2025, \$607,225 was authorized for events and festivals, tourism-related facilities, and tourism promotion activities, with event attendance falling below expectations and facility attendance exceeding projections. For 2026, \$685,239 in funding was authorized, along with several process updates, including Council review of LTAC awards outside the budget process, approval of preparatory marketing expenses before events occur, and the suspension of the 2026 JLARC reporting on 2025 attendance

outcomes. Planning for the 2027 cycle includes increasing RAC funding, prioritizing applicants with activities in Lacey and those with the highest potential to generate paid overnight stays, and continuing case-by-case application reviews. The anticipated 2026 application timeline was also reviewed, with applications scheduled to be accepted from July 1 through August 21, 2026.

### **Additional Reports**

Walk recognized Municipal Clerks Week and expressed appreciation for the work and contributions of the City Clerk's Office.

## **11. 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)

**Deputy Mayor Miller did not provide any reports. The Deputy Mayor provided comments regarding the DEIB Summit.**

### 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 a report from 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. Councilmember Cox provided comments regarding the system overhaul for Intercity Transit.**

### 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. Dunning provided additional information from recently attending a tourism conference.**

F. Councilmember Maren Turner

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

**Councilmember Turner provided reports from the TRPC.**

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. Councilmember Siu provided highlights from the DEIB Summit.**

## 12. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

**MAYOR:**   
Andy Ryder, Mayor

**ATTEST:**   
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

**APPROVED:** June 2, 2026