



Lacey City Council Worksession Approved Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 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
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director
Shanelle Pierce, Special Projects Administrator
Ryan Andrews, Community Planning Manager
Lindsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator
Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator
Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

5. Public Comment

Three (3) people registered to speak at the meeting.

Tom Crawford, Thurston County resident, commented in support of a home energy score ordinance that would require some home sellers to provide an energy efficiency report when listing a property.

Stephanie Scott, Lacey resident, commented on the Jungle homeless encampment and the disruptions associated with camp closure processes and displacement of residents.

Lynn Fitz-Hugh, Olympia resident, commented on climate change and the home energy score ordinance.

Two (2) written public comments were received.

6. Agenda Items

A. Climate and Sustainability Updates

Vanessa Dolbee, Community and Economic Development Director

Ryan Andrews, Community Planning Manager

Lindsey Fields, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator

Fields summarized City goals and programs for greenhouse-gas (GHG) emission reduction. Fields presented a wedge analysis of GHG emissions by sector for Thurston County. Greenhouse-gas-emission statistics over multiple years were presented. It was reported that per capita emissions for Lacey residents dropped 7.4 percent since 2015. Efforts to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and the status of climate-mitigation-program funding were described. Home Energy Score (HES) ordinances promoted by the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative (TCMC) have been adopted by Thurston County and Olympia, and are under consideration by the City of Tumwater. Fields described a program to provide emergency portable heat pumps for seniors in collaboration with the Lewis, Mason, Thurston Area Agency on Aging (LMTAAA) and South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity (SPSHH). The heat pumps allow seniors to cool living spaces in their homes during hot summer months. An update on the City's e-bike program for City employees was presented. The grant-funded program provides a pathway to employee ownership of e-bikes to provide alternatives to commuting by car in an effort to reduce GHG emissions.

B. Human Services Grant Program

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Chavez described the 2026 Human Services Grant Program, including funding, eligible participants, application process, and review by the Human Services Commission for Council recommendation. There were comparisons to 2024 and

2025. Program updates considered by the commission were summarized. For 2026, the commission recommends program updates described as Option 3. These include not capping the amount awardees can use for administrative expenses, setting a maximum award of \$30,000 for service projects and \$50,000 for capital projects, not setting a minimum request amount, and adjusting application scoring to consider number of Lacey residents served and use of funds for program priorities. Chavez shared the 2026 program timeline.

C. Solid Waste Franchise Update

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Shanelle Pierce, Special Projects Administrator
Jeanette Jurgensen, Bin There Consulting & Epicenter Services

Pierce presented the background and options for the City to impose franchise fees on solid waste collection. Lacey operates under the jurisdiction of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) system, in which contracts have been awarded for defined franchise areas. Harold LeMay Enterprises, dba Pacific Disposal, services Thurston County. To establish a solid waste franchise fee, a 7-10-year UTC transition franchise agreement would be required with Pacific Disposal. Future solid waste collection arrangements were described and potential rates and revenue were summarized.

D. Council Reports

Councilmember Greenstein provided a report from TCOMM911.

Councilmember Cox provided reports from Intercity Transit Authority and the Mayors Forum as an alternate.

Councilmember Dunning commented on a Nisqually Tribe presentation.

Councilmember Turner provided reports from the Nisqually River Council and Thurston Regional Planning Council and commented on attending a recent Lacey South Sound Chamber of Commerce meeting.


Councilmember Siu provided a report from the Thurston Climate Mitigation Collaborative and commented on an AAPI heritage celebration.

City Manager Rick Walk provided information about the Community Academy scheduled for May 28, 2026, at which participants will have a chance to meet councilmembers.

7. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

MAYOR: 
Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: June 16, 2026