



City Council Regular Approved Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Council Chambers and Online

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
Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst
Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator
Charlene McHendry, Water Resources Specialist
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 **Amended*** Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. Informational Dinner Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2026
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2026
- C. Joint Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026

- D. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026
- E. Approval of Payment of Claims, Wages, and Transfers for May 6-22, 2026

Councilmember Greenstein moved to approve the amended agenda as published on May 29, 2026, to remove item 12(a), Executive Session, and to approve the consent agenda. Deputy Mayor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

6. Public Recognitions, Proclamations, and Presentations

A. Lacey Youth Council Recognition

Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst

Siglin presented the 2025-2026 Lacey Youth Council (LYC) for their end-of-term recognition. Siglin highlighted the LYC's work over the year and discussed recruitment efforts for the upcoming year. The following LYC members were present to receive their end-of-term recognition from the City Council:

- Dior Trinh, Senior, River Ridge High School
- Isabella Valerio, Junior, River Ridge High School
- Makayla Pennington, Senior, River Ridge High School
- Matthew Mandig, Senior, Timberline High School
- Aryan Kumar, Senior, Timberline High School
- Avani Kumar, Senior, Timberline High School
- Luka Froehlich, Junior, Home School
- Michelle Ewig, Junior, North Thurston High School
- Jennifer Zheng, Junior, North Thurston High School
- Joel Whipple, Senior, North Thurston High School
- Caleb Kim, Senior, River Ridge High School
- Makayla Lesane, Junior, River Ridge High School
- Shalom Mutua, Junior, Timberline High School
- Harmony Johnson, Sophomore, River Ridge High School
- Heeyoung Kim, Sophomore, River Ridge High School

B. TOGETHER! Updates and Appreciation

Vanessa Hurst, Co-Executive Director of Programs

Wendy Guzman, Club House Director

The presenters were unable to attend the Council meeting and the presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

C. Proclamation: National Family Reunification Month

Michael Rihtarich, Social Worker/Parent Representation Program, Office of Public Defense

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed June 2026 as National Family Reunification Month. Rihtarich was present to accept the proclamation.

7. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

Margaret Green, Lacey resident, commented on the tree removal and sidewalk replacement program and presented Council with an informational handout.

John Green, Lacey resident, commented on the tree removal and sidewalk replacement program.

Diane Chamusco, Lacey resident, commented on the tree removal and sidewalk replacement program.

One (1) person registered to speak remotely.

Maureen Dannen, Lacey resident, commented on the tree removal and sidewalk replacement program.

Written Public Comment

Two (2) written public comments were received.

8. Agenda Items

A. Mandatory Watering Schedule and Water Shortage Response Plan

Charlene McHendry, Water Resources Specialist

McHendry presented the Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP) for 2026. The WSRP provides operating procedures to be implemented in the event of a weather-related water shortage, natural or human-caused disaster, or other water system operating emergency. To help reach the goal of lower water consumption, McHendry provided an overview of the Odd/Even Outdoor Watering Schedule. Discussion ensued.

B. Human Services Grant Policy Approval

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Chavez presented the proposed update to the Human Services Grant Program (HSGP) Policy. The HSGP provides funding to nonprofit organizations to support essential human services for Lacey community members, focusing on housing, survival and security needs. In response to feedback received from the Human Services Commission and the City Council, updates were recommended following

the April 2025 revision. The proposed updates were reviewed in detail during the May 26, 2026, Worksession.

Mayor Ryder moved to approve updating the Human Services Grant Program Policy to Option 3 as presented. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

9. City Manager's Report

City Manager Walk did not provide any reports.

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ryder did not provide any reports.

11. Council Reports

A. Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller

Deputy Mayor Miller provided a report from the Economic Development Council.

B. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Councilmember Greenstein did not provide any reports.

C. Councilmember Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Cox did not provide any reports.

D. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Councilmember Dunning provided a report from the Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau.

E. Councilmember Maren Turner

Councilmember Turner did not provide any reports. Turner commented on a recent tour of the Family Support Center and participation in the City's Community Academy.

F. Councilmember Ryan Siu

Councilmember Siu did not provide any reports. Siu commented on the opening of Lacey's newest community playground, the SS Gateway, as well as participation in the City Community Academy, and tours of the South Sound Studio and Lacey MakerSpace.

12. Executive Session

- A. ~~Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)~~
*Item Removed on May 29, 2026

13. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

MAYOR: 
Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: June 16, 2026