



City Council Approved Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 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

Council Excused

Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Chelsea Knight, Deputy Finance Director
Joey Etter, Development Review Manager
Ashley Smith, Engineering Design Manager
Jenny Bauersfeld, Communications 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 Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

- A. May 26, 2026, Worksession Minutes
- B. June 2, 2026, Informational Minutes
- C. June 2, 2026, Council Minutes
- D. Payment of claims, wages and transfers for May 27–June 5, 2026
- E. City Manager Annual Step Increase

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

6. Public Recognitions, Proclamations, and Presentations

A. Recognition: Community Academy Graduation

Jenny Bauersfeld, Communications Specialist

Bauersfeld recognized the Lacey Community Academy graduates. The Lacey Community Academy is an interactive, hands-on program designed to engage with the community, increase transparency, and highlight city departments.

B. Public Service Award: Tula'i Patane, Historical Commission

Andy Ryder, Mayor

Mayor Ryder and Council presented Tula'i Patane with the distinguished public service award for her service on the Historical Commission for the years 2022–2026. Burbidge spoke a few words regarding her service. Patane was present to accept the award.

C. Presentation: Celebrating America250

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the signing the Declaration of Independence, Burbidge provided a brief presentation regarding City programs and events planned for celebrating America250.

D. Proclamation: America 250 Month

Shirley Stirling and Franida Maudsley, Daughters of the American Revolution

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed June 2026 as America 250 Month. Stirling and Maudsley, Daughters of the American Revolution representatives, were present to accept the proclamation and provided introductions.

E. Proclamation: LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

El Sánchez, Executive Director, Pizza Klatch

Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed June 2026 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month. Sánchez, Pizza Klatch Executive Director, was present to accept the proclamation.

7. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

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

Dannay Burkett, Lacey resident, provided comments regarding resources for homeless youth.

Thomasina Cooper, Thurston County Fair representative, commented on upcoming Thurston County Fair events.

Michael Steadman, in coordination with Jorge Castillon, provided comments regarding the Wall That Heals, a Vietnam Veterans Memorial replica and mobile education center.

No one (0) registered to speak remotely.

Written Public Comment

No (0) written public comments were received.

8. Agenda Items

A. Contract Award: Veteran's Hub ADA Improvements

Ashley Smith, Engineering Design Manager

Kelley-Fong and Smith presented the Lacey Veterans Services Hub (Hub) ADA improvements and corresponding contract award. A history of the Hub's services, growth and facility updates, and expansions were reviewed. Smith highlighted ongoing ADA improvements and presented the contract work and timelines. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to award Lacey Contract PW 2024-17 to J.A. Morris Construction LLC from Olympia, WA. Councilmember Siu seconded. The motion carried.

B. Ordinance 1701: Update to LMC 3.02.050 Business and Occupation Tax

Chelsea Knight, Deputy Finance Director

Knight presented draft Ordinance 1701, updating the LMC 3.02.050 to clarify the City's imposition of Business and Occupation Tax. The update adds language to further clarify the service and other business activity classification. The update does not modify or update any taxes.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to adopt Ordinance 1701 Amending LMC 3.02.050 related to the Business and Occupation Tax Ordinance. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

C. Ordinance 1702: Update to LMC 13.52 Latecomer Agreements

Joey Etter, Development Review Manager

Etter presented draft Ordinance 1702, updating LMC 13.52 relating to Latecomer Agreements. The update extends the recovery period from 15 to 20 years to match State law. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Greenstein moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1702 related to Latecomer Agreements, amending LMC 13.52.030 and 13.52.050. Councilmember Cox seconded. The motion carried.

D. Commission on Equity Work Plan

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager

Kelley-Fong presented the updated draft 2026 Commission on Equity Work Plan. After discussing ideas for engaging the community and identifying priorities for the draft Work Plan, the Commission recommended that the work plan be forwarded to the full Council for review and approval. The presentation included a detailed review of the amendments. Discussion ensued.

Deputy Mayor Miller moved to adopt the 2026 Commission on Equity Work Plan. Councilmember Greenstein seconded. The motion carried.

9. City Manager's Report

Pursuant to Council Policies and Procedures Manual Chapter 10.07, City Manager Walk reported on the following routine interlocal agreements:

- Stormwater Educational Services agreement with South Sound Green, Cities of Olympia, Tumwater, Thurston County and the Thurston Conservation District
- Rural Community Support Program agreement with Thurston Regional Planning Council

10. Mayor's Report

Mayor Ryder provided a report from the Transportation Policy Board. Ryder also commented on the upcoming Juneteenth holiday, the FIFA Fan Zone flag raising ceremony and upcoming events, and the Relay for Life opening ceremonies.

11. Council Reports

A. Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller

Deputy Mayor Miller did not provide any reports.

B. Councilmember Lenny Greenstein

Councilmember Greenstein did not provide any reports.

C. Councilmember Carolyn Cox

Councilmember Cox provided reports from Lacey-Olympia-Tumwater-Thurston Clean Water Alliance (LOTT), and the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) as the alternate. Cox also commented on the recent ribbon cutting for the Lacey Museum and Cultural Center. Siu and Turner also shared comments regarding the ribbon cutting event.

D. Councilmember Nicolas Dunning

Councilmember Dunning was excused and no reports were provided.

E. Councilmember Maren Turner

Councilmember Turner did not provide any reports.

F. Councilmember Ryan Siu

Councilmember Siu did not provide any reports.

12. Executive Session

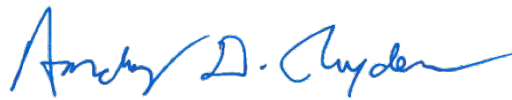
A. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

At 7:42 p.m., Council recessed to Executive Session, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss matters pertaining to potential litigation. Mayor Ryder announced the executive session would start at 7:50 p.m. and last approximately 20 minutes, after which the City Council would reconvene the Council meeting at or shortly after 8:10 p.m. Legal counsel was in attendance and no final actions were taken during the executive session.

13. Adjourn

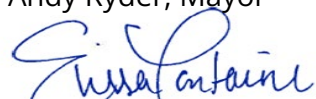
Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: July 7, 2026