



Lacey City Council Worksession Approved Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 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

Dave Schneider, City Attorney

Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Brandy Legomina, 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 Dunning seconded. The motion carried.

5. Public Comment

Zero (0) verbal and three (3) written public comments were received.

6. Agenda Items

A. **Thurston Conservation District Program Briefing**

Sarah Moorehead, Executive Director

TJ Johnson, Board Chair

Moorehead provided an overview of the Thurston Conservation District (TCD) and its services. The presentation highlighted partnerships, including the South Sound GREEN program, and its ongoing work to support Lacey residents and regional natural resources. Moorehead described the technical assistance provided to residents and neighborhoods, as well as conservation projects, including restoration efforts in Woodland Creek.

Moorehead and Johnson identified opportunities to strengthen collaboration between the City and TCD to address shared priorities, discussed the potential for sustained partnerships, and outlined TCD's current regional priority initiatives. Discussion ensued.

B. Draft 2026 CDBG Annual Action Plan Review

Michelle Chavez, Human Services Coordinator

Chavez provided an overview of the draft 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan (AAP), a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of its three-year 2025–2027 CDBG Consolidated Plan. The 2026 AAP outlines the City's expected resources, annual goals and objectives, projects, geographic distribution, other actions, and program specific requirements.

For 2026, anticipated CDBG funding is \$337,498, compared to \$348,393 in 2025. The primary goal is to support public facilities and infrastructure improvements by allocating approximately \$303,749 to capital projects, with the remaining 10 percent reserved for administration and planning. Planned capital projects include accessibility improvements at Huntamer Park, while the Senior Center has been identified as a contingency project.

The Human Services Commission (HSC) held public hearings on June 4 and July 2, 2026, and held a 30-day review and public comment period from June 2 through July 1, 2026. On July 3, 2026, the HSC recommended that the draft 2026 AAP be forwarded to the City Council for review and approval. The City Council will consider approval of the 2026 AAP at a future meeting.

C. Official Newspaper Designation

Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

Fontaine provided an overview of the City's official newspaper designation. Under RCW 35A.21.230, the City is required to designate an official newspaper for publishing legal notices. To reduce costs and improve the legal notice publication process, a locally owned and operated newspaper has been identified to serve as the City's official newspaper.

Staff reviewed the City's legal notice publication practices and determined that all legal notices should continue to be published in the designated official newspaper, except for public works bid solicitations, which are governed by RCW 35.23.352.

At a future meeting, the Council is scheduled to consider an ordinance removing the official newspaper designation from the Lacey Municipal Code and a resolution designating the Nisqually Valley News as the City's official newspaper.

D. Council Reports

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

7. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

MAYOR:



Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

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