



Lacey City Council Worksession Approved Minutes

Tuesday, July 28, 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
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Nicolas Dunning (remote)
Councilmember Maren Turner
Councilmember Ryan Siu

Council Excused

Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller

Staff Present

Rick Walk, City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Vince McGowan, Interim Public Works Director
Aubrey Collier, City Engineer
Scott Devlin, Operations Manager
Ryan Jewell, Stormwater Engineering Manager
Royce Young, Stormwater Permit Coordinator
Jamie Conner, Transportation Project Manager
Paul J. White, Deputy City Clerk

3. Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Ryder presented the abbreviated Land Acknowledgement.

4. Approval of the Revised Agenda

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

5. Public Comment

Verbal Public Comment

Four (4) people signed up to speak at the meeting:

Margaret Green, Lacey resident, commented on sidewalk repair, tree retention, and applicability of State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review.

John Green, Lacey resident, commented on trees in the Jubilee neighborhood and ongoing maintenance of sidewalks and newly planted trees.

Fred Kubasak, Lacey resident, commented on tree removal in the Jubilee neighborhood and the need for safe sidewalks.

Charlene McQuari, Treasurer, Jubilee Community Association Board of Directors, commented on sidewalk repair and tree removal in the Jubilee neighborhood.

No one registered to speak remotely.

Written Public Comment

Ten (10) written public comments were received.

6. Agenda Items

A. Stormwater Strategic Plan

Vince McGowan, Interim Public Works Director
Ryan Jewell, Stormwater Engineering Manager
Royce Young, Stormwater Permit Coordinator

Young presented the 2026-2035 Stormwater Strategic Plan, formerly called the Stormwater Comprehensive Plan. The plan aligns the City's stormwater utility goals with the Comprehensive Plan to guide programs, capital projects, activities, and personnel. Young described the public engagement process for the strategic plan, including an April 6, 2026, open house and a public hearing on July 22, 2026. The activities of the stormwater utility that serve the Lacey community were summarized, including pollution prevention, public engagement, and compliance with state and federal requirements. Young reported on the City's Stormwater Management Program components, state requirements, and current emphases. Required and recommended levels of service within the Stormwater Strategic Plan were summarized. Program staffing and resources were presented. Program funding scenarios were introduced based on possible receipt of grant funding. Discussion ensued.

B. Sidewalk Repair Project Overview

Vince McGowan, Interim Public Works Director
Aubrey Collier, City Engineer
Scott Devlin, Operations Manager

Jamie Conner, Transportation Project Manager
Kevin McFarland, Sound Urban Forestry

Collier presented the 2026 Sidewalk Repair Project. Assessment of the City's sidewalks and related policy-making were summarized. The factors affecting temporary and permanent sidewalk repairs were listed. The repair project scope was described and includes removal of approximately 185 trees in the Jubilee and Merriwood neighborhoods. The project timeline and next steps were shared, and discussion ensued.

C. Sidewalk Capital Funding Strategy

Rick Walk, City Manager
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Vince McGowan, Interim Public Works Director
Aubrey Collier, City Engineer

Collier presented the Sidewalk Gap Strategy, addressing missing links in the City's sidewalk network and the process for evaluating when and where to install connections. A survey of existing sidewalk gaps has begun and is expected to take a year to complete. Factors influencing sidewalk design were described, and the Planning Commission is expected to consider associated updates to the City's development guidelines.

Woo presented funding sources and strategies for connecting the City's sidewalk network, including fuel taxes, real estate excise tax, and transportation benefit district sales tax. Competing City commitments for tax revenue were noted. Staff recommends shifting current sidewalk maintenance funding from the Street Fund to Transportation Benefit District funding, allocating approximately \$300,000 of General Fund resources annually to fund sidewalk gap projects, updating the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan to address connectivity, priorities, and cost estimates, and developing non-permanent sidewalk standards for minimum safety and Americans-with-Disabilities-Act compliance. Discussion ensued.

D. Council Reports

Councilmember Greenstein commented on the July 23, 2026, coffee with Council event at Cutters Point and a recent Fire District 3 emergency preparedness symposium.

Councilmember Turner commented on the July 23, 2026, coffee with Council event.

Councilmember Dunning provided a report from the Regional Housing Council.

Mayor Ryder commented on Lacey Youth Council interviews and acknowledged the death of recently retired Fire District 3 paramedic Brett Jackson.

7. Adjourn

Mayor Ryder adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

MAYOR: 
Andy Ryder, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

APPROVED: August 18, 2026