



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LACEY CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022,
IN PERSON AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ryder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ryder called for a moment of silence to honor the late Virgil Clarkson, former City of Lacey Mayor.

Council Present:

Mayor Andy Ryder (*remote*)
Deputy Mayor Malcolm Miller (*remote*)
Councilmember Carolyn Cox
Councilmember Lenny Greenstein
Councilmember Michael Steadman (*remote*)
Councilmember Ed Kunkel
Councilmember Robin Vazquez (*remote*)

Staff Present:

Scott Spence, City Manager
Robert Almada, Chief of Police
Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture & Recreation Director
Scott Egger, Public Works Director
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney
Rick Walk, Community & Economic Development Director (*remote*)
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Grant Beck, Planning & Development Services Manager (*remote*)
Elissa Fontaine, Deputy City Clerk

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Council Worksession minutes of October 27, 2022.
- B. Council Meeting minutes of November 3, 2022.
- C. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for October 26, 2022, through November 8, 2022.

**COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE
AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA. COUNCILMEMBER KUNKEL
SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. **Lacey Youth Council Report:** Rory Line, Zury Ramirez-Plasencia, Alanis Blackburn, and Nathan Miller presented the Lacey Youth Council Reports.
- B. **John Paull II High School Students Named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program:** John Grossman, Director of Advancement JPIL, recognized the students for their achievement.
- C. **Employee Recognitions:** Scott Spence, City Manager, recognized City employees for their lengths of service. The highlighted lengths of service included 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Verbal Public Comments: The deadline to pre-register to speak was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

0 – people signed up to speak via Zoom.

1 – person signed up to speak at the meeting.

James Andrew Lee, a Lacey resident, spoke against Joint Animal Services' approach to community feral cats.

Written Public Comments: The deadline to submit written public comments was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Written comments are not addressed during the meeting; however, they are added to the official record.

No (0) written public comment were received.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **First 2023 Budget Hearing:** Troy Woo, Finance Director, presented the 2023 Proposed Budget. Subsequent to the City Manager's October 20, 2022, budget presentation, the 2023 proposed budget was adjusted to include property tax adjustments, a new position in the Parks, Culture, & Recreation Department, an employee enhancement and investment program, and an adjustment in the 2023 legal services budget.

The City Council is scheduled to conduct a second and final budget hearing on December 1, 2022. Budget adoption is scheduled for December 15, 2022.

Mayor Ryder opened the First 2023 Budget Hearing at 6:25 p.m.

Verbal Public Testimony: The deadline to pre-register to speak and provide public testimony was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

0 – people signed up to provide public testimony via Zoom.

0 – people signed up to speak at the meeting.

Written Public Comments: The deadline to submit written public testimony was 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Written comments are not addressed during the meeting; however, they are added to the official record.

0 - written public testimony was received.

Mayor Ryder closed the First 2023 Budget Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

- A. **Native American Heritage Month:** Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed November 2022 as Native American Heritage Month. Willie Frank III, Chair of the Nisqually Tribal Council, accepted the proclamation.
- B. **Small Business Saturday:** Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed November 26, 2022, as Small Business Saturday. Blake Knoblauch, Executive Director, Lacey South Sound Chamber, accepted the proclamation.

7. REFERRAL FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

8. REFERRAL FROM HEARINGS EXAMINER

9. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution No. 1122 – Authorize 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Increase:** Troy Woo, Finance Director, presented on Resolution No. 1122, authorizing the 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Increase.

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 1122 TO AUTHORIZE THE 2023 AD VALOREM TAX INCREASE. COUNCILMEMBER VAZQUEZ SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

10. ORDINANCES

Troy Woo, Finance Director, presented on the following ordinances:

- A. **Ordinance No. 1625 - 2023 Ad Valorem Tax.**
- B. **Ordinance No. 1626 - 2023 Water Rates.**
- C. **Ordinance No. 1627 - 2023 Wastewater Rates.**
- D. **Ordinance No. 1628 - 2023 Stormwater Rates.**

MAYOR RYDER MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NOS. 1625; 1626; 1627; AND 1628 TO AUTHORIZE THE 2023 AD VALOREM TAX; 2023 WATER RATES; 2023 WASTEWATER RATES; AND 2023 STORMWATER RATES. COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

- E. **Ordinance No. 1629 – Hearings Examiner Review Process for Quasi-Judicial Land Use Permits:** Rick Walk, Community & Economic Development Director, and Grant Beck, Planning & Development Services Manager, presented Ordinance No. 1629 relating to the Hearings Examiner Review Process for Quasi-Judicial Land Use Permits.

COUNCILMEMBER VAZQUEZ MOVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 1629 TO APPROVE THE HEARINGS EXAMINER REVIEW PROCESS FOR QUASI-JUDICIAL LAND USE PERMITS. COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN SECONDED.

COUNCILMEMBER VAZQUEZ, STEADMAN AND COX VOTED IN FAVOR.

MAYOR RYDER, DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER, AND COUNCILMEMBERS KUNKEL AND MILLER VOTED AGAINST.

MOTION FAILED.

Councilmember Kunkel excused himself from the Chambers at 8:08 p.m.

Councilmember Kunkel returned to the Chambers at 8:10 p.m.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. **Award Contract PW 2022-36 – Carpenter Road Improvements:** Scott Egger, Public Works Director, presented the bid results for Carpenter Road Improvements, Contract PW 2022-36. The low bidder was Miles Resources, LLC from Puyallup, Washington, in the amount of \$3,355,568.97.

COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN MOVED TO AWARD CONTRACT PW 2022-36 TO MILES RESOURCES, LLC FROM PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,355,568.97. DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

13. STANDING COMMITTEES

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Mayor Ryder
1. Mayor's Forum – **no report**
 2. Thurston Chamber Shared Legislative Committee – **no report**
 3. Transportation Policy Board – **no report**
- B. Deputy Mayor Miller
1. Economic Development Council (EDC) – **no report**
 2. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) – **no report**
 3. Thurston County Coalition Against Trafficking (TCCAT) – **no report**
 4. Thurston Thrives – **no report**
- C. Councilmember Cox
1. Climate Mitigation Steering Committee – **no report**
 2. LOTT Clean Water Alliance – **made report**
 3. Regional Housing Council – **made report**
- D. Councilmember Greenstein
1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – **made report**
 2. TCOMM911 – **made report**
- E. Councilmember Steadman
1. Community Action Council – **no report**
 2. Nisqually River Council – **no report**
 3. Thurston County Law & Justice – **no report**

F. Councilmember Kunkel

1. Joint Animal Services Commission (JASCOM) – **no report**
2. Lacey South Sound Chamber – **no report**
3. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) – **no report**
4. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) – **no report**

G. Councilmember Vazquez

1. Intercity Transit – **made report**
2. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency – **made report**
3. Thurston Regional Planning Council – **no report**
4. Thurston County Board of Health – **made report**

16. ADJOURN

Mayor Ryder adjourned the Council Meeting at 8:33 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____