



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LACEY CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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.

Council Present:

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

Council Excused:

Councilmember Michael Steadman

Staff Present:

Scott Spence, City Manager
Robert Almada, Chief of Police (*remote*)
Robert Hollis, Deputy Chief of Police
Leialani Jensen, Acting Human Resources Director
Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
Dave Schneider, City Attorney (*remote*)
Rick Walk, Community & Economic Development Director
Troy Woo, Finance Director
Peri Edmonds, City Clerk

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items:

- A. Council Worksession minutes of August 25, 2022.
- B. Council Meeting minutes of September 8, 2022.
- C. A motion to approve payment of claims, wages and transfers for September 8 through September 28, 2022.

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

3. PUBLIC RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Verbal Public Comments:

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

Three (3) people signed up to speak via Zoom; 2 of the 3 people were available to speak:

Meaghan Hall, employed in Lacey for 21 years, spoke against the Chic-fil-a sponsorship of the Children's Day event and other events in Lacey this year. She also stated she was representing on behalf of the personal views and feelings of Carrie Martin, Reyna Cedor, Naomi Bell, Sarah Glazer, and Diane Fralick.

Anna Schlect, an Olympia resident, spoke against the City of Lacey's partnership with Chic-fil-a and their sponsorship of the Children's Day event.

Jane Tovar – not in attendance and available to speak.

In Person – three (3) members of the public signed up to speak at the meeting.

Dana McCormick, a Lacey resident, spoke against the Chic-fil-a sponsorship of the Children's Day event and other events in Lacey.

Linsey Fields, a City of Lacey employee, shared concerns about their experience during the first few months of employment and public comments made by a City employee at a recent Council meeting regarding the Flag Policy.

David Butler, a Lacey resident and City of Lacey employee, spoke in support of the recently approved Flag Policy and respectfully disagreed with the recent public comments opposing flying the Pride Flag and comments made by some of the Council.

Mayor Ryder noted the situation presented by Linsey Fields is a Human Resources related item that the City Manager will follow through on.

Mayor Ryder stated the subject of sponsorships has been referred to the Board of Parks Commissioners and Commission on Equity for review.

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 written public comments were received.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. PROCLAMATIONS

A. **Walk to School Month Proclamation:** Mayor Ryder and Council proclaimed October as Walk to School Month. Deb Clemens, North Thurston Public Schools Superintendent, and Kerri Wilson, Intercity Transit Walk N Roll Program Supervisor and Employee Transportation Coordinator, accepted the proclamation and thanked Council for their support.

7. REFERRAL FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

8. REFERRAL FROM HEARINGS EXAMINER

9. RESOLUTIONS

A. **Resolution 1121 – Credit Card Policy:** Troy Woo, Finance Director, presented Resolution 1121 amending the system and policies relating to the use of credit cards by the City. The last update occurred in 2020.

DEPUTY MAYOR MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 1121 AMENDING THE SYSTEM AND POLICIES RELATING TO THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS BY THE CITY. COUNCILMEMBER COX SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

10. ORDINANCES

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Scott Spence, City Manager, announced he has accepted an offer of employment with the City of Astoria, Oregon. He will continue at the City until the 2023 budget process has finished, which will be close to the end of 2022.

13. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Transportation Committee

Deputy Mayor Miller reported on the September 6, 2022, meeting.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council agreed to delay their Boards and Commissions reports until the next Council meeting.

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 – **no report**
3. Regional Housing Council – **no report**

D. Councilmember Greenstein

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – **no report**
2. TCOMM911 – **no 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 – **no report**
2. Olympic Region Clean Air Agency – **no report**
3. Thurston Regional Planning Council – **no report**
4. Thurston County Board of Health – **no report**

Mayor Ryder adjourned the Council meeting at 6:34 p.m. for a 6-minute break and convened to a Worksession at 6:40 p.m.

16. ADJOURN TO WORKSESSION

- A. **2023 Budget Workshop:** Scott Spence, City Manager, and Troy Woo, Finance Director, presented the 2023 Budget workshop. The purpose is to get final direction from Council on major topics throughout the budget.

Highlights of the Proposed 2023 Budget included the following:

- 2023 Revenue Assumption
- 2023 Expenditure Assumptions
- Major Budget Initiatives
- Workforce Considerations
- Police Station Financing Option
- 2023 Budget Summary
- 2023 Budget Schedule

Staff requested Council guidance on the following proposed budget direction:

Proposed Public Safety Workforce Enhancement

- Lieutenants (2)
- Detective

Other Workforce Enhancements

- Social Services Coordinator
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Coordinator
- Climate/Sustainability Coordinator
- Housing Coordinator
- Parks Comprehensive Planner/Coordinator

Exercise City Council Authority to Increase Property Taxes by 1.0%

- \$80,466
- Equal to less than 1.0 cent per \$1,000 of assessed value
- Inflation
 - o Mid-year CPI = 8.59%
 - o Implicit Price Deflator = 6.457%

Adopt Single-Year Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Rate Increases

- Water Rate Increase (2023 – 2027) = 5.25%
- Wastewater Rate Increase (2023 - 2027) = 9.50%
- Stormwater Rate Increase (2023 – 2025) = 4.50%

Police Station Financing Options

Several police station funding options were discussed, including Gateway funds, Real Estate Excise Tax, reserves, and ARPA funds.

Council was in support of the recommended workforce considerations, single-year water, wastewater, and stormwater rate increases, and the 1.0% property tax increase.

There was Council consensus to gather additional information from Thurston County on their new proposal for ARPA funds before Council provides direction regarding the police station financing.

2023 Budget - Next Steps

October 20 City Council Meeting

- City Manager Budget Presentation

November 3 City Council Meeting

- 2023 Revenue Sources Public Hearing

November 17 City Council Meeting

- 2023 Budget Public Hearing
- Adopt Property Tax Ordinance
- Adopt Utility Rate Ordinances

December 1 City Council Meeting

- Final Budget Public Hearing

December 15 City Council Meeting

- Adopt 2023 Budget Ordinance

Mayor Ryder adjourned the Worksession at 8:11 p.m.

MAYOR: _____

ATTESTED BY CITY CLERK: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____