

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6pm.

Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors John Hanlon and Michael McLaughlin.

Member absent was Councilor Peter Napolitano.

Communication received from Councilor Peter Napolitano that he had a work commitment and would be unable to attend.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Stephen Simonelli: That His Honor the Mayor or designee appear at this meeting to provide an update on improvements to Air Force Road.

City Auditor Eric Demas and Water Superintendent Ernie Lariviere were also present.

The Committee noted that the opening between Air Force Road and Tremont Street had been widened and that the Rivergreen Recreational area had been completed as well. Councilor McLaughlin provided an overview of the work that had been done.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer back to Sponsor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael McLaughlin: That His Honor the Mayor and a representative from Encore appear at this meeting to discuss if there is a reopening clause in the host agreement between the City and Encore.

Councilor McLaughlin, the Sponsor has requested that the matter be laid over until the next meeting in October to allow for the presence of an Encore official

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael McLaughlin: That a representative of the Traffic Commission appear at this meeting to discuss the renewal process for handicap signs on streets.

Councilor McLaughlin informed the Committee that he had been working with Police Sergeant Joe Gaff of the Traffic Commission to identify handicap parking spots throughout the City that were no longer needed due to the recipient passing away or moving. He noted that after starting the process they had found several of the 280 spots issued that were no longer needed and he encouraged other members of the City Council to assist in identifying any other handicap spots that may no longer be needed.

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael Mclaughlin: That the Chief of Police and a representative of the Mass Gaming State Police appear at this meeting to discuss the implementation of the 4am extended liquor license.

Councilor Mclaughlin, the Sponsor has requested that the matter be laid over until the next meeting in October to allow for the presence of an Encore official

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Anthony DiPierro and Rosa DiFlorio: requesting input from the Administration at this meeting on the idea of online water usage and account management.

City Auditor Eric Demas, Water Superintendent Ernie Lariviere and Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, a Sponsor were also present.

Councilor DiFlorio asked the guests to explain the new program which she herself found to be great for homeowners. Mr. Demas provided the members with package presentation that outlined the proposed WaterSmart software program that would ultimately become available to all water billing customers within the City. Mr. Demas remarked that he was very excited about this new program and noted that it was close to be implemented in the next 60 days. He stated that this new program would provide info related to water usage and billing specific to individual households and provide alerts as well if water usage exceeded expectations so that homeowners and landlords could assess potential water leaks or additional occupancy in rental units. He explained that this would be a free signup to all water billing customers if they opt to do so and he also mentioned that the program would provide tips to save water. Councilor Hanlon expressed concern that the elderly wouldn't understand the new program. Mr. Demas responded that it was a voluntary service the City was providing and noted that the company providing the program had rolled it out all over the country and that many elderly were participating. Councilor Hanlon asked what the cost was to the City to implement this program and Mr. Demas answered that the startup cost was \$15,000 with a \$5,000 yearly service cost. Councilor Hanlon requested that all information related to this program be provided to the City Council first before it is sent out to the residents of Everett so that the Councilors would be able to address any questions their constituents have on the program.

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael McLaughlin: That Police Chief Mazzie appear at this meeting to discuss recent arrests of gang members.

Councilor McLaughlin requested that the matter be laid over until the next meeting since the Police Chief was not present. He applauded the Police Departments efforts in addressing any gang activity and referenced a major drug bust by the department yesterday. He remarked that he would be willing to receive an email from the Chief pertaining to these arrests if the Chief was unable to discuss publicly.

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

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