

The Committee of the Whole met on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6pm remotely through the Zoom web application.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and the City of Everett's website.

Members present were Councilor Wayne Matewsky, presiding, Councilors Gerly Adrien, Fred Capone, Rosa DiFlorio, John Hanlon, Jimmy Le, Stephanie Martins and Michael McLaughlin.

Members absent were Councilors Richard Dell Isola, Anthony DiPierro and Michael Marchese. Communication received from Councilors Dell Isola and DiPierro that they would be unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Gerly Adrien: An Ordinance to establish the Housing Stability Notification Act.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and Mayors Chief of Staff Erin Deveney were also present remotely.

Councilor Adrien provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation on the proposal and referenced Massachusetts House Bill 5181 on the Notice to Quit that was signed into law by Governor Charlie Baker on 12/31/20 pertaining to evictions. She noted that the legislation was now in place with the State still under emergency provisions due to the pandemic. She explained that she was trying to do a local version of what was approved by the State to promote people to stay which would help landlords and decrease evictions. She stated that she originally worked on the proposal with former Planning Director Tony Sousa and referenced past legal and housing experts that she had speak before the Legislative Affairs Committee that shared how the communities of Boston, Cambridge and Somerville had passed similar local ordinances. Councilors Hanlon and Matewsky complained that they hadn't seen the actual ordinance and were informed that copies were emailed earlier in the week and that hard copies had been provided at previous meetings on the subject matter. Councilor McLaughlin asked if this was identical to the ordinance previously before the City Council that had been referred to the Housing Task Force and was informed that the original Ordinance #C0202-20 had indeed been sent to the Housing Task Force and that the City Council was still awaiting action from the Task Force on the matter. Councilor McLaughlin acknowledged the work the Task Force and Councilor Martins also a member have been doing and mentioned that they were working closely with the Mayor's team around housing matters. Councilor Capone asked Councilor Martins if she could provide an update on the status of the Ordinance before the Task Force and Councilor Martins responded that it had been in limbo due to previous communications between the City Solicitor and Sponsor on the matter, but stated that it could be added to this month's Task Force agenda scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Committee voted 7-1 with Councilor Adrien in opposition that no action was necessary since the original ordinance introduced on the subject matter was still before the Housing Task Force awaiting action.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with no action necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley  
Clerk of Committees