

The Committee of the Whole met on Thursday, May 6, 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 Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors, Fred Capone, Richard Dell Isola, Rosa DiFlorio, John Hanlon, Jimmy Le, Michael Marchese, Stephanie Martins and Michael McLaughlin.

Members absent were Councilors Gerly Adrien and Wayne Matewsky. It was noted that Councilor Matewsky would be unable to attend due to personal reasons.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, as President: That In accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Everett the city council hereby amends the zoning ordinance as follows:

•Add subsection W: "Any proposed site plan or change of use that would not meet the off-street parking requirements of Section 17.A.2 through 13 will be subject to the requirements of Section 35." In accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Everett the city council hereby amends the zoning ordinance as follows: •Strike the word 'minimum' from 30.G.2.c • Add section 30.G.2.f: "Any proposed site plan or change of use that would not meet the off-street parking requirements of Section 30.G.1 will be subject to the requirements of Section 35." In accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Everett the city council hereby creates a new section: •Section 35: Transportation Demand Management

Traffic Planner Jay Monty and City Solicitor Colleen Mejia were also present remotely.

Mr. Monty informed the Committee that Andrea Leary and Ralph DeNisco who assisted in the development of the Transportation Demand Management proposal were also present remotely. He explained that the purpose of the new zoning ordinance is to describe the required elements of participation in transportation demand management (TDM) programs in the City. TDM participation is intended to prevent, reduce, and mitigate the impacts of development on parking demands, the City's transportation system, neighborhood livability, public safety, and the environment. TDM programs provide residents, employees, and visitors with information and incentives to reduce drive-alone vehicle travel to achieve the City's parking and transportation goals. He stated that these are all objectives of the Everett Transportation Strategy, which serves as a cornerstone for all decisions related to transportation in Everett. Mr. Monty provided the Committee with a PowerPoint Presentation and noted that there was a lot of development going on in Everett and that it has become the fastest growing area in region. He noted that the Planning Board had approved the TDM ordinance in January 2021. He stated that the TDM goals and objectives were to reduce congestion, reduce parking footprint, maximize multi-passenger travel options and meet goals of sustainability. He identified the options to meet those goals as providing connecting shuttles, transit passes and subsidies, bicycle parking and support, carpool and other rideshare, flex work hours, telecommuting, unbundled parking leases and parking pricing. He referenced the Encore Casino as an example project and detailed the list programs, services, incentives and policies they implemented to reduce parking needs and travel. He reviewed the Points System and Contributions as it related to developments and mentioned

the 3,000 residential units already permitted/under construction with TDM requirements in the City of Everett. He remarked that the communities of Boston, Somerville, Cambridge and Watertown all have TDM requirements for new development. Councilor Marchese expressed concern over how densely populated the City was and suggested that the City consider implementing something similar for all residential properties since he felt that there were way too many cars for each apartment and that it might help reduce crowding in housing. Mr. Monty concurred and responded that they were working in same direction, but wanted to focus on the new developments at present. Councilor Dell Isola declared that the proposal was A+ and great for the City but wondered if there were any cost to taxpayers and Mr. Monty responded that there would be no cost to taxpayer. He mentioned that shuttle service would be provided where no MBTA service was provided and that it would be handicap accessible. Councilor Martins remarked that she definitely supports the proposal and felt that the developers should help contribute to mitigate traffic and parking concerns. Councilor Capone acknowledged that a lot of thought went it to this and understood the need for growth but cautioned that the city needed to be careful with the new growth. Councilor Capone questioned the deviation of the parking requirements that would now be measured and mitigated through the TDM process rather through a variance. Mr. Monty explained that 2 parking spaces per unit was not feasible due to land value and suggested that developers consider charging for parking to encourage tenants to utilize other means of transportation rather than owning a vehicle. Councilor Capone inquired to what would encompass infrastructure input and Mr. Monty used the example of widening the street to accommodate the silver line as well as referenced widening a traffic turn or the installation of travel signals as infrastructure contributions. Councilor DiFlorio moved for favorable action on the Ordinance (attached).

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation of Favorable action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, as President: That the Everett City Council hereby amends the following ordinance as follows: Section 18-149 Citywide Resident Sticker Program.

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Councilor DiFlorio felt it was unnecessary to go through another long presentation on the matter since the Legislative Affairs Committee had already met on the subject matter, was presented with a PowerPoint presentation by Mr. Monty and held a lengthy discussion. She noted that all the members were provided with a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation, copy of proposed Ordinance as well as a copy of the Committee report. She recommended that this Committee move favorable action on the matter.

Accordingly, the Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation of Favorable action.

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