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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
March 14, 2022

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The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6pm in the Everett High School Library.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Michael Marchese, presiding, Councilors Alfred Lattanzi, Stephanie Smith and Anthony DiPierro.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Anthony DiPierro: That the Committee discuss possible amendments to the Precious Metals Dealers License in response to an uptick in catalytic converter thefts.

Councilor DiPierro referenced a recent rash of thefts of catalytic converters throughout the City and provided the Committee with a proposed amendment to ARTICLE IV. PRECIOUS METAL DEALERS Section 12-95.5 Purchase of catalytic converters - "No shopkeeper shall, directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive, by way of barter or exchange, catalytic converters from any business or individual who is not a licensed motor vehicle body shop or motor vehicle repair shop." as a means to address the matter. Councilor DiPierro remarked that if someone walked into a Precious Metal Dealer with a shopping cart full of items like this then it could be easily construed that there was something wrong. Chairman Marchese asked if these catalytic converters contained an ID# and Councilor DiPierro responded that he would be willing to postpone so that Police Officer Stephen Panzini could be invited to address any questions the committee had since he was the lead officer on this issue.

The Committee voted: to grant further time and to invite Police Officer Stephen Panzini to the next committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee considered a Ordinance offered by Councilors Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Martins, Jimmy Le and Wayne Matewsky: An ordinance revising Section 7-163 (Salaries – Amounts for Mayor, City Council and School Committee.

Councilor Smith explained that the intent was to amend the Ordinance so that it would conform to her proposals to amend the City Charter Chapter 2 Section 3 “City Council Prohibitions” and Chapter 4 Section 3 “School Committee Prohibitions” as it relates to holding other City Office or Position. In addition, Councilor Smith noted that the Ordinance would exclude the Mayor from receiving any such salary for serving on the School Committee in his/her capacity as Mayor. Councilor Smith recommended that the amendments be referred out favorably pending the approval of the Massachusetts Legislature for the proposed Charter changes to Chapter 2 Section 3 and Chapter 4 Section 3. .

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a favorable recommendations on the amendments (attached) pending the approval of the Massachusetts Legislature for the proposed Charter changes to Chapter 2 Section 3 and Chapter 4 Section 3.

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilors Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Martins, Jimmy Le and Wayne Matewsky: An Order revising Section 2-3 (City Council Prohibitions: Holding other City office or Position) and Section 2-4 (City Council – Compensation & Expenses) of the City Charter .

Councilor Stephanie Martins, a Sponsor was also present.

Councilor Smith stated that the intent to amend the City Charter was to address the Special Municipal employee issue so that it clearly states that no additional compensation can be provided if the individual holds another compensated position with the City. She noted that she was also looking to increase the eligible timeframe from 30 days to 90 days in which a City Council member could obtain a municipal position following the termination of service as a member of the City Council. Councilor Smith mentioned that the timeframe was recently reduced from one year waiting period to 30 days but felt 90 days was a more reasonable timeframe. She informed the Committee that City Solicitor Colleen Mejia had reviewed and signed off on. Councilor Martins inquired why some members were provided with Health Insurance when the City Charter referenced that the City Council was not eligible to participate in the City's group health insurance plan. Chairman Marchese explained that there were a few who were grandfathered in who had left service as a Councilor when health insurance was provided and opted to continue the health insurance as a retiree. He remarked that he didn't believe that there was anyone still on the City Council now that received that benefit. Councilor Smith acknowledged that upon passage by the City Council the matter would need to be referred to the State Legislature for approval.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a favorable recommendations on the City Charter amendments to Chapter 2 Section 3 and Chapter 2 Section 4 (attached).

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilors Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Martins, Jimmy Le and Wayne Matewsky: An Order revising Section 4-3 (School Committee Prohibitions: Holding other City office or Position) and Section 4-4 (School Committee – Compensation & Expenses) of the City Charter .

Councilor Stephanie Martins, a Sponsor was also present.

Councilor Smith stated that the intent to amend the City Charter was to address the Special Municipal employee issue so that it clearly states that no additional compensation can be provided if the individual holds another compensated position with the City. She noted that she was also looking to increase the eligible timeframe from 30 days to 90 days in which a School Committee member could obtain a municipal position following the termination of service as a member of the School Committee. Councilor Smith mentioned that the timeframe was recently reduced from one year waiting period to 30 days but felt 90 days was a more reasonable timeframe. She informed the Committee that City Solicitor Colleen Mejia had reviewed and signed off on. Councilor Smith acknowledged that upon passage by the City Council the matter would need to be referred to the State Legislature for approval.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a favorable recommendation on the City Charter amendments to Chapter 4 Section 3 and Chapter 4 Section 4 (attached).

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Members present were Councilor Michael Marchese, presiding, Councilors Alfred Lattanzi, Stephanie Smith and Anthony DiPierro.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Anthony DiPierro: An Ordinance pursuant to the implementation of a city-wide 25 MPH speed limit.

Councilor DiPierro provided the Committee with a proposed Ordinance for a new Section 18-105 that was drafted by Assistant City Solicitor Keith Slattery with the assistance of Traffic Commission Chairman Joe Gaff.

Section 18-105

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on a public way in the City of Everett in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour, unless on a State Highway, Chelsea Street, Ferry Street and Second Street.

It shall be the duty of the chief of police to enforce the provisions of this chapter. Such officers as may be designated by him are hereby authorized and shall be empowered to enforce this regulation on any public way meeting these requirements.

The City of Everett shall post this speed limit on all public ways entering the city which are under the jurisdiction of the city, or at a location as near to an entry point that is under jurisdiction of the city to alert motorists of the speed limit.

Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be fined in accordance with section 1-8.

The Ordinance would limit the speed on all streets in the City of Everett to 25 MPH with the exceptions of State Highways, Chelsea Street, Ferry Street and Second Street. Councilor DiPierro remarked that he was hopeful that this Ordinance would help keep our neighborhoods safer.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation of favorable action on the proposed Ordinance.

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Stephanie Martins, Vivian Nguyen and Al Lattanzi: That the Everett City Council calls on the Federal Government to Cease Deportations Under Title 42.

Councilor Stephanie Martins, a Sponsor was also present.

Councilor Martins acknowledged that this was a non-binding sentiment with the intent to provide anti-racist action, but felt the Council had already shown its intent by referring into committee and as such she recommended that the matter be referred back to Sponsor.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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#7-C0109-22

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Members present were Councilor Michael Marchese, presiding, Councilors Alfred Lattanzi, Stephanie Smith and Anthony DiPierro.

The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith: That the City Council reviews and updates the Legislative Code for the City Council.

Councilor Smith requested that Councilor Stephanie Martins be added as a Sponsor. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Smith requested that the matter be referred to a Committee work session so more in depth work could be done with a final recommendation to be presented to the Committee at its regular meeting. Chairman Marchese suggested that all members participate in these work session and appointed Councilor Smith to be the Lead person in coordinating these sessions.

The Committee voted: to grant further time in work sessions until a final recommendation is ready to be presented at a regular scheduled Committee meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
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