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The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6pm in City Council Chambers.

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

Members present were Councilor Richard DellIsola, presiding and Councilors Irene Cardillo and Stephanie Smith.

Member absent was Councilor Jimmy Le.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins: That the Planning Director/Administration appear at this meeting to discuss the process for holding developers accountable for the affordable units that they commit to.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney and Council Sponsor Stephanie Martins were also present.

Councilor Martins referenced the current residential developments that were taking place within the City and inquired to how the City was keeping track of those developments over 10 units that are required to provide affordable units after they had obtained the appropriate approvals from the Planning Board and Board of Appeals. She asked if this was something the Director of Housing would do once the position was filled. Ms. Deveney responded that the affordability of housing was part of Mayor's perspective insuring that Developers know about the inclusionary zoning provisions of the City. She noted that several departments would be working together with these many projects when units become available for occupancy and final occupancy permits are to be issued. She stated that some ways to make the public aware of affordable units becoming available could be through a lottery process as was done by the St. Theresa's Developer or through ECTV or even 311. She announced that the position for the Affordable Housing Coordinator was expected to be filled by the end of April. Councilor Smith asked how do we make sure that these Developers are complying in providing the affordable units that they are required or is this something the new Housing Coordinator would do. Ms. Deveney explained that this was the obligation of the property owner however the City would still be proactive and do its due diligence by having the Building Department, Inspectional Services along with the new Housing Coordinator insuring this gets done. Councilor Cardillo suggested that the Developers find ways to share information on when affordable units are available for occupancy. Ms. Deveney responded that the City could ask the Developers but that it was not required. Chairman Dell Isola asked who picks the location of these affordable units within the building. Ms. Deveney stated that she was not sure but would speak to Planning and provide an answer. Councilor Cardillo mentioned including Veterans preference and Ms. Deveney mentioned that the City was

looking to convert the former Pope John High School into residential units which would include Veteran preference. Councilor Martins expressed concern that it could be a complicated process for small developments to comply and complete the necessary paperwork thus avoiding to comply all together. She suggested using the new Housing coordinator as well as contracting with Metro West Collaborative to insure that all Developers are complying with providing their required affordable units. Ms. Deveney informed the Committee that she would provide a list of the projects and the number of affordable units required for each project noting that the Developers understand the terms and conditions in providing these units and agreed to share updates when units become available. Chairman Dell Isola asked if the 600 project would be doing a lotter and Ms. Deveney noted that they had a website that referenced the affordable units. Chairman Dell Isola stated that he would be happy to announce at future meetings those affordable units that were becoming available for occupancy.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer to the Mayor with a request to provide a list of which developments require inclusionary zoning and number of units to be provided and what the plan for enforcement would be from the City once these units were available for occupancy.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Clerk of Committees