



MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 03, 2022 6:30 PM

EVERETT CITY HALL, 484 BROADWAY, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR
EVERETT, MA 02149

ROLL CALL

Members Present

The meeting was called to order on February 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM.
Nine councilors were present for roll call.
Councilor Martins arrived at 6:37 PM.
Councilor Nguyen was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro, Councilor
SECONDER:	Michael Marchese, Councilor
RESULT:	Passed [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Cardillo, Dell Isola, Jr., DiPierro, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Le, Marchese, Matewsky, Smith
NAYS:	
AWAY:	Martins

MOVER:	Stephanie Smith, Councilor
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro, Councilor
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Cardillo, Dell Isola, Jr., DiPierro, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Le, Marchese, Matewsky, Martins, Smith
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro, Councilor
SECONDER:	Richard Dell Isola, Jr., Councilor

RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Cardillo, Dell Isola, Jr., DiPierro, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Le, Marchese, Matewsky, Martins, Smith
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **C0058-22** Order/s/ Councilor John F. Hanlon, as President

An order requesting that the City Council vote, in accordance with MGL Chapter 268A, to designate the office of School Committee member as a special municipal employee.

Councilor Smith summarized the research that she had done on the issue.

She quoted MGL 268A (Conflict of Interest Law) which states that a city employee may only hold a second, part-time city position if an exemption is approved by the City Council and that such exemption is granted to everyone holding the same part-time city position.

The councilor stated that she was in favor of this measure because the voters had voted Mr. Mangan and Mrs. Cristiano to their School Committee seats, they cannot serve in these seats unless they receive the special municipal employee designation and the City Council had received letters from both stating that they would either not take the salary for the position of School Committee member or would donate it to a worthy school-related cause.

The councilor also stated that she would be working with her colleagues to amend the City Charter so that no one holding a position with a special municipal status would be eligible to collect a second city salary.

Councilor Dell Isola said he echoed Councilor Smith's comments and he also stated that before people made comments on social media about city issues, they may want to contact one of their councilors so that they can get the full story on those issues.

Councilor Martins stated she was uncomfortable with naming all School Committee members as special municipal employees and wanted an opinion from the City Solicitor to determine if there were any possibility to limit it just the two members.

MOVER:	Stephanie Martins, Councilor
SECONDER:	Richard Dell Isola, Jr., Councilor
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Cardillo, Dell Isola, Jr., DiPierro, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Le, Marchese, Matewsky, Martins, Smith
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

City Solicitor Mejia stated that, under MGL 268A, that if any member of the School Committee was designated as a special municipal employee, all members of the School Committee would have to be designated as special municipal employees and would also be eligible to collect a second salary from the city

Councilor DiPierro stated that he would not be in favor of the two school committee members taking a salary and donating it. He also offered that he was in favor of a charter change to prevent anyone from taking a second city salary but that process would take some time.

Councilor Marchese asked a question about why a former Everett Police Chief was not allowed to run for School Committee; City Solicitor Mejia explained that situation occurred under an entirely different city charter.

Councilor Matewsky asked if there still were any limitations on elected officials being out of office for a certain amount of time before they could accept a city job; City Solicitor Mejia stated that, as of the last City Charter change, there were not.

Councilor Martins asked what, if anything, would have to be done with this special employee designation after the charter has been changed; City Solicitor Mejia stated that would be impossible to know until the charter changes have been crafted.

Councilor Dell Isola asked why this issue was not identified earlier. City Solicitor Mejia stated that Mr. Mangan might be able to better answer that question. But she also stated that as long as you are not knowingly violating the conflict of interest law, you have 30 days to correct from when you discover the issue.

Councilor Le asked the City Solicitor if a special municipal employee had to accept the compensation for their part-time position; City Solicitor Mejia stated that they could either accept or decline the salary.

MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro, Councilor
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith, Councilor
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Cardillo, Dell Isola, Jr., DiPierro, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Le, Marchese, Matewsky, Martins, Smith
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

MOVER:	Jimmy Le, Councilor
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith, Councilor
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Cardillo, Dell Isola, Jr., DiPierro, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Le, Marchese, Matewsky, Martins, Smith
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

Councilor Le praised Mr. Mangan for the letter he provided to the City Council explaining his situation. Councilor Le then asked Mr. Mangan to elaborate on his situation for the public.

Mr. Mangan explained he had never expected to receive a salary to serve as a member of the School Committee and had made that a central part of his campaign. He gave his word to either refuse the salary or donate it to a worthy school cause and would let the council decide which option he should chose.

Mr. Mangan further stated that he had received paperwork from the School Department in December 2020 so that he could be paid for his School Committee position. but he had declined to fill out that paperwork..

Councilor Le informed Mr. Mangan that the second salary situation would be monitored very closely and the special municipal employee status for School Committee members would be revoked quickly if he went back on his word. Mr, Mangan stated that he understood.

President Hanlon, using a point of order, stated that the City Council had also received a letter from Mrs, Cristiano giving her word that she would not be taking the salary for the office of School Committee member as long as she was a full-time city employee.

Councilor Martins stated that she was no longer concerned about Mr. Mangan and Mrs. Cristiano being given special municipal employee status but was still concerned about what other School Committee members may do before the the City Charter is amended.

Councilor DiPierro restated that although he understood that there are valid concerns, this order needed to be passed so that Mr. Mangan and Mrs. Cristiano could serve in their elected position.

Councilor Matewsky stated that he would be voting for the order.

Councilor Lattanzi stated that both Mr. Mangan and Mrs. Cristiano were both honorable people and their word is their bond. The councilor said he would be supporting the piece.

Councilor Marchese said he would also be supporting the order but asked how this situation might affect pensions. The general consensus was that if a salary was taken, it would not affect pensions and if a salary was taken but donated, it would increase pensions.

MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro, Councilor
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith, Councilor
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]

AYES: Cardillo, Dell Isola, Jr., DiPierro, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Le, Marchese, Matewsky, Martins, Smith
NAYS:
AWAY:

MOVER: Stephanie Smith, Councilor
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro, Councilor
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SECONDER: Stephanie Smith, Councilor
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NAYS:
AWAY:

2. C0061-22 Order/s/ Councilor John F. Hanlon, as President

An order, pursuant to MGL Chapter 268A, requesting that the City Council vote to designate the position of Director of Veterans' Affairs as special municipal employee.

MOVER: Anthony DiPierro, Councilor
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith, Councilor
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Cardillo, Dell Isola, Jr., DiPierro, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Le, Marchese, Matewsky, Martins, Smith
NAYS:
AWAY:

ADJOURNMENT

MOVER: Anthony DiPierro, Councilor
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith, Councilor
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Cardillo, Dell Isola, Jr., DiPierro, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Le, Marchese, Matewsky, Martins, Smith
NAYS:
AWAY:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM