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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
September 26, 2022

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 6pm in the City Council Chambers.

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 Darren Costa.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilors Stephanie Martins and Stephanie Smith: An Ordinance establishing Paid Family Medical Leave for municipal employees in the City of Everett.

Councilor Stephanie Martins, the Sponsor was also present.

Councilor Smith informed the Committee that she and Councilor Martins met with the City Solicitor to incorporate some of the changes Solicitor Colleen Mejia proposed to the Ordinance under consideration at the last Committee meeting. She noted that no funds would be incorporated into the proposal. Councilor Martins concurred that there were no major changes from what was discussed and presented at the last meeting. Copy of the proposal as amended is attached.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilors Stephanie Martins, Al Lattanzi, Darren Costa, Wayne Matewsy and Vivian Nguyen: An Ordinance banning animal testing in the City of Everett.

Councilor Stephanie Martins, the Sponsor was also present.

Councilor Lattanzi asked what kind of animals were being banned from testing and Councilor Martin referenced the Ordinance which stated that an animal is any nonhuman vertebrate. Councilor Smith informed the Committee that she works in the biomedical field and could not support the Ordinance as being proposed. Chairman Marchese concurred and stated that he too disagreed with this Ordinance and felt that some businesses need to be allowed to conduct medical testing on animals rather conducting human experiments instead. He remarked that he hoped this proposal wasn't one of the reasons the Davis company pulled out of developing the Exxon oil field site in the City. Councilor Lattanzi announced that he was in support of the proposal. Councilor Martins noted that this proposed Ordinance was at the request of residents of the City and requested that the Committee consider referring back to the City Council with no recommendation.

The Committee voted 2-2 with Councilors Costa and Lattanzi in favor and Councilors Marchese and Smith in opposition with a report back to the City Council with an unfavorable recommendation.

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The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilors Stephanie Martins and Stephanie Smith, Al Lattanzi, Michael Marchese and Vivian Nguyen: An Ordinance amending Section 4-5 (Affordable Housing Linkage Fees) Subsections (d)(4)b. Transition Rules & (d)(7)a. Collection of Linkage Fees.

Councilor Stephanie Martins, the Sponsor was also present.

Councilor Martins explained that the original Ordinance was vetoed by the Mayor due to clarity concerns and that the City Council failed to overturn the veto so the matter then was referred into this committee. Councilor Martins stated that she and Councilor Smith agreed to reintroduce and in the process met with the various appropriate City Departments to help clarify the language and timelines to insure no ambiguity. Councilor Smith informed the Committee upon questioning from Chairman Marchese that the linkage fee must commence prior to the issuance of the occupancy permit. Councilor Lattanzi expressed concern that this might not give the property owners time to accrue revenue from occupancy in order to pay the linkage fee. Chairman Marchese remarked that he was happy that the linkage fee was being required prior to occupancy.

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

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