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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
January 9, 2023

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, January 9, 2023 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 and Darren Costa. Member absent was Councilor Stephanie Smith.

Communication received from Councilor Smith that she would be out of State and unable to attend.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Michael Marchese and Darren Costa: A Resolution requesting written responses to the attached list of questions associated with any investigations made into and/or lawsuits filed against the City, its employees or elected officials.

The Committee noted that at the last meeting Solicitor Mejia provided the Committee with copies of Lawyers invoices related to the US Attorney's investigation. Solicitor Mejia also indicated that she is working with insurance carriers regarding any payouts due to lawsuits and would provide upon receipt.

Communication received from Solicitor Mejia that she would be unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

The Committee voted, to grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael Marchese: That the Administration considers equally distributing the City's local newspaper advertising among the three of Everett's weekly newspapers.

Erin Deveney, Mayor's Chief of Staff was also present.

The Committee noted that at the last meeting it was provided with copy of all advertising invoices as well as cost per square inch to print in the Everett Independent and Everett Advocate Newspapers. The Committee was also informed that the Everett Leader Herald had responded today and that their cost per square inch was \$10 and that they would be willing to print all such notices on the internet or on the Leader Herald website without charge.

Chairman Marchese remarked that the Everett Leader Herald cost was substantially less than the other two publications. He asked Ms. Deveney if the City was required to go out to bid for advertising and Ms. Deveney explained that pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30B there were no procurement requirements for the City to do so. Chairman Marchese referenced his concern where some publications charge for internet access to their publications. Ms. Deveney responded that it was a common industry practice for some publications to charge for online access but that hard copies of the publications were still available for free. Councilor Lattanzi questioned if the matter should even be before the Committee if there was litigation between the City and a Publication. Ms. Deveney responded that she was not aware of any litigation. Councilor Lattanzi asked who decides where the City advertising goes and Ms. Deveney noted that various City Departments are responsible for placing ads. Councilor Costa inquired if the City was required to advertise more than once and Ms. Deveney explained that some legal requirements for certain types of notices may need to be advertised twice. Ms. Deveney informed the Committee that the City also utilizes social media and City website in the posting of notices. Chairman Marchese requested the matter be referred to the Administration.

The Committee voted, to report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer to the Administration.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
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#3-C0530-22

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Communication received from Councilor Smith that she would be out of State and unable to attend.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael Marchese: That the City Council determine if a law can be created that will not allow any person finally convicted of a sexual assault to hold any position of City employment.

Councilor Costa provided the Committee with copies of Human Resource policies from the communities of Melrose, Wakefield, Boston and Lynnfield in which would address this type of conviction. Councilor Costa read the City of Everett's Code of Ethics which appeared vague in addressing this situation. Chairman Marchese suggested that the matter be referred to Human Resources and to the City Solicitor to develop guidelines to prevent someone with this type of conviction from working in the City of Everett. Councilor Costa requested to see a comparison of what the City of Everett would be proposing compared to these other communities.

The Committee voted, to report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer to Human Resources and the City Solicitor of develop guidelines to prevent someone with this type of conviction from being employed in the City of Everett.

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Communication received from Councilor Smith that she would be out of State and unable to attend.

The Committee considered an Order from Councilor John Hanlon, as President.

An Order requesting the approval of an amendment of the City's Administrative Code to include the organization of a Cemetery Commission in accordance with MGL, c. 114. To complete such change, Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Everett shall need to be amended by ordinance to remove all responsibilities transferred to the new Commission.

The Committee noted that due to City Charter time requirements they recommended that the matter be referred out of Committee so that a Public Hearing could be held as required.

The Committee voted, to report back to the City Council with a recommendation to schedule a Public Hearing as required by the City Charter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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