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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
January 23, 2023

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, January 23, 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 John Hanlon, Darren Costa and Stephanie Smith.

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.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia was also present.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia provided the Committee with copies of the Insurance carriers invoiced costs to City as well as insurance payouts. The Committee requested further time so the members could have more time to review the documentations provided.

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 Councilors Stephanie Martins and Alfred Lattanzi: That the Director of Transportation appear at this meeting to discuss the TDM ordinance.

Director of Transportation Jay Monty was also present.

Mr. Monty provided the Committee with a Power Point presentation on the Traffic Demand Ordinance (attached) which outlined the programs, services, incentives and policies that reduce the need for driving alone. The TDM goals and objectives are to reduce congestion, reduce parking footprint, allow additional development and meet goals of sustainability. Mr. Monty referenced pre-TDM development trends that resulted in the displacement of existing business and commercial space in order to accommodate parking. He explained that the purpose of the TDM Ordinance was to reduce drive alone commuting, support and grow downtown businesses and formalize the ways the city requests contributions. Mr. Monty noted that the 3 basic changes to zoning under TDM include transfer compliance with parking requirements from the ZBA to the Planning Board, sets minimum thresholds for required mitigation based on deviation from parking requirements and project impacts to traffic congestion and authorizes the formation of a Transportation Management Association to coordinate mitigation requirements between developers and assist the city in monitoring compliance. The Encore casino was mentioned as an example project of the TDM ordinance with a number of actions taken to comply with the TDM objectives and goals. Mr. Monty reviewed how a typical development works at a basic level based on impact and credit scores and its relationship to the points system and contributions. He referenced the 35 Garvey Street as an example project under the TDM ordinance. Mr. Monty acknowledged that there were 17 approved TDM projects with 9 located in the Commercial Triangle Overlay District, 2 located in the lower Broadway Redevelopment District, 5 located in the Business District and one in the Residential District with associated map to show all the locations. He noted that only 4 projects were in active construction with zero projects completed to date. The presentation also included a number of accompanying State and Federal investments coming into City. Mr. Monty concluded the presentation with a discussion on parking. Councilor Martins remarked that there was a lot of confusion pertaining to the TDM ordinance and thanked Mr. Monty for addressing a lot of the questions. Councilor Smith inquired to the exact addresses of the 17 TDM approved developments and Mr. Monty agreed to provide. She also mentioned meeting with Mr. Monty to discuss some additional questions she had. Councilor Costa referenced the 260 Elm Street project which he felt that goes against the TDM goals and objectives. He asked Mr. Monty if this proposed development was an unintended consequence of TDM and Mr. Monty responded that he didn't believe so and explained that the ordinance preserves green space otherwise the lot would have to be paved over to provide parking. Councilor Costa asked if the Encore Shuttle buses will encompass a City logo on the bus in the future and Mr. Monty explained that the branding will change to include City logo as

more developers help pay for the shuttle services that will include additional stops in the future. Councilor Costa remarked that he loved the benefits of the TDM but mentioned that traffic issues around the Sweester and Santilli circles and Broadway bridge needed to be addressed. Mr. Monty agreed that there is still a lot more work to do but is moving in the direction the Councilor was implying.

The Committee voted, to report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer to Director of Transportation Mr. Monty to respond to Councilor Smiths request for TDM approved developers addresses as well as provide any recommended changes.

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