

The Committee on Community & Business Development met on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:30pm 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 Wayne Matewsky, presiding, Councilors Al Lattanzi and Richard Dell Isola. Member absent was Councilor Irene Cardillo.

The Committee considered a Petition offered by Councilor Michael Marchese, as President of a Petition requesting the renewal of a precious metals license for All Checks Cashed at 1998 Revere Beach Parkway..

Petitioner Idalia Flores, the General Manager at All Checks Cashed and ISD Manager Mark Mayo were also present.

Chairman Matewsky asked the Petitioner if she had received a communication from the City to remove the unsightly jersey barriers and provide some curb appeal to the area instead. Ms. Flores responded that she did receive a call about 8 months ago about the barriers and she explained that they were put there to protect the foot traffic in area due to large trucks jumping the sidewalk almost hitting people. She asked the Committee to consider not moving the barriers due to safety reasons. Councilor Lattanzi noted that the jersey barriers were not aesthetically pleasing and suggested that the Petitioner utilize something different such as a fence. Ms. Flores explained that they put two speed bumps down on the side street to slow trucks down and that they would be willing to work with City and asked for suggestions from the Committee. She offered to have an Art program paint the jersey barriers if it would make it more aesthetically pleasing. Councilor Dell Isola remarked that having an Art Program paint the barriers was a good idea but he also mentioned that the State could be contacted to install guard rails instead of the barriers. Ms. Flores stated that whatever is proposed it needs to make the area nice and safe. Chairman Matewsky noted that it was the only business along the Revere Beach Parkway including neighboring communities that had jersey barriers. Ms. Flores responded again that they were only there for the safety of the people. Chairman Matewsky suggested that the Petitioner hire an Architect to provide some landscaping ideas. Councilor Dell Isola suggested that Inspectional Services Manager Mark Mayo meet with the Petitioner to come up with some ideas and even consider painting the barriers in the meantime. Mr. Mayo agreed to meet with Petitioner. Councilor Dell Isola also suggested that a communication be sent to DCR and the City's State Legislative delegation to have guardrails installed at this location.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation for favorable action on the license renewal with a further recommendation that a communication be sent to DCR and the City's State Legislative delegation to have guardrails installed at this location.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley  
Clerk of Committees

