



MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 7:00 PM**

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

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ROLL CALL

Members Present

Irene Cardillo, Darren Costa, John Hanlon, Alfred Lattanzi, Stephanie Martins, Wayne Matewsky, Vivian Nguyen, Stephanie Smith, Michael Marchese

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The persons who spoke at public participation were:

Peggy Serino, Wendy Poste, Paula Sterite, John McDonald, Margaret Cornelio, Steve Iannaco and Joetta Yutkins.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of 08/14/2023

MOTION:	Accept Meeting Minutes
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

- 1. C0232-23** Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a donation in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the Everett Police Department from Schnitzer Steel Industries as their annual community support donation.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Cardillo, Costa, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Smith, Marchese
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

2. **C0233-23** Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Tiffany Leahy to the Library Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) expiring September 1, 2026.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	Alfred Lattanzi
RESULT:	Passed [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Cardillo, Costa, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Smith, Marchese
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

3. **C0234-23** Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation in the amount of \$200,000.00 to improve and expand the Northern Strand Bike Path.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Cardillo, Costa, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Smith, Marchese
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

4. **C0235-23** Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation in the amount of \$600,000.00 to reconstruct Everett Square.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
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MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: **Passed [9 TO 0]**
AYES: Cardillo, Costa, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Smith, Marchese
NAYS:
AWAY:

5. **C0236-23** Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend donations totaling \$145.00 from City of Everett employees during the months of July and August, 2023 for the Fire Victims Fund.

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: **Passed [9 TO 0]**
AYES: Cardillo, Costa, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Smith, Marchese
NAYS:
AWAY:

6. **C0237-23** Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the promotion of Everett Fire Department Private Jack Gardner to Lieutenant.

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Stephanie Martins
RESULT: **Passed [9 TO 0]**
AYES: Cardillo, Costa, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Smith, Marchese
NAYS:
AWAY:

7. **C0240-23** Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in the amount of \$97,795.00. These funds will be used to help restore natural functions to degraded wetlands and buffer zones at Rivergreen Park.

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Stephanie Martins
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith
RESULT: **Passed [9 TO 0]**

AYES: Cardillo, Costa, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Smith, Marchese
NAYS:
AWAY:

That the Planning Department send a written response to the Council informing them of the materials that are being stored at the Rivergreen Park area that may be affecting the wetlands in that area.

8. C0241-23 Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities in the amount of \$1,650,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant.

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: **Passed [9 TO 0]**
AYES: Cardillo, Costa, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Smith, Marchese
NAYS:
AWAY:

9. C0253-23 Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a check from the Everett Citizen's Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing an account to be used solely by the Everett Recreation Department for improving notification signage at the building

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky
RESULT: **Passed [9 TO 0]**
AYES: Cardillo, Costa, Hanlon, Lattanzi, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Smith, Marchese
NAYS:
AWAY:

10. C0255-23 Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting approval to transfer and appropriate the amount of \$150,000.00 from ARPA funds to engage an Owner Project Manager (OPM) for the proposed School Modular Project

MOTION: Postpone
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Darren Costa
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

The Council requested this item be postponed and for the administration to appear at the next meeting to give more detailed answers.

11. C0256-23 Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting approval to transfer and appropriate the amount of \$1,663,800.00 from the Capital Improvement Stabilization account to fund eleven (11) capital improvement projects and purchases as attached

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Darren Costa
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Items 11 and 12 were referred to the committee on ways and means for the committee to ask questions and report back to the council with their findings.

12. C0257-23 Order/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate by borrowing the amount of \$9,834,000 to fund thirteen (13) capital improvement projects as attached

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Darren Costa
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. C0111-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Darren M. Costa

A resolution requesting that the IT Director appear to comment on whether the City of

Everett would benefit from appropriating ARPA funding to modernize Cybersecurity, Public-facing Digital Services and Cross-Government Collaboration / Scalable Services. The goal would be to ensure the city is protected from potential cyberattacks and/or data breaches.

The Council accepted the committee report and placed it on file and referred the item back to sponsor.

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Darren Costa
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. **C0179-23** Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith & the Entire Membership of the City Council

That The HR Director provides an in-person update of the City's stance on policies related to CORI/SORI checks on an ongoing basis after an employee is hired

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Darren Costa
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

The Director of Human Resources appeared and stated that a policy has been written and will be in effect for non-union employees beginning October 1st, 2023.

15. **C0204-23** Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, as President

A petition from National Grid requesting permission to install 1-4" underground duct beginning from existing Pole # 2548 on Devens Street, at a point approximately 300 feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Devens Street and Church Street, and continuing approximately 10 feet +/- in a southeast direction through the sidewalk to customer's property at 16 Devens Street.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	John Hanlon
SECONDER:	Darren Costa

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

16. C0229-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Darren M. Costa

A resolution requesting that the Mayor appear at an upcoming City Council meeting to advise the Council on the status of the renegotiation of the original Host Community Agreement with Encore Boston Harbor

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Darren Costa
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

The item as referred to the Administration to take appropriate action.

17. C0230-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Darren M. Costa

A resolution requesting Ward specific town hall meetings to address issues caused by the state project on Ferry and Elm Streets

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Darren Costa
SECONDER: Stephanie Martins
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Referred to the Mayor's office to set up these town halls.

NEW BUSINESS

18. C0238-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the Elections Department consider placing postage on all mail in ballots for the convenience of residents

The City Clerk stated they will send the General election ballots out with prepaid postage. Referred to the City Clerk and Elections Commission.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

19. C0239-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Darren M. Costa

That the mayor and administration consider funding 311 constituent services, 24/7 and allowing the online tool, Q alert, to be used directly by residents

Referred to the Mayor to take appropriate action in implementing this request.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Darren Costa
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

20. C0242-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the traffic commission contact CHA in regards to speeding incidents involving the CHA shuttle.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Martins
SECONDER: Darren Costa
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

21. C0243-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the City Engineer and/or Water Department appear before the Council to discuss the current draning system and potential improvements on Garland Street where the basements have historically flooded.

Referred to Government Operations Committee

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Martins
SECONDER: Alfred Lattanzi
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

22. C0244-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That towing companies during street sweeping refrain from breaking into vehicles as part of their towing process.

Referred to the Traffic Division

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Martins
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

23. C0245-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That police traffic place a speed monitor between Broadway & Argyle Street at requests of residents in the Whitney Laurenti House. This is the second request.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Referred to Traffic Division, Sgt. Gaff

24. C0246-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Richard J. Dell Isola, Jr.

That the Planning Department provide a list of current projects including ten or more residential units that are in the process of being built or are in the approval process to be built

Referred to the Planning Department to send the Council a written response in 2 weeks

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

25. **C0247-23** Resolution/s/ Councilor Richard J. Dell Isola, Jr., Councilor Darren M. Costa

That the City Engineer (Erik Swanson) appear at the next Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Safety meeting to discuss concerns on the Ferry Street Project.

Referred to the Traffic Commission for action

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Darren Costa
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

26. **C0248-23** Resolution/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, Councilor Darren M. Costa, Councilor V. Stephanie Smith

A resolution requesting that the Administration provide a written update on the status of the Florence Street and Central Avenue Parks Capital Improvement Projects for the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Amended to add Councilor Smith as a co-sponsor and to postpone the item to the next meeting for the Administration to appear and give an update

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Darren Costa
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

27. **C0249-23** Resolution/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese

A resolution requesting that the city's Chief Financial Officer supply the City Council at their next regular meeting with the total amount that the city has collected in linkage fees to date.

Referred to the CFO to have an update at the next Council meeting

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Darren Costa
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

28. C0250-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That an update be provided on the status of the Alpine Park renovation project and timeline for the repaving of Hamilton and Hoyt Streets, and Silver Road

Referred to the Government Operations Committee

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	Wayne Matewsky
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

29. C0251-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the fence removed from a private home on Hoyt Street for the renovation of Alpine Park be reinstalled by the city

Referred to the City Engineer for a written response to be sent to Councilor Martins.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

30. C0252-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That a speed bump be added on Vernal Street per the residents' request

Referred to the Traffic Commission to take action.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

31. C0254-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Vivian Nguyen

That the administration consider funding a study for the Transportation Planning Division to examine the public transportation needs of community members who are not adequately addressed by current services.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Vivian Nguyen
SECONDER:	Stephanie Martins
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

32. C0258-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Darren M. Costa

A resolution requesting that the Mayor's Administration and Engineering appear to discuss the flooding issues in the River Front Overlay District and how the proposed Site Plan for the area would effect flooding on Air Force Road and abutting roads

Referred to the Planning Board and Planning Department

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Darren Costa
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

33. C0259-23 Resolution/s/ Councilor Darren M. Costa

A resolution requesting documentation related to the US Attorney's Title VII Inquiry and

Request for Information of the City of Everett.

Referred to the Solicitor to send the information in 2 weeks.

34. C0260-23 Resolution/s/ Councilors: Michael K. Marchese, Stephanie Smith

A resolution requesting that consideration be given to dedicating the intersection of Kinsman and Andrew Streets in honor of veteran John Rainone

Amended to add Councilor Smith as a co-sponsor and to send this item to the Veterans Director to hold a dedication ceremony.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Michael Marchese
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

A. Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That Department of Public Works fill in the pot holes on Paris Street, including in front of the Dampney Company

B. Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the state police barracks in Wellington Circle monitor Route 16/Revere Beach Parkway to the Chelsea line for vehicles using this road as a raceway between 12AM & 4AM

C. Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

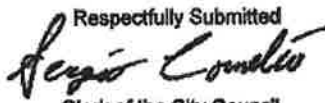
That Asst. City Engineer Julius Ofurie visit with representatives of the Mosque on Spring Street to update them on the flooding situation in that area, as well as what steps are being taken to correct it.

All Maintenance requests were referred to the respective departments for action.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Clerk of the City Council