

The Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor John Hanlon, presiding; Councilors Darren Costa, Vivian Nguyen and Stephanie Smith.

The Committee met on an Order offered by Councilor Michael Marchese, as President: An Order requesting the 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 follows:

- 1 Police - Non-administrative Vehicles (Patrol Division) \$ 210,000.00
- 2 Police Administrative Vehicle \$ 35,000.00
- 3 Inspectional Services Vehicles \$ 99,000.00
- 4 Fire Department - Turnout Gear \$ 65,000.00
- 5 Police - Body Armor \$ 52,000.00
- 6 Police Taser Upgrades \$ 82,800.00
- 7 Generators \$ 150,000.00
- 8 School Ford F250 \$ 50,000.00
- 9 School - Rack Body Truck \$ 60,000.00
- 10 School Building Painting \$ 500,000.00
- 11 Old High School Roof Improvements \$ 360,000.00
- TOTAL: \$ 1,663,800.00

CFO Eric Demas, Police Chief Steve Mazzie, Fire Chief Scott Dalrymple, Facilities Director Angelo Febbo, Director of Facilities for School Rob Moreschi and Director of Engineering Eric Swanson, Director of ISD Dave Palumbo were also present.

Chief Mazzie provided an overview of his requests noting that the new vehicle would be a hybrid, the body armor was for new offices and tasers were being upgraded. Mr. Palumbo noted that he was seeking three vehicles which were not electric vehicles, but were needed due to increased staffing with some of the existing vehicles now over 10years. Chief Dalrymple explained that he replaces 10 to 20 sets of turnout gear each year and expected to include this cost in his annual budget since it was a reoccurring cost. Mr. Febbo explained that the generator costs were to completely replace the generator at the Ferry Street station at an anticipated cost between \$90-\$100,000 and \$30,000 each to repair the generators at city hall and the old high school. He that the cost for the old high school roof was to begin a bidding process to have the roof inspected so plans can be put in place to make it watertight, but mentioned that he expected the roof repair itself to cost between \$5-\$7 million with the plan to have it done over next summer. Mr. Demas informed the Committee that they would now more once the roof inspection was complete. Mr. Moreschi provided an overview on vehicle replacing existing vehicles over 23 years old and informed the Committee that the cost of painting would be done by a private contractor to cover interior painting at all schools.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a favorable recommendation

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee met on an Order offered by Councilor Michael Marchese, as President: An Order requesting the approval to appropriate by borrowing the amount of \$9,834,000.00 to fund thirteen (13) capital improvement projects and as follows:

- 1 Citywide - Tot Lots Improvements \$ 200,000.00
 - 2 Everett Water Front Improvements \$ 1,334,000.00
 - 3 Whittier Tot Lot Improvements \$ 300,000.00
 - 4 High School Elevators \$ 500,000.00
 - 5 Replace Whittier School Gym Floor \$ 250,000.00
 - 6 High School Replacement of Equipment Controls \$ 1,200,000.00
 - 7 Parlin School Exterior Wall \$ 650,000.00
 - 8 Lafayette Locker Room Renovation \$ 250,000.00
 - 9 Devens School Gym Floor Replacement \$ 200,000.00
 - 10 Street and Sidewalk Repairs \$ 1,000,000.00
 - 11 Complete Streets \$ 1,000,000.00
 - 12 Elton and Improvements \$ 2,100,000.00
 - 13 Main Street Improvements \$ 850,000.00
- TOTAL: \$ 9,834,000.00**

CFO Eric Demas, Director of Facilities for School Rob Moreschi and Director of Engineering Eric Swanson, Director of Transportation Jay Monty, Conservation Agent Tom Philbin, State Representative Joe McGonagle, Assistant Superintendent Rick Veillevy of MVCS, Everett Rowing Coach Kate Mayes and Helen Quach of Living Root Dragon Boat were also present.

Mr. Moreschi provided an overview on the School funding requests noting that the folding doors to the elevator would be replaced with a single door to avoid the constant breakdown with the current door. He explained that the current HVAC controls needed to be upgraded. The Whittier school would be adding an ADA accessible tot lot in the rear of school and that the old rubber floor in gym would be replaced with a wood floor. The exterior wall around the Parlin needed to be resurfaced and enhanced. The Lafayette lockers rooms would be converted into usable space for small groups. The Devens school gym has become worn with conditions that could pose a potential hazard situation. Mr. Swanson explained that the funding for tot lots would be for general repairs and lighting. He agreed to provide a list to the City Council at the next meeting on which streets and sidewalks that are scheduled to have work done. He discussed the plan to address the flooding in the area of Air Force Road, Tremont Street and Elton Street. Mr. Monty provided an overview of the Complete Street funding request which has covered bike/bus lanes, signal improvements and intersection improvements. He mentioned that the funding should cover a two year period. Mr. Philbin noted that the top two priorities of the Everett Waterfront

improvement would be the Boardwalk gateway and he referenced some of the funding already provided for this project with the second priority being the Boathouse which he expected to be around \$3.3 million with some funding being provided by the State and further funding to be raised through a partnership with Wentworth College, Mystic Valley Charter School and the Dragon Boat Club. Representative McGonagle referenced the State funding for project and noted his support as he mentioned his walk through the area this past weekend and remarked what a great opportunity this was for the City. Mr. Veillevy announced his support for the project and informed the Committee that MVCS was willing to make a substantial investment to project. Mr. Philbin interjected that he was working hard to get other sponsors. Both Ms. Mayes and Ms. Quach informed the Committee of their support and acknowledged that the Boathouse would be a great benefit to the community.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a favorable recommendation

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The Committee met on a Resolution offered by Councilors Stephanie Smith and Darren Costa: That the Assessor provides the last 5 years of abatements (residential, commercial and industrial) 2018-2022. In addition, a request that the assessor provides a list of all households that currently have a homeowners exemption and a list of all households that currently do not have a homeowners exemption but are likely eligible for one.

CFO Eric Demas and City Assessor BJ Devereux were also present.

Mr. Devereux provided all the documents requested and responded in writing to a list of questions Councilor Smith sent to him previously.

Due to time constraints the Committee recommended to postpone to the next meeting to allow them time to review Mr. Devereux written responses.

The Committee voted: to grant further time.

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