



AGENDA PACKET

**CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 6:00 PM**

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

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EVERETT CITY HALL, 484 BROADWAY, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR
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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **C0006-24** Resolution/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin

A resolution to determine and analyze the ongoing project for Senior ARPA programs to determine that our budgeted funds are being spent appropriately and effectively.

2. **C0084-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$115,000.00 from Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the following accounts: Fire Department Equipment Maintenance \$50,000.00 & BLS-1 Operating Funds \$65,000.00

3. **C0085-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate by borrowing \$11,400,000.00 for Improvements at the Old Everett High School, located at 548 Broadway

4. **C0088-24** Resolution/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin

A resolution asking the administration to submit all costs associated with the old Everett High School (Utilities, maintenance, heat, insurance, etc.) and all funds allocated to maintain it.

ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted:

Michael J. Mangan

Legislative Aide
Everett City Council Office



C0006-24

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin
Date: January 22, 2024

Agenda Item:

A resolution to determine and analyze the ongoing project for Senior ARPA programs to determine that our budgeted funds are being spent appropriately and effectively.

Background and Explanation:

It is important to proactively prioritize categories of wellness, such as wellness checks, mental health services, activities and accessibility to programs. It is our duty to understand the pro/cons of using third party services to avoid waste and/or inefficiency. Our Seniors are disproportionately affected from the COVID virus and we need to ensure that we are providing critical services.

It's important to serve our most vulnerable senior residents with services that are critical to their well being, both emotional and physical. Providing meals is just the beginning. Ahead of our budget planning, it is important that consideration is made, while understanding the effectiveness of the programs being run by the Administration versus outsourcing to well established third parties. This would allow excess budgeted funds to better serve our Seniors.

Attachments:

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Ways and Means Committee
February 5, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, February 5, 2024 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 Stephanie Smith, presiding; Councilors Anthony DiPietro, Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Holly Garcia and Robert Van Campen, as ex-officio.

The Committee met on a Resolution offered by Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin: A resolution to determine and analyze the ongoing project for Senior ARPA programs to determine that our budgeted funds are being spent appropriately and effectively.

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas was also present.

Mr. Demas acknowledged that he had received some questions from Councilor Jabouin via email regarding the status of ARPA funds spent. He explained that the ARPA program was compiled by working with outside consultants in which a plans was presented to the prior City Council who approved with the exception of the modular unit acquisition which currently remains an unexpended allocation. He mentioned that the ARPA proposals were listed on the City's website so that the public could view. Councilor Jabouin questioned how many residents who were not online would be able to view this information and Mr. Demas responded that the Administration was working on addressing that. Councilor Jabouin inquired how the rental and mortgage assistance program was advertised and who had received the assistance. She also inquired to the status of the funding for the Pope John Feasibility classrooms and Mr. Demas responded that he would research tomorrow and provide her with the information to these questions. Councilor Jabouin noted that she felt that the amount shown for the Senior Meals program was excessive and suggested that it be outsourced since she believed it could be done cheaper. Mr. Demas provided an overview of the process for that program and remarked that he didn't believe it could be done cheaper. Councilor Jabouin mentioned that there were a lot of wasted meals and stated that the program was not working. She questioned the status of the on-line teaching & learning item for public meetings and wanted to know where these meetings were held and Mr. Demas responded that he believed that they were for zoom meetings during the pandemic but agreed to look into further. Councilor Jabouin expressed concern about paying the salaries of City employees out of ARPA funds especially to an employee in the Finance office and another in the Executive office. Councilor Garcia also requested further information on the ARPA funds that were paid to City employees. Mr. Demas explained the challenges the City faced during the pandemic and mentioned adding staff to the 311 Department to address resident concerns during this timeframe who would now be included in the City budget. He also noted that the Finance person was paid with ARPA funds because they were doing all the paperwork and reporting requirements for ARPA that would not be going away. Chairperson Smith inquired if the Pope John funding was for the MT. Vernon feasibility study and Mr. Demas agreed to look into. Chairperson Smith also inquired about the status of the Water - Ferry and Elm improvements and Mr. Demas indicated that the funding provided was expected to be sufficient. Chairman Smith asked Mr. Demas if he could provide the unexpended amounts for Rental & Mortgage assistance and Local Small Woman & Minority Owned Businesses programs and Mr. Demas

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agreed to do so. Mr. Demas informed the Committee that all the funding for ARPA needed be funded this year and spent through the end of calendar year 2026. Councilor Jabouin asked if people could still apply for rental assistance and Mr. Demas confirmed that they could. Councilor Jabouin requested that the matter remain in Committee to allow Mr. Demas the time to respond to the questions he agreed to look into and provide the members with the appropriate documents to these items.

The Committee voted: to grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,


John W. Burtley
Clerk of Committees



C0084-24

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Robert J. Van Campen
Date: February 12, 2024

Agenda Item:

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$115,000 from Budgetary Fund Balance(Free Cash) to the following accounts: Fire Department Equipment Maintenance \$50,000, & BLS-1 Operating Funds \$65,000

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:



CARLO DeMARIA
MAYOR

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February 7, 2024

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts 02149

Dear Honorable Members:

I hereby submit for your consideration an order to appropriate **\$115,000** from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the following accounts:

Fire – Equipment Maintenance	\$ 50,000
Fire – BLS-1 Operating Funds	\$ 65,000
Total	\$115,000

The balance in General Fund Free Cash is **\$15,105,861**. This amount does not include appropriations under considered by the Council at the February 12, 2024 meeting.

I recommend your favorable passage of this order.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



February 7, 2024
City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Robert VanCampen, as President

Bill Number:
Bill Type: Order

Be it
Ordered: BY City Council OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, as follows:

That the sum of \$115,000 be appropriated from the General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the following accounts:

Fire - Equipment Maintenance	\$ 50,000
Fire - BLS-1 Operating Funds	\$ 65,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$115,000</u>



City of
Everett
Massachusetts

C0085-24

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Robert J. Van Campen
Date: February 12, 2024

Agenda Item:

An order requesting approval that \$11,400,000.00 be appropriated by borrowing for Improvements at the Old Everett High School, located at 548 Broadway

Background and Explanation:

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February 7, 2024

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
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Dear Honorable Members:

I hereby request the amount of \$11,400,000.00 be appropriated by borrowing for Improvements at the Old Everett High School, located at 548 Broadway. We will be making a presentation to the Council detailing the scope of this project being requested.

I recommend your favorable passage of this order.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



February 7, 2024
City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Robert VanCampen, as President

Bill Number:
Bill Type: Order

Be it
Ordered: BY City Council OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, as follows:

That the City hereby appropriates the amount of Eleven Million, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$11,400,000) to be funded by borrowing for Improvements at the Old Everett High School, located at 548 Broadway, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §8 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefore, provided, that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this Order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of such issuance of bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and to take any other action relative thereto.



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C0088-24

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