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MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024 7:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Anthony DiPierro, Holly Garcia, John Hanlon, Michael Marchese, Stephanie Martins, Wayne Matewsky, Peter Pietrantonio, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation speakers were: Peggy Serino, Paula Sterite, Steve Iannaco, Sandy Juliano, John Popuolo, David Fortin and Mary Fortin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of January 22 , February 12, February 26, March 11, March 13 meetings

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

1. C0117-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting confirmation of the appointment of Pattiann Scalesse to the Youth Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring March 30, 2027

The Council suspended Rule 20 and approved the appointment.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

2. **C0119-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a donation to the 2024 Summer Jobs Program from The Leavitt Corporation in the amount of \$1,000.00.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

3. **C0121-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a donation to the Fire Victims Fund from Mayor Carlo DeMaria in the amount of \$1,000.00

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

4. **C0122-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a donation to the 2024 Summer Jobs Program from WFM4 LLC in the amount of \$1,000.00.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
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MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: **Passed [11 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:
AWAY:

5. **C0123-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend donations to the 2024 Summer Jobs Program from Mintz Levin in the amount of \$500.00 and Paul W. Marks Co in the amount of \$100.00.

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: **Passed [11 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:
AWAY:

6. **C0124-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$3,585.00 from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to pay prior year police department Verizon bills that the department never received.

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

The item was referred to Ways and Means.

7. **C0127-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate by borrowing \$3,000,000.00 to fund Everett Square Improvements.

Referred to a Special meeting of the City Council.

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

8. **C0128-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the promotion of Everett Fire Department Private Adam Ragucci to Lieutenant.

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER: Katy Rogers
RESULT: Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:
AWAY:

9. **C0129-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the promotion of Everett Fire Department Lieutenant Craig Hardy to Deputy Chief

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER: Katy Rogers
RESULT: Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:
AWAY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. **C0087-24** Resolution/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin

A resolution requesting information responding to residents' concerns regarding infrastructure improvements, particularly related to water, wastewater, and sewage services.

MOTION: Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER: Guerline Alcy Jabouin
SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

11. C0099-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval for the Everett Police Department to execute a contract with Equature for a period of five (5) years for the purpose of servicing and maintaining E-911 Dispatch Equipment

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Michael Marchese

SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro

RESULT: **Passed [11 TO 0]**

AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen

NAYS:

AWAY:

12. C0115-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$7,552,930.00 from Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) into the following funds: General Stabilization Fund \$ 2,265,879.00, Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund \$2,265,879.00 & Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund \$3,021,172.00, for a total of \$7,552,930.00

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Stephanie Smith

SECONDER: John Hanlon

RESULT: **Passed [9 TO 2]**

AYES: DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen

NAYS: Alcy Jabouin, Marchese

AWAY:

CFO Demas appeared and stated this was an internal annual policy to transfer half of the free cash left over from the tax setting period, into these 3 stabilization accounts.

13. C0053-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro & the entire City Council

A request to petition the Department of Public Utilities to require towing companies to accept credit cards as a form of payment

The Council office was requested to write a letter of support for this change to the Department of Public Utilities.

MOTION: Refer

MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

14. C0065-24 Ordinance/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An ordinance reducing the lead time required to advertise a City Council public hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment from at least thirty (30) days before the date of the hearing to at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the hearing

MOTION:	Enroll
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 1]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	Hanlon
AWAY:	

15. C0104-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval of the appointment of Ashmael Brun, as an Associate Member, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of three (3) years, expiring March 1, 2027

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers
NAYS:	
AWAY:	Smith, Van Campen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. C0015-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the appropriate representative appear at the next meeting to discuss how the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Report (SFEIR) for Encore Boston Harbor (EEA #15060), submitted by Wynn regarding the design, funding, and construction of the Mystic River Bridge will impact Everett

The item was referred to Jay monty the Transportation Director for action.

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

17. C0106-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the Veterans' Director be invited to the city council meeting on March 25, to go over policies and procedures of the Veterans' Office

MOTION: Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER: Peter Pietrantonio
SECONDER: Stephanie Martins
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

NEW BUSINESS

18. C0118-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the city consider building a crowd-sourced parking application, where residents can easily input the location either manually or with geodata and a picture (optional) that will automatically be sent to parking enforcement in real time, & parking enforcement should have the ability to also upload a picture and close the incident with an immediate notification sent to the reporter

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

The item was referred to the Traffic Commission, Mayor's office and 311 to take action.

19. C0125-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

That the DeMaria Administration provide an update of the names of those individuals

to be appointed to the special Charter Review Committee as required by Section 9-6 of the Everett City Charter

Item postponed to the April 8th meeting with a request for a written response.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

20. C0126-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

That the DeMaria Administration provide an update of those department head positions which are currently filled and have not been submitted to the City Council for appointment in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Everett City Charter

Postponed to the April 8th meeting for a written response from the Administration on who will be appointed.

21. C0130-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That a health check of the Everett Housing Authority be performed for transparency and to ensure all paperwork and vouchers are in order, and residency compliance requirements and condition of the homes are being met for the well being of our residents.

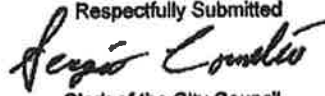
The item was amended to replace Audit with Health Check and to refer the item to the Government Operations Committee with an invitation to the Housing Authority Board and Director asking them to appear with the consultant from AMA.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:52 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted

Clerk of the City Council