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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
March 25, 2024

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The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6pm 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 Michael Marchese, presiding, Councilors Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Martins, Katy Rogers and Robert Van Campen, as ex-officio.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by 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.

Councilor DiPierro, the Sponsor, requested that a letter be written to Department of Public Utilities on requiring towing companies to accept credit cards as a form of payment. Councilor Smith suggested that the matter be referred to the City Council office so that the letter could be written and sent.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer to the City Council office so that a letter can be written to DPU to require that towing companies accept credit cards as a form of payment..

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

#2-C0076-24

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Members present were Councilor Michael Marchese, presiding, Councilors Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Martins, Katy Rogers and Robert Van Campen, as ex-officio.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Robert Van Campen: That the City Clerk provide a detailed summary of those positions in the City of Everett and the Everett Public Schools that have been designated by the Everett City Council with Special Municipal Employee status pursuant to MGL c. 268A, and offer recommendations as to which designations are appropriate for rescission as being no longer necessary.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio was also present.

Councilor Van Campen noted that he had been working with the City Clerk to determine which Special Municipal Employee designation was now outdated or unnecessary which would then require a vote to rescind. City Clerk Cornelio informed the Committee that he had done some research on the request and had completed the necessary housekeeping on the list. He discussed several designations which he determined should remain and agreed to provide a list of those positions excluding names to maintain as well as to rescind to the City Council.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation for favorable action on those Special Municipal Employee designations to rescind.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

#3-C0065-24

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Members present were Councilor Michael Marchese, presiding, Councilors Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Martins, Katy Rogers and Robert Van Campen, as ex-officio.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Robert 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.

City Clerk Sergio Cornelio was also present.

The Committee was reminded that the subject matter was approved by the Planning Board on March 4, 2024 and that the City Council held a Public Hearing on March 11, 2024. City Clerk Cornelio informed the Committee that the issue for a change was recommended a few years ago by the City's outside Counsel. He explained that the zoning amendments gets posted multiple times already and with zoning time crunches it would keep things in line with other statutory requirements which most communities already do. Councilor Smith remarked that this was better and recommended favorable action.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Robert 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.

Ashmael Brun, the Appointee was also present.

Councilor Smith noted that Mr. Brun had a real estate background but asked him about his knowledge of zoning regulations. Mr. Brun responded that he was required to study the zoning by-laws in his real estate capacity as it related to developments that he had worked on in the communities of Boston and Waltham. Councilor Smith asked if he had represented any projects in the City of Everett before the Board. Mr. Brun stated that he had not presented any projects before the Board but noted that the Firm he worked with was now located within the City of Everett and he would recuse himself if they came before the Board. Councilor Van Campen inquired to what his position was on the development within the City and Mr. Brun responded that everyone should have a seat at the table noting that the City has a severe housing crisis. Mr. Brun continued by saying that he supports growth in a sustainable way. Councilor Van Campen asked if a Petitioner came before the Board and used the reason that they couldn't profit in order to obtain a variance what was his position on that. Mr. Brun remarked that it was a tough question but felt that the Board shouldn't focus on profit. Councilor Martins acknowledged that she had previously spoken with Mr. Brun and was happy he addressed the question about a potential conflict with the firm he worked with. She asked him how long he has lived in the City of Everett and Mr. Brun mentioned that he moved from the City of Malden to the City of Everett in 2015. Councilor Smith concluded her questioning by stating that she appreciated the fresh outlook from Mr. Brun and recommended favorable action.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

#5-C0112-24

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Members present were Councilor Michael Marchese, presiding, Councilors Stephanie Smith, Stephanie Martins, Katy Rogers and Robert Van Campen, as ex-officio.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Guerline Alcy Jabouin and Peter Pietrantonio: That the City consider placing a moratorium on the construction of any new residential developments consisting of four units or more.

Councilors Guerline Alcy Jabouin and Peter Pietrantonio were also present.

Councilor Smith suggested that the matter be laid over for a month to allow the sponsors to meet with the appropriate City Officials to outline the language required for a moratorium adoption.

The Committee voted: to grant further time for one month to allow the sponsors to meet with the appropriate City Officials to outline the language required for a moratorium adoption

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees