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MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, APRIL 08, 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

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCE'S

Presentation of a citation to Gerry O'Hearn, retired Everett Firefighter

Councilor Matewsky presented a citation to Gerry O'Hearn, a retired Everett firefighter who served the city for 34 years and retired 15 years ago as a captain. The citation recognized O'Hearn's invention of the "Jerry pipe," a device that fights electric car fires by cooling the engine and putting out lithium battery fires. Fire Chief Hickey and O'Hearn both spoke, praising each other and the fire department. The citation was sponsored by Councilor Matewsky and Council President Van Campen.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of 03/25/2024

MOTION:	Accept Meeting Minutes
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:	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

1. **C0131-24** 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 Terrance W. Kennedy, Esquire in the amount of \$1,000.00

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

A motion was then made for favorable action on items 1, 2 and 4 and for letters of thanks to be sent to the donors. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

2. **C0132-24** 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 Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$250.00.

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

AWAY:

3. C0134-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting the confirmation to appoint the following individuals to the Everett Fire Department: Liam McCain, Robert Concannon, Phil DaSilva, Douglas Hill, Samuel Kelley, James MacLaughlin, Carmine DeMaria, Mario Rivera, Laura Marchese, Omar Herrer-Cisneros, Lucas McCain, Robert Machado

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. C0135-24 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 Team Work Cleaning Concepts in the amount of \$100.00.

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

PETITIONS AND LICENSES

5. C0138-24 Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of second hand dealer's, antique, precious metals license for Art Gold Jewelry INC. at 159 Main Street

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith
RESULT: **Passed [11 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins,

Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:
AWAY:

6. **C0139-24** Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Broadway Gas & Service INC. at 356 Broadway

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

7. **C0140-24** Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting a new special license for extended hours of operation for Taqueria Don Roge at 1739 Revere Beach Pkwy

The item was referred to the Community and Business Development Committee.

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

8. **C0141-24** Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting a new repair license for Rev Head Auto Group LLC at 114 Bow Street

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER: Michael Marchese
RESULT: **Passed [11 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins.

Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:
AWAY:

The item was referred to the Community and Business Development Committee.

9. C0142-24 Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting a new class two motor vehicle dealer license for RM Auto Sales at 138 Spring Street

The item was referred to the Community and Business Development Committee.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

10. C0076-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. 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 designed by the Everett City Council with Special Municipal Employee status pursuant to G.L. c. 268A, and offer recommendations as to which designations are appropriate for rescission as being no longer necessary

MOTION: Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER: Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith
RESULT: **Passed [11 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:
AWAY:

11. 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.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin stated she was still waiting to receive some information she requested from the administration.

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Guerline Alcy Jabouin
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

12. 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.

The Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney explained that the bills were for legitimate expenses but there had been confusion over which department should pay them. She confirmed there were sufficient funds available in the police budget to pay the bills with no extra interest charges. The bills needed council approval since they were from the previous fiscal year.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin questioned how Verizon could fail to bill for services. Ms. Deveney clarified the bills were received but there was uncertainty over which city department was responsible for them.

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:	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. C0016-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, & Entire City Council

That the administration provide an update on the process to renegotiate the Encore host agreement, including adding a public safety component as a part of the renegotiation

The Mayor's letter stated his team has met with Encore representatives four times since February 12 in addition to ongoing dialogue. Another meeting was scheduled for the week of April 8. The Mayor said he conveyed to Encore the City Council's request to include a new public safety facility, specifically a fire facility, as part of the negotiations.

Councilor Martins thanked the administration for the update and said she was happy to hear a public safety component was part of the discussions, suggesting it be a combined police and fire substation. She asked if the Mayor's Chief of Staff could provide more details on what was discussed at the meetings with Encore and the timeline.

Council President Van Campen asked if Councilor Martins wanted to refer the item to the Government Operations committee for that discussion, and she made a motion to that effect.

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

14. C0032-24 Ordinance/s/ Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An ordinance amending the parking requirements, use regulations and dimensional standards of Section 30 "Lower Broadway Economic Development District (LBEDD)" of the City of Everett Zoning Ordinance

The item was referred to the Legislative Affairs Committee.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Katy Rogers

SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

15. C0041-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro

That The Administration take the necessary steps to ensure construction of the Fuller Street speed tables can commence once weather permits

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney stated the last update from Mr. Monty was that specifications for the work were being finalized by the transportation and engineering departments to go out to bid, with a target of having bid documents ready the first week of April. She requested the item be postponed to the second Council meeting in April to provide an update on the status of the bid process at that time.

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

16. 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:	Ordain
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	Michael Marchese
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 1]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	Hanlon

AWAY:

17. 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

The Mayor's letter stated some Councilors still needed to tour the upper levels of the old high school. Additionally, information the Council requested related to the former Pope John High School during a tour of that site was not received by the Mayor's office until late in the afternoon. The Mayor asked the items be postponed until the Council has all the information it requested.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin questioned why the issue keeps getting delayed when the Council has asked to view the building and receive information. She said it was unfair to keep dragging out the process.

Councilors Smith, Pietrantonio, Rogers and others debated whether to vote on the appropriation now or allow more time for Councilors to tour the building and get questions answered.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [8 TO 3]
AYES:	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Martins, Matewsky, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	Alcy Jabouin, Marchese, Pietrantonio
AWAY:	

18. 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.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Guerline Alcy Jabouin
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	

AWAY:

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

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney stated invitations to serve on the committee have been extended to enough residents to fill all the mayoral appointment slots. So far two have accepted, one has declined, and they are awaiting responses from three others.

The City Clerk Sergio Cornelio outlined the committee appointment process per the charter - the Council President gets four appointments (two Councilors and two residents) while the Mayor gets five resident appointments. He said the Council appointments were made last year but the Mayor has had more difficulty filling his slots, which is why the process has extended into the new year.

Councilor Martins questioned the timing of when the Council President made his appointments and suggested there should be more diverse representation. The Clerk clarified the Council appointments were made in late November after the election.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
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

Ms. Deveney's letter stated Mayor DeMaria will submit orders for the department head positions subject to Council approval at the second regular Council meeting in April. She asked to be notified in advance if the Council President, as sponsor

of the item, will request the appointments be referred to committee for discussion or taken up at the regular meeting, so the department heads can be asked to appear at the appropriate meetings.

Council President Van Campen said he believes the charter-mandated process should be followed and Council rules would suggest the appointments go to committee for the Council to review qualifications and ask questions before voting. He appreciated the administration agreeing to put the appointments before the Council.

Councilor Pietrantonio stated the Council has to follow the charter rules but the administration should have submitted these appointments sooner when the Council first asked.

Council President Van Campen made a motion to accept the communication, place it on file, and refer item 20 to the April 22 Council meeting when the appointments are submitted. The motion passed unanimously 11-0.

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

NEW BUSINESS

21. C0133-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

An order rescinding previously approved special municipal employee status designation orders as they have been determined to be no longer necessary

Council President Van Campen explained he has been working with the City Clerk and City Solicitor to clean up these designations granted over the years for positions that no longer exist or no longer need the exemption.

The order would rescind the special status for 10 positions listed in a March 26 communication from the Clerk: Disability Commission member, Director of Human Services, Data Input Clerk in Parking Clerk Dept, Elderly Assistant, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, Common Council Clerk, Technology Center Coordinator, Procurement Director, and Superintendent of Schools.

Van Campen noted this was not an all-inclusive list and some positions like School Committee member still retain the status. He explained the law allows someone to get compensated for serving in two municipal roles. More review of the designations will continue but the order before the Council was to rescind the status for the 10 identified positions.

Councilor Matewsky asked how many positions still have the designation. The Clerk stated based on current records, of 16 total positions that had the status at one time, 10 are up for rescinding tonight while 6 would maintain it. He is continuing to research if any others have been missed.

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

22. C0136-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Holly D. Garcia, Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Katy Rogers

That the city enforce the no dogs allowed in the Lafayette school field, at the request of area residents.

Councilor Garcia made a motion to refer the item to the DPW and Parks & Rec Departments to monitor and enforce the no dogs rule.

Councilor Martins said she and Councilor Rogers have also been working with a resident on this issue at other school fields students use, and she made a motion to amend the item to add herself and Councilor Rogers as co-sponsors. The motion to amend passed unanimously.

The main motion to refer item 22 as amended to the DPW and Parks & Rec Departments then passed unanimously 11-0.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Holly Garcia

SECONDER:	Michael Marchese
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

23. C0137-24 Ordinance/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers

An ordinance requiring all playing fields in Everett to use environmentally sustainable organic grass instead of artificial turf

Councilor Rogers made a motion to postpone the item to the April 22 Council meeting so she can provide more information. Councilor Smith asked if the ordinance should be a resolution instead, and Rogers said she wanted to postpone it to have a greater discussion about how to address the issue comprehensively.

Councilor Pietrantonio raised concerns about the feasibility of natural grass fields, stating in his experience working for the DPW, it was very difficult to keep grass fields playable in wet weather without damaging them. He said it was an important decision to really think through.

The motion to postpone item 23 to the April 22 meeting passed 9-1, with Councilor Smith opposed.

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

24. C0144-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the Parking Department look into improper ticketing of vehicles with employee stickers on School Street and vehicles parked in the private parcel adjacent to the lot

Councilor Martins made a motion to refer the item to the Parking Department to

investigate the alleged improper ticketing. The motion passed unanimously.

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

25. C0145-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the City of Everett strictly enforce all parking requirements throughout the City, and particularly those relating to residential parking

A motion was made and seconded to amend the item to include the entire City Council as sponsors. The motion to amend passed unanimously 11-0.

Councilor Pietrantonio, a lead sponsor, said with all the new parking restrictions and fines in place, the City needs to make sure parking staff are out ticketing violations. He suggested a monthly report on how many tickets are issued and where.

An initial motion was made to refer the item to the Parking Clerk. After some discussion, the motion was revised to refer item 25 to the Parking Department, Traffic Commission, Sgt. Gaff and Mr. Luongo for enforcement. The motion to refer item 25 as amended, passed unanimously.

26. C0146-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Anthony DiPierro

That the transportation department consider altering the plan to widen the island on Ferry St in front of Walgreens as the project would prevent the circulation of fire apparatus

Councilor Martins said the fire chief pointed out markings for a new island during a recent station tour that would be too wide for fire trucks to navigate around.

She said she heard the chief and project contractors recently met about the

issue. She made a motion to refer the item to the Transportation Department and Traffic Commission to ensure the project design accommodates public safety vehicle access.

Councilor Matewsky seconded the referral motion, but the Council President could not recognize him to speak on it since the motion came from the lead sponsor.

The motion to refer item 26 to the Transportation Department and Traffic Commission passed unanimously 8-0.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	Michael Marchese
RESULT:	Passed [8 TO 0]
AYES:	Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Van Campen
NAYS:	
AWAY:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Smith

27. C0147-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the transportation department consider scheduling a meeting with local businesses to discuss concerns regarding the bus lane

Councilor Martins said business owners have reached out to her with ongoing confusion and concerns about bus lane rules, parking options for customers and employees, and church parking on weekends.

She said the business owners suggested a meeting be arranged so they can voice concerns, get clarification on the rules, and hear about any changes or accommodations under consideration by the City.

Councilor Martins made a motion to refer the item to the Transportation Department with a request that a meeting with the businesses be scheduled, preferably on a Thursday evening. She offered to provide contact information for the owners who expressed interest.

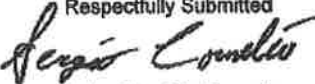
The motion to refer item 27 to the Transportation Department passed unanimously 9-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 PM

MOTION: Adjourn
MOVER: Michael Marchese
SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:
AWAY: DiPierro

Respectfully Submitted

Clerk of the City Council