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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 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 HEARINGS

1. **C0151-24** Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition from National Grid requesting to install 1 new JO mid-span pole (#2163-50) on Second Street beginning at a point approximately 275' northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Second Street & Boston Street and approximately 45' southeast of pole #2163 on Second Street

A representative from National Grid presented a petition to install 1 new pole on Second Street for a customer-driven project to provide permanent underground service at 337 Second Street. Councilors asked questions about the project details. Some expressed opposition to approving National Grid petitions due to unfinished work in the city.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public who spoke were: Stephen Altieri, Peggy Serino, Samantha Lambert, Mary Fortin, David Fortin, Steve Iannaco, Sandy Juliano, Paula Sterite, Bill Thompson and David Senatillaka.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

2. C0157-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$445,000 from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Fire salaries account, to fund the recent ratification of the Fire Union contract with the City.

The CFO asked to amend the requested appropriation from \$350,000 to \$445,000 based on a recalculation of the payments needed to fund the recently ratified fire union contract with the city.

Councilor Smith made a motion to amend the amount to \$445,000 which was seconded. The amendment passed unanimously.

A motion was then made and seconded for favorable action on the amended order. It passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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. C0161-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$150,000.00 from the General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Treasurer/Collector other expenses account. This appropriation is necessary to pay the credit card expenses for the remainder of the year.

The council voted to refer the order to the Ways and Means committee for further discussion. Councilor Marchese requested that the CFO provide the total annual amount of credit card and debit card interest paid by the city.

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

4. **C0162-24** Appointment/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the re-appointment of Colleen Mejia to the position of City Solicitor to a term ending January 5, 2026.

Items 4 through 9, which are various appointments, were referred collectively along with item 22 to the Legislative Affairs and Elections committee. Councilor Smith requested that the HR Director and Chief of Staff be invited to the committee meeting.

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

5. **C0163-24** Appointment/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the re-appointment of Jerry Navarra to the position of Executive Director of Public Works to a term ending January 5, 2026.

Items 4 through 9, which are various appointments, were referred collectively along with item 22 to the Legislative Affairs and Elections committee. Councilor Smith requested that the HR Director and Chief of Staff be invited to the committee meeting.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith

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

6. **C0164-24** Appointment/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the re-appointment of Kevin Dorgan to the position of Director of Information Technology to a term ending January 5, 2026.

Items 4 through 9, which are various appointments, were referred collectively along with item 22 to the Legislative Affairs and Elections committee. Councilor Smith requested that the HR Director and Chief of Staff be invited to the committee meeting.

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

7. **C0165-24** Appointment/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Jay Monty to the position of Director of Transportation and Mobility to a term ending January 5, 2026.

Items 4 through 9, which are various appointments, were referred collectively along with item 22 to the Legislative Affairs and Elections committee. Councilor Smith requested that the HR Director and Chief of Staff be invited to the committee meeting.

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

8. **C0166-24** Appointment/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Matt Lattanzi to the position of Executive Director of Planning and Development for a term ending January 5, 2026.

Items 4 through 9, which are various appointments, were referred collectively along with item 22 to the Legislative Affairs and Elections committee. Councilor Smith requested that the HR Director and Chief of Staff be invited to the committee meeting.

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

9. C0167-24 Appointment/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Sabrina Firicano to the position of Director of Public Health to a term ending January 5, 2026.

Items 4 through 9, which are various appointments, were referred collectively along with item 22 to the Legislative Affairs and Elections committee. Councilor Smith requested that the HR Director and Chief of Staff be invited to the committee meeting.

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

PETITIONS AND LICENSES

10. C0154-24 Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a second hand dealer's, antique, & precious metals license for Gold n' Oldies at 2044 Revere Beach Pkwy

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:

11. C0155-24 Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a junk dealer/collector license for Radius Recycling at 69 Rover Street

Items 10-12, which are license renewal petitions, were taken up collectively. The city clerk confirmed all paperwork was in order. The council unanimously approved renewing all three licenses in a single roll call vote.

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. C0156-24 Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a junk dealer/collector license for Second St Iron & Metals at 285 Second Street

Items 10-12, which are license renewal petitions, were taken up collectively. The city clerk confirmed all paperwork was in order. The council unanimously approved renewing all three licenses in a single roll call vote.

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:	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. 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 committee recommended referring the resolution back to the sponsor. The council voted to accept the committee report and refer the item back.

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

14. 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 committee recommended favorable action on the petition for extended hours for Taqueria Don Roge. The council accepted the report and unanimously approved granting the license.

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:	

15. 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

The committee recommended favorable action on the repair license petition for Rev Head Auto Group. The council accepted the report and unanimously approved granting the license.

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:

16. 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

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

The committee met on the class two dealer license petition for RM Auto Sales but made no recommendation. After discussion, the council voted unanimously to grant the license.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. C0014-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins & the Entire City Council

That the administration provide an update on the process to select a new permanent Fire Chief.

Councilor Martins asked the city clerk to read the update received on the fire chief selection process. The clerk read an email from the HR Director stating that the assessment center for fire chief candidates has been scheduled for June 11th, with two pre-meeting sessions to be held in the coming weeks to familiarize applicants with the process.

Councilor Martins made a motion to postpone the item to the second council meeting in June in order to receive a final update after the assessment center has taken place. The motion was seconded.

Councilor Pietrantonio expressed disappointment, stating he thought they were told a new chief would be in place by May. He asked for clarification on the timeline.

The mayor's chief of staff Erin Devaney was invited to speak. She explained the assessment center date was pushed to June at the request of the candidates to allow

them a fair opportunity to apply. She said the ultimate timeline to present a new chief for council approval depends on how quickly the civil service process moves after the assessment, so an exact date cannot be provided.

The motion to postpone the item to the second June meeting passed on a voice vote.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

18. 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

Councilor DiPierro shared an update from the administration that plans for the Fuller Street raised crosswalks are with procurement and will be out to bid soon, with construction targeted to start in late May or early June. He moved to refer the item back to himself as the sponsor.

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

19. 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

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [5 TO 6]
AYES:	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Martins, Matewsky
NAYS:	Alcy Jabouin, Marchese, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
AWAY:	

Mayor DeMaria and planning director Matt Lattanzi presented a cost comparison of repairing the old Everett High School vs. renovating the former Pope John school, both to address school overcrowding. Putting a new roof on the old high school to maintain its current uses would cost \$11.4M. Renovating part of Pope John for the same square footage of classroom space would cost \$31.3M.

Many councilors felt the old high school proposal lacked a comprehensive plan for fully utilizing the large building and addressing school overcrowding. Several said they could support the roof repair if it included a commitment and funding to also renovate additional floors for school use. Others wanted to see a facilities master plan for all city buildings.

Mayor DeMaria strongly advocated for the roof repair, saying without it the building would eventually become unusable, and the city would lose the existing services and community uses it houses. He agreed to meet with the superintendent to see if there is interest in using the second floor for additional school space, and provide those renovation costs.

After an hour of debate, a motion to postpone the appropriation to a future meeting failed 3-8. A motion for favorable action then failed 5-6.

20. 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:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Wayne Matewsky
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

21. 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

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Michael Marchese
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

The city clerk read a communication from the mayor appointing the following five Everett voters to the Charter Review Commission as required by the city charter:

- Rosa DiFlorio
- Jim Mastrocola
- Kathleen Parker
- David Preti
- David Senatillaka

22. 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

Items 4 through 9, which are various appointments, were referred collectively along with item 22 to the Legislative Affairs and Elections committee. Councilor Smith requested that the HR Director and Chief of Staff be invited to the committee meeting.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: [0 TO 0]
AYES:
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 stated that while the ordinance has merit, she believes it warrants a more in-depth discussion in committee rather than rushing a decision, citing health and safety concerns about artificial turf that were raised during public participation. Councilor Rogers moved to refer the ordinance to the Public Safety and Public Service committee for further discussion and study. The motion passed unanimously.

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

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

NEW BUSINESS

24. C0148-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers, Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Anthony DiPierro

A resolution requesting the status on planting trees along Elm St. and in neighborhoods throughout the community

Councilor Rogers requested an update from the administration on plans to plant trees on Elm Street and in other neighborhoods, particularly the Woodlawn section. She moved to refer the item to the Legislative Affairs committee and invite relevant officials to the meeting.

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

25. C0149-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the City of Everett gives priority to the youth sports/enrichment programs in Everett and EPS for field permits prior to providing permits to other Cities

As a board member and coach for Everett Little League, Councilor Smith has learned that Everett youth sports groups are being forced to practice in neighboring cities like Chelsea because field permits are being issued to other cities ahead of local programs.

She believes Everett youth sports should be prioritized for field space. However, there seems to be confusion over which city department actually controls the field permitting process.

Councilor Smith made a motion to refer the resolution to the DPW director, mayor's office and the Recreation and Youth Development department and request a response for the next council meeting explaining how field permits are issued and allocated. The motion was seconded.

The council voted unanimously in favor of the referral motion on a voice vote.

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

26. C0150-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the City considers building a concession stand and permanent bathrooms at the Rivergreen Park so more youth programs can utilize the fields

Councilor Smith proposed that the city look into constructing a concession stand and permanent bathrooms at Rivergreen Park, stating the lack of these facilities prevents the fields from being fully used by youth sports. She moved to refer the idea to multiple departments for a feasibility response. in writing to her as sponsor

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

27. C0153-24 Order/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the city provide an update on the construction project at the old Silver Fox on Second Street

Councilor Matewsky requested an update on the construction and timeline for a residential development approved at the former Silver Fox property on Second Street. He moved to refer the order to the Building Department and Planning Board. for a written response to Councilor Matewsky

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

28. C0158-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Holly D. Garcia

That contractors that work in the city have a designated staging area for their equipment and construction materials when they are going to be working in a designated area for more than a few days.

Councilor Garcia requested the administration and city engineer develop a policy to have construction contractors use designated staging areas for equipment and materials rather than taking up on-street parking spaces and blocking sidewalks. The council voted to refer the item to the mayor and engineer. to take appropriate action

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Holly Garcia
SECONDER:	Peter Pietrantonio
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

29. C0159-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the administration share its current economic development plan for the city

Councilor Martins requested a copy of the city's current economic development plan from the administration, stating she does not believe one exists. She moved to refer the item to the administration to either provide the plan or state that there is none in writing.

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

30. C0160-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the administration consider organizing an information forum for ARPA applications and eligibility for businesses

Councilor Martins noted that the city's ARPA website lacks information on the application process and eligibility requirements for business relief funds. She requested the administration organize workshops to educate businesses and update the website with the relevant information.

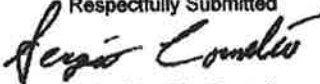
MOTION:	Refer
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MOVER: Stephanie Martins
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: **Passed [0 TO 0]**
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted

Clerk of the City Council