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MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 13, 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, Peter Pietrantonio, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Speakers were: Maria Bussell, Peggy Serino, Paula Sterite, Mary & David Fortin, John Poupolo, Sal Sacro, Samantha Lambert, Bill Thompson, Steve Iannaco and David Senatillaka.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 8th, 2024

MOTION:	Accept Meeting Minutes
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Failed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYORItem Number {{item.number}}

1. C0169-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend donations totaling \$180.00 from City of Everett employees during the month of March for the Fire Victims Fund

Items 1, 4, 5 and 6 were taken collectively.

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

2. C0170-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from Metro North Workforce Board in the amount of \$176,000 for the expansion of ongoing digital equity initiatives through the Youth Development and Enrichment office.

Items 2, 3, 7 and 8 were taken collectively.

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

3. C0174-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council Local Cultural Council Program to the Everett Cultural Council in the amount of \$30,000.00

Items 2, 3, 7 and 8 were taken collectively.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	Michael Marchese

RESULT: Passed [10 TO 0] Item Number {{item.number}}
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:
AWAY:

4. **C0185-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen as President

An order requesting approval to accept a donation from Alliance Detective and Security Service, Inc. in the amount of \$250.00 for the Everett Girls Day event on April 27, 2024.

Items 1, 4, 5 and 6 were taken collectively.

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

5. **C0186-24** 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 Lupoli Brothers Realty Trust in the amount of \$1000.00.

Items 1, 4, 5 and 6 were taken collectively.

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

6. **C0187-24** 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 Greystar in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Items 1, 4, 5 and 6 were taken collectively.

MOTION:	Favorable Action	Item Number {{item.number}}
MOVER:	Michael Marchese	
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro	
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]	
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen	
NAYS:		
AWAY:		

7. **C0188-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Everett Citizens Foundation to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$5,250 to be used at the discretion of the Council on Aging to enhance services for the senior residents of Everett.

Items 2, 3, 7 and 8 were taken collectively.

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

8. **C0189-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$20,150 to maintain and/or enhance the Emergency Preparedness System.

Items 2, 3, 7 and 8 were taken collectively.

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

9. **C0198-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Captain Paul Strong as Chief of the Everett Police Department effective July 1st, 2024, for a three year term through June 30th, 2027

A motion was made and seconded to postpone item 9, the appointment of Captain Paul Strong as Police Chief, to the June 10th council meeting.

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

10. C0199-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from the General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Human Resource Employee Buyback and Other Expenditure account. This appropriation is necessary to pay employee benefits due employees upon separation from the City

A motion was made and seconded to refer item 10, an appropriation of \$100,000 for employee separation buybacks, to the Ways and Means Committee.

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

11. C0202-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order proposing an amendment to the city's Administrative Code to create and codify an Active Transportation Advisory Committee in the City of Everett

A motion was made and seconded to refer item 11, an order to codify an Active Transportation Advisory Committee, to the Legislative Affairs and Elections Committee.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Stephanie Martins

RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]	Item Number {{item.number}}
AYES:		
NAYS:		
AWAY:		

PETITIONS AND LICENSES

12. C0177-24 Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a junk dealer/collector license for Paul Mattuchio Inc. at 366 Second Street

Items 12, 13 and 14 were taken collectively.

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

13. C0178-24 Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a junk dealer/collector license for Wentworth Precious Metals LLC at 421 Second Street

Items 12, 13 and 14 were taken collectively.

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

14. C0179-24 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 Wentworth Precious Metals at 421 Second Street

Items 12, 13 and 14 were taken collectively.

MOTION:	Favorable Action	Item Number {{item.number}}
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro	
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith	
RESULT:	Passed [8 TO 0]	
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Rogers, Van Campen	
NAYS:		
AWAY:	Pietrantonio, Smith	

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

15. Communications from the Everett School Committee regarding open discussions on school space and the formation of a school building committee

The clerk read two communications from the school committee:

- 1) A request to form a school building committee for the current proposal for a new high school, including members of the school committee, city council, administration and facilities. The motion was made by school committee member Lambert and passed 8-0.
- 2) A request that the school committee and administration be included in open discussions about school space, including development of a comprehensive study of all city-owned buildings, also proposed by Lambert and passed 8-0.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the communications and place them on file.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. **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

A motion was made and seconded to accept the committee report and enroll the LBEDD zoning amendment related to parking requirements, use regulations and dimensional standards.

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

17. C0112-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin & Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the city consider placing a moratorium on the construction of any new residential developments consisting of four units or more.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin said the committee voted to refer the resolution for a residential development moratorium back to the administration to work with the sponsors on developing criteria and report back by mid-June. She said what the city has now does not work and is unaffordable for residents. She believes a solution can be reached to help people.

Councilor Pietrantonio said everyone knows a moratorium is needed and asked if the administration needs anything from the council. The Council President suggested the sponsors contact the administration after the referral to determine how to approach it.

A motion was made and seconded to refer the item to the administration with a request to report back at the June 10 council meeting.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Guerline Alcy Jabouin
SECONDER:	Peter Pietrantonio
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

18. 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 reported the administration explained some areas lack trees due to

underground conflicts with roots. To mitigate this, residents can get a free tree through 311 or the city website. The goal is to add green space and shade trees on both private and public property.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the committee report and refer the item back to sponsor.

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

19. 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.

20. 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.

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

21. 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.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Michael Marchese
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]

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

22. 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.

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

23. 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 Ways and Means Committee voted 3-1 to recommend favorable action on item 23, appropriating \$150,000 for credit card fees. The Chief of Staff explained the fees were legitimate expenses that outpaced what was budgeted. Councilor Alcy Jabouin questioned how fees were not billed. It was clarified bills were received but there was uncertainty over which department should pay.

Councilor DiPierro said the administration indicated they are looking to roll back absorbing credit card fees in the next fiscal year budget. Councilor Pietrantonio questioned why this was not included in the original budget and said free cash should not be a go-to funding source.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the committee report and take favorable action.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [9 TO 1]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Van Campen

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

24. C0060-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the CFO provide an update on the formation of the Municipal Scholarship Committee and its potential activation for the graduating class of 2024

CFO Eric Demas provided an update on reactivating the Municipal Scholarship Committee formed by a 1975 ordinance. He reported:

- The committee has formed with all 9 members
- Around 20 scholarship applications were received by the deadline
- A 3-person subpanel will review applications this week
- The full committee will meet next Monday to award scholarships
- \$12,000 is available, with scholarships capped at \$500-\$1,000 each and \$3,000 total annually
- Funds come from a voluntary tax bill donation checkoff; records only go back 6-7 years
- An awareness campaign is planned to boost future donations

Councilors' questions covered the scholarship advertising, sustainability of funding, basis for award amounts, and renaming the scholarship to reference the city rather than the Everett High Class of 1975.

CFO Demas said the committee will recommend recipients attend the last June council meeting to receive their awards. A motion was made and seconded to refer the item back to sponsor since scholarship winners will present in June.

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

25. 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.

Councilor Marchese expressed his view that the Everett Square renovation does not make sense without adding parking spaces. He said the plan to disrupt the square for one corner is unfair to other businesses and will not reinject life if people can't park.

He credited a property owner, Mr. Rangel, for trying to reinvent the square and said he deserves credit, not criticism. Marchese opposes taking park space away and said he will vote no.

A motion was made for favorable action and seconded.

Councilor Martins made a second motion to postpone to the next meeting at the request of resident Mr. Sacco so more questions can be answered. She also asked if anything has changed on the project since the last presentation based on feedback.

Transportation Director Jay Monty was invited to appear. He reported design changes were made based on council and resident input, including moving a bus stop, checking fire truck turning movements, and allowing time to adjust the design as needed before finalizing. He addressed specific resident concerns around flooding, parking, sidewalks and pavers.

In response to councilors' questions, Monty said:

- If the \$3 million borrowing is not approved, gaming commission and grant funds can't fully cover the project
- Sidewalks will be redone on both sides of Broadway from 2nd to Church St, but not on Norwood St which was done previously
- Extending work in front of a specific building is still planned
- Meetings can be held with Mr. Sacco and area businesses/residents to review plans, but some adjustments can happen during construction
- A local market is looking at a vacant Glendale Square storefront

Councilors debated postponing a vote to allow for updated community input vs. acting quickly to start work. The Council President supported postponement to enhance the final design with more current stakeholder feedback.

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

26. 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

Councilor Smith reported Everett youth sports had issues getting field time, with a personal example of 6-7 year olds getting kicked off for older kids and out-of-town teams. She will lay the resolution on the table for two weeks to get a further response.

Councilor Pietrantonio made a motion to invite the DPW director to the next meeting to explain how field permits were given to outside groups over Everett teams. This was added to the main motion.

The amended motion to postpone to May 28 and invite the DPW director to appear passed.

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

NEW BUSINESS

27. C0168-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Councilor Michael K. Marchese

That the Administration include a representative of the City Council, to the greatest extent possible, in discussions and/or negotiations involving any Host Agreements, PILOT agreements, MOUs or MOAs with private developers

Councilor Alcy Jabouin said this resolution was submitted because the council wants to be included and updated on what's happening in the city. She made a motion to refer to the administration requesting a response in writing.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Guerline Alcy Jabouin
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

28. C0172-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals be invited to appear before the City Council, and if she can provide the Council with information for the last two years on how many variances & denials that they gave out.

Councilor Pietrantonio expressed frustration with Zoning Board decisions allowing

higher density than zoning allows. He wants the ZBA chair invited to provide the number of approvals and denials in the past year or two. Item Number {{item.number}}

A motion was made and seconded to invite the ZBA chair with the requested information to the next council meeting on May 28.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Peter Pietrantonio
SECONDER:	Michael Marchese
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

29. C0173-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Councilor Katy L. Rogers

That the Superintendent of Schools, and any relevant representatives of the school administration appear before the City Council to present and discuss existing and foreseeable space needs throughout the entire district at all grade levels including potential use of Pope John and the former Everett High School

Councilor Alcy Jabouin made a motion to invite the Superintendent to present at the next council meeting on school space needs and use of the former Pope John and Everett High buildings.

Councilor Smith questioned if two weeks was enough notice. Alcy Jabouin said the Superintendent indicated decisions were his, not the administration's, so the council wants his plans on record before the end of the school year.

The Council President suggested the June 10 meeting after graduation may be more appropriate. Councilor Rogers made an amended motion to invite the Superintendent and appropriate school officials to the June 10 meeting, which passed.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Guerline Alcy Jabouin
SECONDER:	Stephanie Martins
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

30. C0175-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the city considers acquiring two credit card terminals (one for each library) so they can process overdue fees Item Number {{item.number}}

Councilor Smith reported an issue at the library where she couldn't pay overdue fees or check out more books because they can't process credit cards, only cash. She made a motion to refer to the administration to look into providing a credit card terminal so people can pay fees if they don't have cash.

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

31. C0180-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

A order amending the City Council's current remote participation rules for members

Referred to the Legislative Affairs and Elections Committee.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

32. C0181-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

An order amending the Everett City Council rule regarding City Council member's actual and necessary expenses

Referred to the Legislative Affairs and Elections Committee.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro

RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]	Item Number {{item.number}}
AYES:		
NAYS:		
AWAY:		

33. C0190-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Councilor Michael K. Marchese

A resolution requesting that the Planning and Development Department engage the owners of the Glendale Square Shopping Center to discuss the future of the plaza and to potentially form a public / private partnership moving forward.

Councilor DiPierro said he and Councilor Marchese want to refer this resolution to the Community Business Development committee. With 3 of 5 storefronts vacant at Glendale Square, they want the city to engage the owners on the future of the property before it's too late, as with the Eagle Bank building.

Councilor Marchese said there is potential to work with the current owners on expanding/developing the site or to find a new anchor grocery store tenant, perhaps with tax incentives. He suggested inviting city planning officials to participate in the discussion.

A motion was made and seconded to refer the item to the CBD committee and invite the director of planning and any interested administration officials.

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

34. C0192-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Holly D. Garcia

That the city reconsiders the traffic pattern on Rich St. at the request of homeowners

Councilor Garcia reported longstanding resident requests to address traffic and parking congestion issues on Rich St, which is half in Everett and half in Malden behind the Lafayette School. Recently an ambulance was unable to get through. She suggested making the Everett side one-way opposite the Malden side.

Councilor Garcia made a motion to refer the item to the Traffic Commission for consideration at their next meeting.

MOTION:	Refer	Item Number {{item.number}}
MOVER:	Holly Garcia	
SECONDER:	Stephanie Martins	
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]	
AYES:		
NAYS:		
AWAY:		

35. C0193-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Holly D. Garcia

That the administration considers adding visual communication boards to all offices that work directly with the public

Councilor Garcia spoke about the need for better communication accessibility in city offices for disabled and non-English speaking residents. She shared an example visual communication board with pictures/symbols to help those with limited language skills. She said this is an inexpensive laminated option used in special education that could help people with disabilities live more independently and assist when no translator is available.

Councilor Garcia made a motion to refer the item to the administration with a request for a written response, extending her offer to help create the boards.

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

36. C0194-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky, Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Katy L. Rogers, Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Councilor Holly D. Garcia

That the Everett Police Department consider abiding by the Emergency Animal Control Calls Ordinance and dispatch the ACO to emergency animal calls as outlined by the ordinance as a service to our residents.

Councilor Martins said she has filed multiple orders about animal control issues in Everett. An ordinance outlines when the animal control officer (ACO) should respond to emergency calls, but it is still not being followed, with a recent example of police having a deceased pet put in the trash truck rather than calling the ACO to transport it to the vet as the owner requested. She met with the police chief and administration but is asking for their support to change the policy since the council can't direct

departments.

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Councilor Alcy Jabouin suggested requesting data on animal-related calls to gauge the extent of the problem.

A motion was made and seconded to refer the item to the administration for action and request data on after-hours animal calls. The word "abide" in the resolution was changed to "consider abiding."

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

37. C0195-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the administration consider creating a business assistance fund for businesses affected by the ongoing construction in the city and the significant impacts to their business revenue

Councilor Martins said businesses are reporting major revenue impacts from road closures and construction disruption, sometimes without any notice. With the city sitting on unallocated ARPA funds for business relief, she suggested using some to assist these businesses, citing an example of one that had to prioritize payroll over utility bills. She made a motion to refer to the administration for a response on better construction notification and a funding solution, perhaps using unspent ARPA money.

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

38. C0197-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

A resolution requesting the creation of a zoning plan to provide available incentives for the construction of workforce housing

Councilor Martins requested to postpone this item to the next meeting, noting the text of the resolution was incomplete. She clarified it refers to extending existing state incentives to encourage workforce housing development. She will send it to the planning department in addition to postponing to May 28 when the full text will be available.

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

39. C0203-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin

An resolution requesting that the Everett Youth Initiative Council to come to the May 13th meeting to present their ARPA projects, and the status as it it nearing the end of the school year.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin made a motion to send a communication inviting the Youth Council to present at the next council meeting on May 28.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Guerline Alcy Jabouin
SECONDER:	Stephanie Martins
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

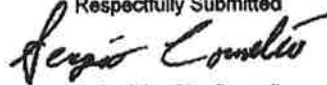
A. Councilor Holly D. Garcia

That all faded street parking signs be replaced with new ones
The maintenance request was automatically referred to the DPW once it was read, no vote required.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted

Clerk of the City Council