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Ways and Means Committee  
May 28, 2024

The Committee on Ways and Means met on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding; Councilors Holly Garcia and Robert Van Campen, as ex-officio.

Members absent were Councilor Stephanie Smith and Guerline Alcy Jabouin.

The Committee met on an Order from Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President: An Order requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000.00 from the General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance to the Human Resource Employee Buyback and Other Expenditures account. This appropriation is necessary to pay employee benefits due employees upon separation from the city.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney was also present.

In a communication from Councilor Smith, she explained to the members of the Committee that the City Council as part of their budget cuts last year cut \$200,000 of the Employee Buyback account to bring it to \$800,000. We asked the Administration to come before us if there was additional funding needed. Since January of 2024, there were 2 Police retirements and 2 Firefighter retirements which occurred in March/April and account for 80% of the Buy Back expended since January 2024 was over \$300,000. The amount expended for the total FY24 as of May 14<sup>th</sup> was \$765,000. These retirements were not considered when the City Council made their budget cuts and I ask the Council to vote in favor of appropriating the additional \$100,000. Councilor Van Campen moved for 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

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