



MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 7:00 PM**

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**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, Wayne Matewsky, Peter Pietrantonio, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. **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

Council President Van Campen opened the public hearing, no one spoke in favor or against.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 13, 2024

MOTION:	Accept Meeting Minutes
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 28, 2024

MOTION:	Accept Meeting Minutes
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

2. C0219-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to transfer \$24,000 from the Veterans Benefit Allowance account to the Veterans Salary account. This transfer is necessary to cover increased salary expenditures due to an employee absence

Rule 13 was suspended to approve the order.

Director Coleman explained that while he was out on leave for a month and a half, employee Jerry Miranda covered the office full time, including claims and administrative duties, so this transfer is to pay her overtime for that.

Councilor Matewsky asked if the state reimburses the city for veteran's services salaries. Director Coleman clarified the state reimburses 75% of Chapter 115 veteran benefits like financial assistance, medical costs, etc. but not salaries.

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

3. **C0220-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Department of Fire Service, Executive Office of Public Safety, in the amount of \$9,800 to provide fire and life safety education to school-age students and/or senior citizens.

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

4. **C0224-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to transfer \$130,000 from the Health Department Salaries account to the Health Department Professional Services account. The Health Department is requesting this transfer to continue utilizing Cataldo as an outside staffing company to address school nurse staffing issues until the open vacancies have been filled.

Councilor Pietrantonio asked what happens to the \$130,000 if the vacancies get filled. The Health Director explained the money is for already funded positions, so it would transfer back to fund the salaries of the filled positions.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin asked for further clarification. The Health Director explained there are 22 funded school nurse positions, with 12 currently filled and 10 vacancies. This transfer is to pay Cataldo staffing to fill those vacancies in the meantime. If all 10 positions got filled, the \$130,000 would transfer back to pay those salaries. But she doesn't expect to be able to fill all the vacancies in the foreseeable future.

Councilor Rogers asked how they are handling the vacant positions in the schools currently. The Health Director said they are using Cataldo staffing, which is what this transfer will allow them to continue.

MOTION: Favorable Action

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

5. C0225-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate by borrowing \$2,000,000.00 to fund the MSBA New High School Feasibility Study

Item referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

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

PETITIONS AND LICENSES

6. C0214-24 Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the approval of a new class two motor vehicle dealer license for R.D. Auto Repair at 88 East Elm Street

The Clerk noted the petitioners are current license holders in the city. Councilor Matewsky said he and Councilor Hanlon met with the new owners before the meeting. He said the previous owner Mr. Gear passed away and his son is handling the real estate. All paperwork seems in order, so given it is summertime, he asked the Council to vote favorably so they can get their permit quickly.

A motion was made and seconded to suspend the rules, which passed unanimously. A motion was then made and seconded for favorable action, which also passed unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen

NAYS:
AWAY: Marchese

7. **C0215-24** Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a lodging house license for the Bill Moore House at 76 Norwood Street

Items 7&8 were taken collectively and passed unanimously.

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

8. **C0216-24** Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a lodging house license for the Hancock Hotel at 19 Hancock Street

Items 7&8 were taken collectively and passed unanimously.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. **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.

MOTION: Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER: Guerline Alcy Jabouin
SECONDER: Peter Pietrantonio

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

10. 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

The Superintendent is unable to attend this meeting but has requested to postpone to the June 24th meeting, when he and his staff can attend.

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

11. 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

This item was taken out of order at the start of the meeting. Councilor DiPierro moved for favorable action, which was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Chief Strong was then sworn in by the City Clerk. The Chief made remarks thanking various people. The meeting then recessed for 10 minutes.

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

12. C0209-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the Veterans Director come to the next meeting and explain office hours and services, as well as how many memorial squares have to be installed

Councilor Pietrantonio asked about the office location, noting complaints that it is on the 2nd floor. Director Coleman said it was originally on the 1st floor but moved upstairs during COVID for privacy reasons. He has spoken with the Mayor's office about renovations to allow moving it back downstairs while still having a private space upstairs if needed. He expects it will move back to the 1st floor.

Councilor Pietrantonio asked about memorial plaques that need to be installed, specifically for George Desiderio. Director Coleman said there are about 22 plaques pending from during COVID. He met with the administration to get dates for dedication ceremonies that will work for the families and expects to have dates to reach out to the families next week.

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

NEW BUSINESS

13. C0217-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Councilor Katy L. Rogers

A resolution requesting that the Department of Public Works install bat boxes in Glenwood Cemetery as an insect deterrent as summer is approaching

Councilor DiPierro moved to refer this item to the Department of Public Works with a request that they install bat boxes in Glenwood Cemetery as an insect deterrent as summer is approaching. The Clerk asked DiPierro to explain what a bat box is. DiPierro explained it is a small wooden structure, like a birdhouse, that attracts bats to nest. They then eat mosquitos, helping with that issue. The motion to refer passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

AWAY:

14. C0218-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Councilor Katy L. Rogers

A resolution requesting that the Department of Conservation and Recreation install bat boxes along the culvert behind Grover Street to help combat the mosquito issues the neighborhood faces in the summer months

Councilor DiPierro explained this is the same issue as item 13. He has spoken with Representative McGonigal who will contact the DCR Commissioner. He moved to refer the item to the DCR and Rep. McGonigal's office, which was seconded.

Councilor Rogers moved to amend the item to add Councilor Hanlon as a cosponsor, which passed unanimously. She then moved to further amend to include Dartmouth Street for consideration, which also passed unanimously.

The motion to refer the item as amended passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

15. C0223-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Holly D. Garcia

That the administration provide an update on the current use and future plans for the former Pope John building.

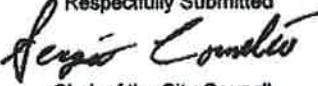
Councilor Garcia noted this has been a topic of discussion for a while and residents want to know what is going on with the building. While it is being sent to the Superintendent, she would also like it to go to the administration for their feedback. She moved to refer it to the administration with a request for a written response in 2 weeks (at the June 24th meeting). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted

Clerk of the City Council