



MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 6:00 PM

EVERETT CITY HALL, 484 BROADWAY, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR
EVERETT, MA 02149

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ROLL CALL

Members Present

Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Anthony DiPierro, Holly Garcia, John Hanlon, Michael Marchese, Wayne Matewsky, Katy Rogers, Peter Pietrantonio, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **C0182-24** Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

The Everett City Council, in accordance with Section 6-4 of the City Charter, shall conduct a public hearing to allow the public to speak on the proposed City of Everett's Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget Appropriations including the General Fund Budget, the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget and the ECTV Enterprise Fund Budget.

Councilor John Hanlon moved to take both Public Hearings, items 1 and 2 collectively, which was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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John Puopolo, resident, criticized the practice of city employees taking home vehicles for call-outs. He noted a lack of funding to address school overcrowding and suggested many departments are over funded to increase free cash. He pointed out inconsistencies in flag placement on city streets and questioned the source of funds for this. Lastly, he supported the council's decision not to approve the CIP without detailed plans.

Paula Sterite, resident, criticized the budget increase and use of free cash. She questioned salaries, particularly the mayor's administrator and the wellness center management contract with PlayFit. She raised concerns about finance charges, insurance policy payments, the school department charge-backs, and the cost of allowing employees to take city vehicles home. She suggested putting the city's advertising contract out to bid, questioned grants and earmarks spending, and urged a more modern, efficient approach to running the 311 call center. Lastly, she supported the council's decision on the CIP and questioned the fairness of water and sewage fees for new developments.

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

2. C0183-24 Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

The Everett City Council, in accordance with Section 6-5(b) of the City Charter, shall conduct a public hearing to allow the public to speak on the City of Everett's Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Capital Improvement Plans including the General Fund Capital Improvement Plan and the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Improvement Plan

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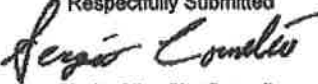
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RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
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AWAY:	

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted

Clerk of the City Council