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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
June 13, 2024

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 6pm in the City Council Chambers.

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

Members present were Councilor Michael Marchese, presiding, Councilors Stephanie Smith, Katy Rogers and Robert Van Campen, as ex-officio. Member absent was Councilor Stephanie Martins who was away and unable to attend.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Katy Rogers: An Ordinance requiring playing fields in Everett to use environmentally sustainable organic grass.

David Flood, Legislative Research Specialist was also present.

Councilor Rogers informed the Committee that her intent was to create an Ordinance as she mentioned heat stress, injuries and environmental concerns as the major issues related to artificial surfaces on playing fields and the need to replace with organic grass. Councilor Rogers noted that she planned to meet with the Conservation Agent to assist in shaping an Ordinance. Chairman Marchese indicated that he would like to hear the pro's and con's on this proposal. Councilors Smith and Van Campen suggested that the Sponsor meet with the Conservation Agent, City Solicitor and City Council Legislative staff to draft a proposal that the Committee would be able to review at the next meeting.

The Committee voted: to grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Robert Van Campen, as President: An Order amending the City Council's remote participation rules for members.

David Flood, Legislative Research Specialist was also present.

Councilor Van Campen explained that the intent of the proposal was to define circumstances that would allow members to participate remotely. Mr. Flood informed the members that based on the discussion at the previous committee meeting on the subject matter he had removed at the Presidents discretion and amended paragraph 4 by adding the language "due to circumstances that are beyond the Councilor's control" and he added a new paragraph 5 that now reads as follows: "If the councilor's attendance at a special meeting of the city council that is scheduled on a day other than those days reserved for regular city council meetings would be beneficial due to there being items on the meeting's agenda that require a two-thirds vote of the entire city council."

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation of Favorable Action as amended.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
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#3- C0181-24

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilors Robert Van Campen and Stephanie Smith: An Order amending the City Council's rule regarding member's actual and necessary expenses.

David Flood, Legislative Research Specialist was also present.

Councilor Smith noted that no changes to the proposal were made from the previous Committee meeting on the subject matter and mentioned that the proposal was being presented due to some Councilors spending more than their expected allotment. Mr. Flood concurred that no one had approached him with any changes since the proposal was discussed at the last Committee meeting.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation of Favorable Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees