



## MEETING MINUTES

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024 7:00 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, Stephanie Martins, Wayne Matewsky, Peter Pietrantonio, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCE'S

1. Presentation of Everett '75 Scholarships to Recipients

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. **C0221-24** Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting that National Grid be granted permission to install 1 new JO pole (3021-50) on Beacham Street to accommodate and provide a permanent underground service at 212 Beacham Street

The public hearings for items 1 and 2 were opened and then closed after the petitioner spoke.

- Councilor Hanlon moved for favorable action, stating the petitions were the most complete ones received.
- Councilor Rogers stated she would vote no until National Grid responds regarding the Chapter 91 path.
- Councilor Matewsky stated he spoke to the National Grid representative about construction issues at Paris St and Lewis St. He will vote in favor but wants the issues looked into.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Hanlon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [9 TO 2]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Smith, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, Rogers
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**3. C0222-24 Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President**

A petition requesting that National Grid be granted permission to install approximately 10' feet of 2-4" conduit from existing pole #3022-0 to private property at 212 Beacham Street to provide a permanent underground service.

The public hearings for items 1 and 2 were opened and then closed after the petitioner spoke.

- Councilor Hanlon moved for favorable action, stating the petitions were the most complete ones received.
- Councilor Rogers stated she would vote no until National Grid responds regarding the Chapter 91 path.
- Councilor Matewsky stated he spoke to the National Grid representative about construction issues at Paris St and Lewis St. He will vote in favor but wants the issues looked into.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Hanlon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [9 TO 2]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Smith, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, Rogers
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Joint Convention of the City Council & School Committee (FY25 Budget Presentation) – May 16, 2024

<b>MOTION:</b>	Accept Meeting Minutes
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peter Pietrantonio
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	

**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**

**4. C0226-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order recommending the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget as submitted by His Honor the Mayor and as amended by the City Council in the amount of \$281,761,273.00

- Councilor Van Campen thanked members for a thorough budget process that reduced the budget by over \$500,000.
- He stressed the need to wean off the practice of using free cash to fund the operating budget, but stated he will vote in favor.
- Councilor Alcy Jabouin stated she will vote no, feeling the budget gave out high-paid jobs to people who don't show up for work. She said it's time to run the city like a business.

**MOTION:** Favorable Action  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Stephanie Smith  
**RESULT:** **Passed [10 TO 1]**  
**AYES:** DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen  
**NAYS:** Alcy Jabouin  
**AWAY:**

**5. C0227-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order recommending the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$22,492.927.00

**MOTION:** Favorable Action  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Stephanie Smith  
**RESULT:** **Passed [11 TO 0]**  
**AYES:** Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**6. C0228-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order recommending the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 ECTV Enterprise Fund Budget as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$565,832.00

**MOTION:** Favorable Action  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Stephanie Smith

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [11 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**7. C0229-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order recommending the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Capital Improvement Plan as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$55,033,741.00

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Hanlon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Marchese
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [9 TO 2]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	Garcia, Smith
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**8. C0230-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order recommending the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Improvement Plan as submitted by His Honor the Mayor in the amount of \$7,229,800.00

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Hanlon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Marchese
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [11 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**9. C0231-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order recommending the authorization of the FY2025 expenditure limits for the city's 53E½ Revolving Funds in use by many city departments.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	John Hanlon
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Marchese
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [11 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**10. C0233-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Mass Hire Metro North Workforce Board for use by the Youth Development and Enrichment department in the amount of \$128,081.25 to be used to provide young Everett residents with workforce skills.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [11 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**11. C0236-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend donations totaling \$150.00 from City of Everett employees during the months of April and May for the Fire Victims Fund.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [11 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**12. C0237-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to expend \$10,000,000 from ARPA funds for Improvements at the Old Everett High School including the replacement of the roof.

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

This item was taken collectively with items 22 and 25. Superintendent Hart appeared before the Council stating he and the Mayor discussed the use of the Old Everett High School on Broadway to be used as a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade academy similarly to when Everett had the Parlin Junior High School. The cost estimates are in the 60 million dollar range but there were not much else to be discussed as the city was waiting on if the Council was to be on board with the project. This estimate does not include the roof which is another 10 million dollars. Councilors expressed some enthusiasm over having some plan but still worried about having other uses in the same building as the school and utilizing the building for both a preschool and Junior High School. Other Councilors stated that the City

has a school building that is newer and more easily renovated in the Pope John High School and that should be what we use to help solve overcrowding. Superintendent Hart stated he was only offered the High School and that is why there is a plan to renovate the Old EHS which would be able to hold all the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students across the city and that it is centrally located. The Council requested more information be presented by the Administration on the potential for the use of old EHS as a school before they would approve the 10 million for the roof. The item was postponed to have the Administration come back with the Superintendent with a more comprehensive plan and assessment of the building with a breakdown of the full cost to renovate the building.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 13. C0171-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

In accordance with Sections 6-2 and 6-3 of the City Charter, His Honor Mayor Carlo DeMaria hereby calls for a joint meeting of the City Council and School Committee for the presentation of the city's proposed Fiscal Year 2025 operating budgets and to review the city's budget policy.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Accept Committee Report
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

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

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

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Marchese
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [10 TO 1]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	Hanlon
<b>AWAY:</b>	

### 15. 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

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [11 TO 0]</b>

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

**16. 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.

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

**17. C0207-24** Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the DPW Director come to the next meeting to explain the maintenance of our City traffic islands and parks

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

**18. C0208-24** Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the DPW provide an update on the port a potty that I ordered for the Northern Trail at Wellington Ave

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

**19. C0206-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend an additional award of funds for a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of

\$2,148.57 under the Recycling Dividends Program of the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Stephanie Martins
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**20. 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

- Councilor Pietrantonio asked where the 77% reimbursement goes. Councilor Smith stated it's not actually being expended.
- CFO Eric Demas clarified the city will expend the funds and then submit to MSBA for reimbursement. The net difference is what the council would bond or find another funding source for.
- Councilor Alcy Jabouin asked if it's wasted money if no action is taken on the report findings. CFO Demas confirmed the report is required by MSBA to move forward with a new high school project.
- Councilor Garcia asked if the reimbursement rate is in a contractual agreement. CFO Demas said the current disclosed rate is 77.15% but it's unknown if that could change in the future.
- Councilor Rogers asked if the reimbursement is contingent on approving the study results. CFO Demas said as long as costs are eligible and approved by MSBA, they will reimburse until the city states they are no longer pursuing the project.
- Councilor DiPierro reiterated this is the second feasibility study and not approving it may jeopardize future involvement with the school building authority.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Hanlon
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [9 TO 2]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Martins, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, Marchese
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**21. C0014-24** Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins & the Entire City Council



That the administration provide an update on the process to select a new permanent Fire Chief.

- Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Devaney was invited to provide an update.
- She stated a written communication was submitted confirming the assessment center was conducted on June 11th with 5 candidates.
- Results were shared with the Civil Service Commission who will take 2-6 weeks to verify candidate information.
- Once an eligible list and scores are published, the mayor as appointing authority will make a recommendation to the council for approval.
- In response to Councilor Martins, she confirmed after receiving the eligible list, the mayor intends to go with the assessment center scoring and ranking, absent any disqualifying information.
- Councilor Pietrantonio asked if the council will see candidate scores. Ms. Devaney believes they become published like other civil service lists.

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

**22. 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.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Postpone
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wayne Matewsky
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**23. 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

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guerline Alcy Jabouin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Katy Rogers
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>

**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**24. 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.

**MOTION:** Refer Back to Sponsor(s)  
**MOVER:** Michael Marchese  
**SECONDER:** John Hanlon  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**25. 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.

**MOTION:** Refer Back to Sponsor(s)  
**MOVER:** Guerline Alcy Jabouin  
**SECONDER:** Holly Garcia  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**26. 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.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**27. C0232-24** Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order recommending the cancelation of the regular City Council meetings of July 8, 2024, August 12, 2024 and August 26, 2024

- Council President Van Campen stated this is consistent with historic council practice and the July 22nd meeting will still be held.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert Van Campen
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [10 TO 1]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
<b>NAYS:</b>	Pietrantonio
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**28. C0234-24** Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen & the Entire Membership of the City Council

That the City of Everett honor the distinguished and exemplary service of Mary F. Aleo in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. during World War II, and find an appropriate way to recognize and honor all female veterans who have served throughout our nation's history

- Council President Van Campen provided background on Mary Aleo's service in the Women's Army Corps during WWII.

- He expressed the need to recognize female veterans' contributions and referred the item to the Veteran Services officer for action on honoring Ms. Aleo and all female veterans.

- A motion was made and seconded to add Councilor Matewsky as a co-sponsor, as he was a friend of the Aleo family.

- Council President Van Campen further moved to attach the entire City Council as co-sponsors. The motion was seconded. ad approved unanimously.

- The item was referred to the Veterans Services Director for action.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert Van Campen
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Stephanie Martins
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**29. C0235-24** Resolution/s/ Councilor Katy Rogers

A resolution to recognize the City of Everett as a Blue Carbon community to promote the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of our water and wetlands

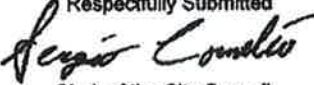
- Councilor Rogers explained the resolution recognizes Everett's environmental goals regarding marine and aquatic habitats, especially the Malden River waterfront.
- She noted the city has made strides in this by planting trees, removing invasive species, hosting cleanups, etc.
- A motion was made and seconded to refer item 29 to the administration for action.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Katy Rogers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peter Pietrantonio
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM

<b>MOTION:</b>	Adjourn
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Hanlon
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

Respectfully Submitted  
  
Clerk of the City Council