

The Committee on Ways and Means met on Thursday, September 19, 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 Stephanie Smith, presiding; Councilors Anthony DiPierro, and Holly Garcia. Member absent was Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin.

The Committee met on an Order from Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President: An order requesting approval to appropriate \$918,100.00 from the Capital Stabilization account for the following 10 capital improvement projects and purchases:

- # 1 Police Nonadministrative Vehicles (Patrol Division) \$140,000
 - # 2 Police Administrative Vehicle \$120,000,
 - #3 Parking Control Vehicle \$44,000
 - #4 Public Safety Radio Improvements \$265,000
 - # 5 Police Body Armor \$26,300
 - # 6 Police Taser Upgrades \$82,800
 - # 7 Council on Aging Van \$50,000
 - # 8 Inspectional Services Vehicles \$65,000
 - # 9 Fire Department Turnout Gear \$60,000
 - #10 Engineering Vehicles \$65,000
- TOTAL: \$918,100.00

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The balance in the Capital Stabilization account as of 6/30/24 is \$8,048,356

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas, Police Captain Demetri O'Malley, Fire Chief Joe Hickey, Director of Engineering Eric Swanson and Director of Inspectional Services David Palumbo were also present.

Councilor DiPierro thanked Captain O'Malley for the email breakdown related to the Police department expenditure items. Captain O'Malley explained that the vehicles for the patrol division would be hybrid interceptors replacing old patrol vehicles. He noted that the funding for the Body Armor was actually part of a 5 year payment plan. Mr. Demas explained that the City was acquiring a new van for the Council on Aging in order to provide better service to constituents rather than contract out. Councilor DiPierro remarked that he was grateful to hear this news since he had previously requested that a van be acquired for the Council on Aging. Councilor Garcia also remarked that this was awesome to hear about this brand new service which she felt was much needed. Chairperson Smith inquired if the van would be a 12 seater and Mr. Demas responded that he was unsure at this time since State contract requirements would dictate what size van the City can get for the requested amount. Chief Hickey explained that the Turnout gear requested for the Fire Department was for the five new hires as well as to replace some defective equipment for current firefighters. Chief Hickey mentioned that he was waiting on dates from Human Resources on when the new hires would be expected to start. Mr. Swanson explained that the 2 vehicles his department was requesting was to replace vehicles 9 to 11 years old that have reached the end of their useful live. Chairperson Smith asked Mr. Swanson if these vehicles would be taken home and Mr. Swanson confirmed that they would.

Mr. Palumbo explained that his department was also replacing two older vehicles. Councilor Garcia asked if these vehicles would be taken home and Mr. Palumbo responded that he was unsure at this time since some do and some don't.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation for Favorable action on the Order as submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee met on an Order from Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President: An order requesting approval that the amount of \$2,365,000.00 be appropriated by borrowing for the following two (2) capital improvement projects: Fire Engine Replacement and Stadium Turf.

1. Fire Engine Replacement for \$965,000.00
 2. Stadium Turf for \$1,400,000.00
- TOTAL : 2,365,000.00

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas, Fire Chief Joe Hickey and Director of Public Works Jerry Navarra were also present.

Chief Hickey explained that the Fire Department would be replacing Engine 3 which was 14 years old noting that these Fire Engines only have a lifespan of 12 to 15 years. He informed the Committee that Engine 3 would only be used as a backup to replace and even older engine that was the current spare. Mr. Navarra provided the Committee with a communication from Mayor Carlo DeMaria in which the Mayor stated that the City would be taking a hybrid approach to introducing natural fields in certain locations while maintaining the stadium with artificial turf would help avert the unintended negative impact of leaving less available open space for residents to access. Mr. Navarra explained that the stadium turf had reached its useful life and that the plan would be to install the new turf starting in the spring time so that the field would be ready for next football season. Chairperson Smith wanted assurances that the new turf would provide safety first to any users and Mr. Navarra assured her that the layering in the field would be nice and cushy.

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The Committee met on an Order from Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President: An order requesting approval to raise and appropriate the sum of \$203,286 to the School department's contracted service account based on the additional Chapter 70 funding posted in the final FY25 state budget.

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas, Superintendent William Hart and School Budget Direct Chris Schweitzer were also present.

Mr. Schweitzer explained that a similar occurrence happened 3 years ago as it related to the State Budget process being finalized after the City budget resulting in the unanticipated additional Chapter 70 funding. Chairperson Smith asked if the appropriation would be earmarked for a specific school and Superintendent Hart responded that it would be disbursed across the school district.

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The Committee met on an Order from Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President: An order requesting approval to repurpose \$1,971,000 in previously bonded school capital improvements funds to fully fund the project to replace equipment controls at Everett High School

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas, and School Director of Facilities Rob Moreschi were also present.

The Committee was informed that the City Council had already approved bonding for the \$1,971,000 school capital improvement project but was now looking for approval to repurpose \$771,900 of the unexpended funds. Mr. Demas explained that the repurposed amount will now be bonded at the lower interest rate that was reduced by the Feds early today. Mr. Moreschi informed the Committee that the funds will be used for a complete replacement of all HVAC controls at the high school which he expected to be a big project. Chairperson Smith asked if the funding would be sufficient to cover the entire project and Mr. Moreschi stated that he felt comfortable with the appropriation.

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