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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
October 15, 2024

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Tuesday, October 15, 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, Stephanie Martins and Robert Van Campen, as ex-officio.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Katy Rogers: An Ordinance pertaining to trees in the City of Everett.

Councilor Rogers informed the Committee that she had a meeting with Arborist Jacob St. Louis, City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and City Council Legislative Research Analyst David Flood to fine tune the Ordinance which she noted was influenced by State guidelines. Councilor Smith asked if the Building Department was in agreement with the proposal and Councilor Rogers responded that everyone was on the same page regarding the Ordinance.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation for Favorable action.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Robert Van Campen, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Mirlande Felissaint as Director of Elections/Registrar for a term ending January 5, 2026.

Councilor Van Campen referenced the redacted resumes the Committee had requested for the Director of Elections position at the last meeting and noted that he was in discussions with the Administration for the past few days with regards to this request but was informed that the Administration would not provide since it was not a matter for public record as stated at the last meeting. Councilor Van Campen stated that it was important to have this information relative to the experiences others may have had in elections whereas the Candidate being appointed by the Administration has no experience in elections. He remarked that since the Administration had provided no additional information on the appointment nor did the Committee receive any resume from the Candidate being appointed by the Administration and suggested that the matter be referred out of Committee with an unfavorable recommendation.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with an unfavorable recommendation.

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