

#1 - C0393-24

Ways and Means Committee
December 2, 2024

The Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, December 2, 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.

Communication received from Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin that she would be unable to attend due to a work commitment.

The Committee met on an Order offered by Councilor Robert Van Campen, as President: An Order requesting approval to appropriate \$66,500 from General Fund Budgetary Balance (Free Cash) to the Treasurer/Collector Other Expenses Account. This appropriation is necessary to cover the e-check fees for the remainder of the year, as well as resident stickers, postage fees and lockbox services.

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas was also present.

Councilor DiPierro remarked that the City Council was looking to maintain a happy medium to the residents as it related to fees the City would be absorbing when residents made payment to the City. He noted that he supports the covering of the e-check fees but not the credit card fees. Councilor Garcia concurred in doing anything they could do to help residents. Mr. Demas informed the committee that a lot of people are unhappy that the City is no longer covering the credit card fee, which has created longer lines at City Hall with people paying in person. Mr. Demas also mentioned that the City has been receiving a lot more checks through the mail which has created additional costs for the lockbox fees. He explained that the increase in postage was a direct result of the national election. Councilor DiPierro asked if the FY26 Budget will reflect the need to increase these line items in the budget to avoid the need to come before the City Council for additional funding during the year and Mr. Demas assured him that the Budget will reflect the projected costs. Chairperson Smith asked if this appropriation would indeed cover these items through the end of the fiscal year and Mr. Demas responded that it would.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

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#2 - C0396-24

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Communication received from Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin that she would be unable to attend due to a work commitment.

The Committee met on a Resolution offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as Chairperson: That the Administration provides the FY25 Q1 financials for review.

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas was also present.

Councilor Smith provided a list written questions to Mr. Demas for Quarter 1 review with regards to expenses, revenues and Free Cash. Mr. Demas provided the Committee with a hard copy of the responses shown in RED (attached to original report) from the respective Departments to the questions posed. The Committee reviewed each question along with the responses with Mr. Demas. No further questions were asked and the committee recommended that the matter be placed on file.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation to place on File.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees