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MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 7:00 PM

EVERETT CITY HALL, 484 BROADWAY, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR
EVERETT, MA 02149

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Anthony DiPierro, Holly Garcia, John Hanlon, Wayne Matewsky, Peter Pietrantonio, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen, Stephanie Martins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 09/23/2024

The minutes were taken collectively and approved unanimously.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 10/15/2024

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 10/28/2024

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 11/12/2024

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 11/25/2024

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

1. C0004-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend donations from Steven S. Luongo to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$500 and to the Office of Human Services in the amount of \$500

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith
RESULT: Passed [10 TO 0]

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

2. **C0006-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a donation from the Eagle Bank in the amount of \$500.00 to support the city's annual Tree Lighting Event

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:
AWAY:

3. **C0007-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a donation from the Everett Foundation for Aged Persons in the amount of \$11,708.00 to the Council on Aging

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:
AWAY:

4. **C0012-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend donations totaling \$160.00 from City of Everett employees during the month of December for the Fire Victims Fund. Employees are given the opportunity to wear jeans on Thursdays by making a \$5.00 to the Fire Victims Fund. These funds are collected weekly

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:
AWAY:

5. **C0023-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order to approve the disclosure filed by Kevin Noonan who has disclosed a financial interest in a municipal contract. Noonan Concessions, a company owned by Kevin Noonan, contracts with the city at certain community events

Referred to the Legislative Affairs committee.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	John Hanlon
SECONDER:	Wayne Matewsky
RESULT:	Passed [8 TO 1]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Smith, Martins
NAYS:	Van Campen
AWAY:	Rogers

6. **C0025-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order to appropriate \$35,000 from Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Human Resources professional services account to cover additional costs related to workers compensation

Referred to the Ways and Means committee.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Robert Van Campen
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

PETITIONS AND LICENSES

7. **C0008-25** Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Fast & Furious Motor Inc. at 153 Ferry Street

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Wayne Matewsky
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:
AWAY:

8. C0009-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class three motor vehicle dealer license for Second St Iron & metals at 285 Second Street

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:
AWAY:

9. C0010-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Classic Cars of Boston Inc. at 5-7 Beacham Street

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:
AWAY:

10. C0011-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Avanti Motors Inc. at 152 Ferry Street

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: **[0 TO 0]**
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

11. C0020-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of an inn holder license for Envision Hotel Boston-Everett at 1834 Revere Beach Pkwy

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:
AWAY:

12. C0021-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for E & C Foreign Auto Repair LLC at 29R Garden Street

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:
AWAY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

13. C0444-24 Order/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$122,704.38 from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to pay prior year departmental bills per the attached list.

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: **Passed [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:
AWAY:

14. C0399-24 Ordinance/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers

An ordinance requiring the display of the UNITED STATES FLAG when foreign flags are displayed by businesses

MOTION: Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER: Katy Rogers
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Councilor Rogers reiterated this was the first she heard of Councilor Jabouin's concerns and to please reach out in the future as it was amended to consider those things.

Councilor Hanlon said displaying the US flag is something done in this country with rules and regulations. He has been to Colombia where only their flag can be displayed. The US allows other flags but has regulations. He suggested the clerk provide a copy of the rules to all councilors.

Councilor Jabouin asked if this would apply to private properties as well, as she has seen non-US flags flown at houses.

Councilor Rogers clarified there are no actions, penalties or requirements in this - it is just a recommendation to provide more opportunities for businesses to participate if they wish.

15. C0416-24 Ordinance/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

An ordinance to amend live animal testing

MOTION: Enroll
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: Passed [6 TO 4]
AYES: DiPierro, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS: Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Rogers, Martins
AWAY:

Councilor Smith said she wants to reiterate why they are doing this and that it came out of committee unfavorable as she suspected. She provided statistics showing the life sciences industry has the highest annual income in Greater Boston due to high-skilled, high-wage workers, paying significantly more than other industries in Everett. She said Everett is being skipped over due to the animal testing ban while surrounding communities welcome these companies and jobs.

She proposed an amendment specifying under no circumstances shall testing be conducted on dogs, cats, horses, goats or other large vertebrate species. Her amendment limits it to just rats, mice and fish. She made a motion to amend, seconded by Councilor Matewsky.

Councilor Rogers urged upholding the ban as written, saying it reflects the will of residents and Everett's commitment to an ethical future. She argued this is being done to serve the Davis Companies' agenda with no guarantees of jobs or benefits for Everett. She said overturning the ban allows the Davis Companies to write rules for their own profit while residents wait for solutions to safety and quality of life issues.

Councilor Martins concurred, saying a majority of the previous council and the mayor signed off on the language banning animal testing completely.

Councilor Hanlon said most people are here because of animal testing and probably don't like seeing it but it has saved human lives. He is unsure how to proceed.

Councilor Matewsky said the Davis Company proposals have been concerning, like a battery company and animal testing labs, when he expected something like Assembly Square Mall. He sponsored an animal bill of rights as a state rep and is not in favor of hurting any creature, but mice and rats are not on that list. He can eliminate rabbits, monkeys, dogs and cats but is not into laboratories at all in that neighborhood. He wants the Davis Company to do better for the community.

Councilor DiPierro said he was 100% against the original amendment but is on the fence with the revised version excluding large animals. While alternatives sound great, if neighboring communities allow animal testing without forcing alternatives, companies will go there instead of Everett.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin asked if voting no shuts the door on innovative companies doing alternative testing. Councilor Smith said no, the ordinance is specific to animal testing only. Councilor Jabouin asked if the city would have monitoring rights on testing. Councilor Smith said other cities like Cambridge have a committee that monitors it on top of federal regulations.

Councilor Van Campen said it would be good to know the administration's position, particularly after a mayoral veto on another ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. C0137-24 Ordinance/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers

An ordinance requiring all playing fields in Everett to use environmentally sustainable organic grass instead of artificial turf

On Monday, December 23, 2024, the mayor vetoed the ordinance; the city council office received the veto message on Monday, December 30, 2024

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Katy Rogers
SECONDER:	Robert Van Campen

RESULT: **Passed [0 TO 0]**
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Councilor Rogers said she doesn't think the ordinance infringes on the executive branch's authority but establishes policy aligned with the community's interest and ensures future administrations hold the same sustainable vision. She noted the ordinance specifies synthetic turf would only be replaced at the end of its lifespan to avoid added expenses, and natural grass has lower long-term costs. The ordinance allows flexibility for future sustainable turf technology while maintaining a commitment to public health. It received unanimous school committee support and reflects similar measures in other communities.

Since the full council was not present and the mayor vetoed it, Councilor Rogers suggested holding the item to the next meeting when the full body is there.

17. C0354-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin & the Entire Membership of the City Council

That the Administration take immediate steps to improve the senior meals program, including potentially terminating the current contract and engaging a new vendor.

On Tuesday, January 7, 2025, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith requested that this measure be returned to the City Council agenda

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Robert Van Campen
RESULT: **Passed [0 TO 0]**
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Councilor Smith thanked the administration for their response but said it didn't help her. She understands procurement law and lowest bid, but lowest bid should not affect food quality. She put this back on the agenda because on January 6th the food was inedible and disgusting. She understands the city makes the menu but there must be something else in procurement law about food quality. The meals are not even presented nicely in takeout containers. She can't believe this is being served to senior citizens. She wants to refer this to the procurement officer to understand if it is always the lowest bid or if there is a lowest bid with a quality caveat.

Councilors Matewsky and Pietrantonio asked if it had to go to the lowest bidder and Councilor Matewsky said overall this program serves a good purpose. The Clerk stated it is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

18. C0411-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

That the Water Superintendent appear at the next meeting to clarify the purpose of the recent letters regarding lead that were sent to residents and the next steps

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Peter Pietrantonio
RESULT:	Failed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

Councilor VanCampen and Smith spoke about the inconsistency concerns in responses from the Administration, noting she told a resident the superintendent would be present to address a lead notice so the resident was planning to tune in, but instead just a letter was read that didn't answer their questions. She said submitting questions in advance is unfair when issues affect the broader community, not just one resident, and councilors should be able to ask follow-up questions

The motion to postpone the item and request the water superintendent's appearance at the next meeting passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

19. C0005-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers, & Councilor Stephanie Martins

A resolution to implement a multi-lingual City of Everett app to enhance accessibility and communication

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Katy Rogers
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

20. C0013-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

That the traffic commission implement a restriction on residents parking covered cars on public ways

Councilor Smith said she lives near a place with two parked covered cars at all times,

which makes it hard for traffic enforcement to do their job checking for resident stickers and 72-hour parking limits. With the city's parking problems, she said this is not a storage facility and if people want to cover cars long-term they should rent a lot, not use the public way. She made a motion to refer this to the traffic commission to implement a restriction on parking covered cars on public ways, which was seconded by Councilor Van Campen, who added that he has been working with Councilor Smith on this issue on a particular street for months with no solution. The motion to refer to the traffic commission passed.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Robert Van Campen
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

21. C0014-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Holly D. Garcia

That the Addiction Recovery Resource Specialist Paul Guarino from the Everett Fire Department Roadmap to Recovery appears at our January 27th meeting to discuss his role and data for calls and placements

Councilor Garcia said 2024 data is now available and included in the agenda packets. She made a motion to postpone the item to the January 27th meeting,

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Holly Garcia
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

22. C0017-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Michael K. Marchese

That Sargent Gaff and the head of parking enforcement be invited to a special meeting of the city council be held to discuss the parking issues occurring in the city and the increased amount of cars on the streets

Councilor Smith said her top three resident complaints are parking, traffic and trash. She wants Sergeant Gaff and parking enforcement head Chad Luongo to come discuss the issues, provide updates on what the traffic commission is working on, get

council input, and explain what additional resources they may need since it is a revenue generating department. She noted the fire department put a number of streets on the traffic commission agenda because fire apparatus cannot get through due to parking problems. She made a motion to refer this to Sergeant Gaff and Chad Luongo and hold a special meeting.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Robert Van Campen
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

23. C0018-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

In the interest of public safety, that all parking restrictions be strictly enforced in the area of Linden, Webster, Church and Warren streets, particularly on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

Councilor Van Campen said the intersection of Church, Webster and Linden Streets, particularly on weekends during food pantry distributions, is going to result in a serious injury with cars parked illegally on both sides and speeding traffic. He commended police officials who have been assisting but said more must be done at this point. He made a motion to refer this to the traffic enforcement division and request a written reply from Chief Strong on what actual steps will be taken to address the problem. Refer item to traffic enforcement division and request written reply from Chief Strong by next meeting

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

24. C0019-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, & The Entire City Council

That the Administration - working collaboratively with the City Council and other community stakeholders - convene a task force to discuss and address issues of food insecurity in the City of Everett, including the safest and most efficient way to coordinate distribution

Councilor Van Campen said while everyone recognizes the food insecurity issues in Everett and surrounding communities that need to be addressed, the current Church Street food distribution system is causing havoc in that dense neighborhood. Safety issues include illegally parked cars, people loading food in travel lanes, and speeding traffic. Months ago the mayor indicated a task force would be convened to figure out how food distribution should work effectively without neighborhood disruption, but it hasn't happened yet. Councilor Van Campen made a motion to refer this to the administration and amend it to include the entire city council with an update by the January 27th meeting. The item was amended to include the entire Council as co-sponsors.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

25. C0022-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Holly D. Garcia

That the administration provides an update on when community meetings will be held concerning the use of the former Everett High School and the former Pope John property

That the administration provides an update on when community meetings will be held concerning the use of the former Everett High School and the former Pope John property

SUMMARY: Councilor Van Campen said the council has had months-long deliberations about the future use of the former Everett High School and Pope John properties. A December meeting was held where the mayor offered to hold community meetings within 10 days, but that was deemed too tight given the approaching holidays. Now in mid-January, no update has been provided on scheduling those critical meetings for residents to weigh in on these properties and inform the council's decision-making. He made a motion to refer this to the administration for an update, as delaying decisions on these properties should be avoided. Councilor Hanlon seconded.

Councilor Garcia emphasized the importance of these meetings to hear from impacted residents, especially parents of students in the affected grade levels. The administration needs to move the process along so a decision can be made to address ongoing school overcrowding.

Refer item to administration for update

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

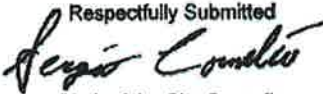
MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

A. Councilor Katy L. Rogers

Crosswalks to be installed at following intersections on Union St: Baker Rd, Chatham Rd, Francis St, Florence St

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Katy Rogers
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted

Clerk of the City Council