



## MEETING MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 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, Wayne Matewsky, Peter Pietrantonio, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen, Stephanie Martins**

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- C0417-24** Ordinance/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor Holly D. Garcia, Councilor John F. Hanlon, Councilor Robert J, Van Campen

An ordinance amending SECTION 32B OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES:  
INCLUSIONARY ZONING

Councilor Stephanie Martins called on Councilor Stephanie Smith, the sponsor, to explain the item. Councilor Smith stated they have been working with the planning department for almost a year to make affordable housing more affordable by bringing the Area Median Income (AMI) requirement down from 80% to 60%. This change is being made in two places in the ordinance. Peggy Serino, Paula Steritie and Mary Fortin all spoke in opposition of the petition, no one spoke in favor of the petition.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Enroll
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [6 TO 5]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

**NAYS:** Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Marchese, Pietrantonio, Rogers  
**AWAY:**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

The Minutes of the previous meetings were taken collectively and passed 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 12/9/2024

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting if the City Council of 12/23/2024

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

Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the City Council of 01/06/2025

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

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

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

### 2. **C0041-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Karen Roebuck to the Library Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years expiring January 31, 2028

Referred to the Legislative Affairs committee.

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

### 3. **C0042-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Joanne Johnson to the Library Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years expiring January 31, 2028

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

Referred to the Legislative Affairs committee.

### 4. **C0044-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting that the City Council vote, pursuant to MGL 268A, to designate the members of the Board of Assessors as special municipal employees. I am requesting this designation so that the City will have a qualified individual (Ron Keohan) acting as Interim Director of Assessing while the City seeks to fill the position with a permanent replacement.

Referred to the Legislative Affairs committee.

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

**5. C0045-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a donation from Greystar in the amount of \$43,103.44 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a Blue Bike station (one fifteen-unit Bicycle Station) at 85 Boston Street along with an equivalent of \$825.00 per month for monthly operation costs

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert Van Campen
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [8 TO 2]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	DiPierro, Hanlon, Marchese, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
<b>NAYS:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, Garcia
<b>AWAY:</b>	Matewsky

**6. C0046-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Department of Fire Service, Executive Office of Public Safety, in the amount of \$14,149.09 to purchase fire equipment, including thermal imagers

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

**7. C0047-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$25,268.31 from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to pay prior year departmental bills per the attached list

Referred to the Ways and Means committee.

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

**8. C0049-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$5,457,773 from Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) into the following funds: General Stabilization Fund - \$1,637,332, Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund – \$1,637,332, Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund – \$2,183,109

The clerk explained this is a normal routine matter that is done every year in accordance with city policy.

Councilor Smith explained that after free cash is certified, the City Council voted this year to use \$10 million to lower the tax rate. Half of what was left over goes into these three funds in the same percentages as has been done for at least the past 10 years - 30% to general stabilization, 30% to post-employment benefits, and 40% to capital improvement stabilization. She wanted to explain why this financial matter is not going to Ways and Means committee.

Councilor Van Campen asked if they could get the balances in those stabilization funds after these transfers are made. Councilor Smith said they don't have those numbers now but can request them from the administration, likely as part of the quarterly review in February.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [10 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	Marchese

**PETITIONS AND LICENSES**

**9. C0038-25** Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of lodging house license for Fenno's at 336 Broadway

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

**10. C0039-25** Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Auto-Tech Pro at 146 Main Street

Items 10, 11 and 12 were taken collectively and passed unanimously.

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

**11. C0040-25** Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Woodlawn Auto Sales at 3 Woodlawn Ave

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

**12. C0043-25** Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Broadway Gas & Service Inc. at 356 Broadway

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert Van Campen
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**13. C0259-24 Ordinance/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers**

An ordinance pertaining to trees in the City of Everett

Councilor Rogers made a motion to postpone this item to the council meeting in March. She would like to include a meeting with Councilor Smith who has helped with the language of the piece, Colleen from ISD, Dave Flood, Jacob from the arborist department, and Aaron to make sure the intent of the ordinance is clear as written. The goal is to ensure city trees are replaced at a 1:1 ratio if removed for certain skilled developments. She doesn't want there to be any confusion about people having to plant a tree for things like bathroom renovations. She will defer to Councilor Smith as she helped with this.

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

**14. C0333-24 Ordinance/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin**

An ordinance that the City Council consider voting to remove the TDM ordinance

**In accordance with City Council Rule 46(C), the Clerk of Committees referred the item back to the City Council**

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Guerline Alcy Jabouin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**15. C0343-24 Resolution/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin**

That the Everett City Council engage the State Auditor's office for an audit of accounts, programs, activities and other public functions (in accordance with Mass General Law Part I, Title II, Chapter 11, Section 12)

**In accordance with City Council Rule 46(C), the Clerk of Committees referred the item back to the City Council**

Councilor Alcy Jabouin stated the order is in reference to inviting the State Auditor to conduct an audit. She said there have been a lot of issues, confusion, and things that don't look right going on in the city. She wrote a letter to the council members about this and asks them to vote with her to invite the State Auditor.

Councilor DiPierro said he did not receive the letter Councilor Alcy Jabouin mentioned. He asked if they know what the audit would cost, as he believes per state law the city has to pay when they invite the auditor to do an audit.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin said they can't say how much it will cost until they figure out which areas they want audited. The council and Mayor can suggest areas to audit.

Councilor Smith said one of her concerns was also the unknown cost. She doesn't think the council can send the request directly to the State Auditor, but rather has to refer it to the administration for the Mayor to take action.

The clerk confirmed that is correct based on his discussion with the State Auditor's office. The council needs to decide which specific department(s) to audit, not just a broad citywide audit. Then it needs sign-off from the Mayor for multiple reasons but primarily the financial cost as the council doesn't appropriate money without the Mayor. So it's a two-part process - the council decides where to audit and sends that to the Mayor to approve, then it goes to the Auditor from the Mayor if approved.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin said she will have the additional work ready by the next council meeting to state which departments she is looking to have audited.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Postpone
<b>MOVER:</b>	Wayne Matewsky
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Robert Van Campen
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>[0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

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

An order to transfer \$35,000 from the Employee Injuries – Worker's Comp Account (01-944-2-5171) to the Human Resources Professional Services account to cover additional costs related to workers compensation



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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**17. 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

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Katy Rogers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Marchese
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

Councilor Katy Rogers acknowledged the veto, saying she understands the sentiment despite councilors previously voting in favor. She said she will reintroduce the ordinance as a resolution to find a more balanced solution.

**18. 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.

Councilor Stephanie Smith said she had asked for the item to be sent to the procurement officer to get information on the procurement process. The procurement officer responded, explaining the process, who was awarded the contract in recent months, and emphasized the need for documentation of complaints in order to reject a bidder and avoid potential lawsuits.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith

**SECONDER:** John Hanlon  
**RESULT:** Passed [0 TO 0]  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**19. 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

Water Superintendent Ernie Lariviere appeared and informed the Council that this letter was required by the state to be sent to all homes that either were known to have lead pipes or that may have lead pipes but aren't officially known. The city was obligated to send the letters to homeowners and tenants.

**MOTION:** Refer Back to Sponsor(s)  
**MOVER:** Stephanie Smith  
**SECONDER:** Robert Van Campen  
**RESULT:** Passed [0 TO 0]  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**20. C0416-24** Ordinance/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

An ordinance to amend live animal testing

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

Councilor Smith spoke to the need to allow some animal testing until the time when the industry has completely went away from animal testing to other alternative methods. Councilors Rogers and Martins said that the city has already passed the ban and shouldn't take the ban away and that the city of Everett is animal friendly and this would show that we aren't animal friendly. Councilors debated the issue, worrying that a private entity like the Davis companies was trying to exert their influence over the Council though Councilor Smith stated the Davis companies is not the reason she proposed this animal testing amendment but to allow the option for any life science company to see that there is an option for some testing in Everett for Life sciences.

**21. C0441-24** Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the C.F.O. appear at the first regular meeting in January to explain why some residents water bills are not being credited when payed, as well as late charges also being occurred on some of these bills also.

Councilor Wayne Matewsky said he discussed the issue with Mr. Demas a few weeks ago. He said there is a problem with mail delivery in the city, with people mailing payments that are not received by the water department, resulting in late charges.

Mr. Demas told Councilor Matewsky that he spoke with the water billing company and they will send bills out earlier to try to correct the late charge issues and make sure bills are received on time.

Councilor Matewsky did a test, mailing letters from various post offices. He found inconsistencies, with some taking 2 days and others taking 4-5 days for delivery. He said people are contacting credit card companies about payments not being received.

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

**22. 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

Councilor Katy Rogers said the reason for referring this to the administration was to get information on whether a recently launched app overlaps with this initiative or if this would be a more robust undertaking. She mentioned the Savita program that was introduced to them in Tampa as an example of a customizable multilingual app.

Councilor Rogers made a motion to invite Chief of Staff Erin Deveney to speak.

Regarding a more general multilingual app with common resident information, Ms. Deveney said the administration would suggest councilors share what features they would like to see. The administration could then explore options, pricing, and any procurement requirements. She reiterated the Mayor's commitment to using technology to help all residents.

Councilor Rogers said she could provide the administration information on the solutions she has looked at and would welcome other councilors' input.

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

**23. 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

Paul Guarino, Addiction Recovery Resource Specialist with the Everett Fire Department, came forward. He explained his role, which was established in 2017 in response to a huge uptick in overdoses in the city in 2016. He follows up on every overdose incident that the fire department responds to within 24-48 hours to offer support and resources to the individuals and families. This includes offering training on administering Narcan, providing fentanyl test strips, and getting people into detox and sober homes.

In 2022, there were 40 overdose incidents in Everett, which is down 60-75% from the 180 incidents in 2017. Out of the 40 incidents, 27 were Everett residents. There were 4 fatal overdoses. Guarino helped get 24 people into detox and 17 into sober homes in 2022.

He is also working on prevention efforts, going into the schools with another city employee in recovery to educate students about the dangers of drugs, especially fentanyl. They have done Narcan training with students and teachers. The main issue they are seeing in the schools is vaping.

Guarino said a lot of the calls they are seeing now are more related to mental/behavioral health issues. He thinks the city should consider hiring a mental health clinician to follow up with the high number of people being transported for mental health evaluations, similar to positions some other communities have.

Councilors thanked Guarino for his hard work and for sharing his personal story of addiction and recovery. Several councilors indicated they get many constituent calls related to mental health and substance use issues and would like to further discuss how to expand services and support in this area.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Wayne Matewsky
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**24. 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 he has seen dramatic improvement in parking enforcement in this area over the last couple weekends. There is a convergence of churches, traffic congestion and food pantries operating simultaneously, causing gridlock and safety issues.

He thanked Police Chief Strong, Sergeant Gaff, and Mr. Louongo for the short term efforts to address the safety problems. He said he will refer the item back to sponsor, but would like to refer it to those individuals and have them send a written communication outlining the long term plan for that neighborhood. It doesn't need to stay on the City Council calendar.

Refer item to Police Chief Strong, Sgt. Gaff, Mr. Louongo for written communication on long term plan

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

**25. 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 thanked the administration for the response they received. He said food insecurity is a big issue in the community that is not going away, so they need to find a way to serve those most in need.

He thinks the purpose of the task force should be to find solutions for where the need is greatest and how to most efficiently distribute food, rather than the current process which seems somewhat haphazard. He hopes the task force can come up with real solutions for the community to address food insecurity.

He moved to refer the item back to sponsor, noting the communication asked the Council President to appoint certain council members to serve on the committee, which he will leave to the Council President.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert Van Campen
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Katy Rogers
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**26. 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

Referred to the administration to set up a date soon and to send a written communication to the sponsors about Pope John.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**27. C0027-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro

A resolution requesting the CFO to appear before the Committee on Ways & Means to discuss the Hero Act; specifically the increased local flexibility for Veteran Tax Exemptions.

Councilor DiPierro provided background, explaining the HERO Act was signed into

law in the summer of 2024. It is a comprehensive veterans bill with over 30 provisions, including increased local flexibility for veterans property tax exemptions. The law allows municipalities to double property tax exemptions via local options and ties the annual abatement amount to inflation.

He made a motion to refer the item to the Committee on Ways and Means for a discussion with Mr. Demas and a member of the Board of Assessors if they see fit.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Hanlon
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**28. C0028-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro

A resolution requesting Chief Strong, or a designee, appear before the City Council to discuss what steps are being taken to ensure public safety concerns are addressed at any state run emergency shelter in Everett

Councilor Anthony DiPierro said they are all aware of the dangerous criminal activity that took place at an emergency shelter in neighboring Revere a few weeks ago. He would like Police Chief Strong or a designee to appear before the council at their next meeting to discuss measures being taken to ensure the safety of Everett residents in light of that incident.

To his knowledge, only the EnVision Hotel in Everett is being used as an emergency shelter, but that could be part of the discussion. He made a motion to invite Chief Strong or a designee to the next council meeting in February.

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

**29. C0029-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the Police Traffic Division notify idling trucks in the area of the Premier Apartment Building that they are disturbing residents from the hours of 8PM to 6AM

Councilor Wayne Matewsky said there is a new neighborhood on the parkway with

hundreds, maybe 1,000 apartments. Restaurant Depot has deliveries made by refrigerated trucks during the hours of 8 PM to 6 AM. Two new residents contacted him about the noise disturbance from the idling trucks.

He spent some time in the area and observed that the parking, landscaping, and fencing around Restaurant Depot is a mess. There are also four houses on East Elm Street that are impacted. He feels Restaurant Depot needs to understand that people are paying high rents and should not have to hear idling trailer trucks all night.

Councilor Matewsky made a motion to refer the item to Sergeant Gaff and Chief Strong, requesting a response by the second meeting in February.

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

**30. C0030-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That Fire Chief Joseph Hickey, and His Honor Mayor DeMaria appear with regard to the Jupiter lithium battery proposal and safety concerns

The matter had come before the council 3-4 months ago, but Councilor Matewsky did not fully understand the project at that time. He referenced a concerning newspaper article titled "Hazardous warning for Everett's lithium battery pack" and said he would provide copies to the other councilors.

The proposal involves an incredible 700 megawatts of giant lithium batteries on a 20-acre site. Councilor Matewsky wants the company to at least pay for a couple additional firefighters and contribute to a much-needed public safety building in that area.

He noted the close proximity to the city's LNG tanks and other residential developments. While he acknowledged the company's commitment to hire union workers for construction, he expected more from them.

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



**31. C0031-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the DCR enhance all crosswalks on the Revere Beach Parkway when painting this year

Councilor Wayne Matewsky noted there is a lot of foot traffic now on Revere Beach Parkway with the new apartments. He hopes the DCR will enhance the crosswalks to improve safety when they do their painting.

He made a motion to instruct the City Clerk to notify the DCR to enhance the crosswalks when they do their annual painting.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Wayne Matewsky
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**32. C0032-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That Fire Chief Joseph Hickey appear at the next regular city council meeting to see how his first couple of months are going

Councilor Peter Pietrantonio would like to invite Fire Chief Joseph Hickey to the next council meeting to discuss how his first 4-5 months have gone and see if he needs anything from the council. He made a motion to invite Chief Hickey to the next meeting.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Postpone
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peter Pietrantonio
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Marchese
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**33. C0033-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin

That the CFO provide an update on the ARPA funds expiring in December and the disbursement to recipients

Councilor Stephanie Smith said at their December meeting, the CFO indicated that in order to meet guidelines, the ARPA funds would be distributed to the Planning

Department who would then disburse the money to subrecipients.

She made a motion to invite the CFO to the next meeting to provide an update on whether that process has started, and if so, to provide information on who has received funds and how much.

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

**34. C0034-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

That the Director of Health and Human Services and Interim Director of HR appear at the next meeting to provide a status on the efforts to hire new school nurses as funded in 2024

Councilor Stephanie Smith said the topic of school nurse hiring is near and dear to her heart after discussions during the budget process. She believes there were eight vacancies at that time.

She is interested in getting an update on the status of filling those vacancies. She is still hearing that kids are not allowed to go on field trips due to the nursing shortage.

Councilor Smith made a motion to invite the Director of Health and Human Services and the Interim HR Director to the next meeting to provide an update and information on any other initiatives being taken to bring in additional school nurses.

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

**35. C0035-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

That the CFO and Director of Planning provide information on whether the city was able to receive any funding from the state's Affordable Homes Act/Housing Bond Bill

Councilor Stephanie Smith thanked Councilor Stephanie Martins for driving this initiative. She explained there was \$5.16 billion allocated in the Affordable Housing Initiatives Act.

She would like to know if Everett has received any of those funds, and if the funds have been dispersed yet. If Everett has not received funding, she wants to know what the funds are for.

Councilor Smith made a motion to invite the CFO and Director of Planning to answer those questions at the next meeting

<b>MOTION:</b>	Postpone
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Hanlon
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
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**36. C0036-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers

That the Everett City Council formally requests a detailed report from the appropriate departments, agencies, or representatives associated with the Kraft Soccer Stadium project, outlining:

1. The current status of the project, including approvals, permits, and progress.
2. Any obstacles or delays affecting the project timeline.
3. A projected timeline for the project's next phases and expected completion.
4. Any agreements, commitments, or obligations made between the City of Everett and the Kraft Group related to the project

Councilor Katy Rogers would like an update from the administration on any progress related to the Kraft stadium. It is a frequent topic in the media, and she anticipates many residents will ask about it as councilors go door-knocking again this campaign season.

She would like to understand the council's role in bringing a stadium to Everett and be able to convey to residents what might lie ahead. She made a motion to postpone the item to the first meeting in March.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Postpone
<b>MOVER:</b>	Katy Rogers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	

**AWAY:**

**37. C0037-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers

That The City of Everett establish an Adopt-a-Tree Program

Councilor Katy Rogers said this resolution coincides with her other sustainability efforts related to trees. In speaking with Jerry from the DPW, he had a concept for an Adopt-a-Tree program that would allow residents to clean up and enhance their own tree pits.

She noted there is currently a misconception among residents that they are not allowed to touch the tree pits because they are city property. The goal is to change that perception and encourage people to keep the pits clean and perhaps plant flowers.

Councilor Rogers made a motion to refer the item to Jerry, City Arborist Jacob St. Louis, Matt Lattanzi.

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

**38. C0048-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, & The Entire City Council

That the Zoning Board of Appeals strictly enforce the requirements of General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 10 when considering and reviewing any request for a variance from the Everett Zoning Ordinance

Councilor Robert Van Campen said the two largest challenges facing the city are school overcrowding and runaway residential development. He attended the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing with Councilor Alcy Jabouin last week where there were two proposals in Ward 5 to significantly increase density by converting a two-family home to nine units and a single-family to six units.

He said these types of projects are constantly seen across the city, with houses being added to backyards, cars parking in front yards, and previously beautiful neighborhoods now congested and unsightly. These changes are made possible through the use of variances.

Councilor Van Campen clarified that in Massachusetts, variances should not be freely given. He is not criticizing the current ZBA but noted this has unfortunately been the culture in Everett for decades, leading to the issues seen today.

He is asking the ZBA to follow the law and make sure applicants meet the strict legal

criteria before granting any variances. The ZBA has an attorney present who should know the requirements.

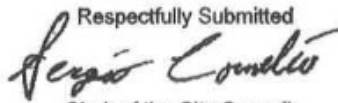
The intent is to have the ZBA help control development and property use issues that have created the current state of the city. Councilor Van Campen made a motion to refer the item to the ZBA. He offered to add the entire City Council as cosponsors to show their unified sentiment and said he did not need a response from the ZBA.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert Van Campen
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Stephanie Smith
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
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## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM

<b>MOTION:</b>	Adjourn
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert Van Campen
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Peter Pietrantonio
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
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Respectfully Submitted  
  
Clerk of the City Council