MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 6:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present
Holly Garcia, John Hanlon, Michael Marchese, Katy Rogers, Peter Pietrantonio, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen, Stephanie Martins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **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

   Sergeant Joseph Gaff from the Everett Police Department and Chad Luongo from the Parking Department appeared before the Council to discuss parking issues in the city. Key points from their presentation and discussion:
   - In 2024, the city issued 65,871 parking tickets, a 56% increase from 2023. 25,448 of these were for resident violations, a 49% increase.
   - The city towed 158 vehicles for scofflaw violations in 2024, collecting over $127,000.
   - The police receive an average of 150-180 calls per month for parking complaints. In 2024, there were 1,278 parking complaints submitted via the 311 QAlert system.
   - The city issued over 27,000 resident parking stickers in 2024. New developments are being allocated limited or no resident parking stickers.
   - 179 unneeded handicap parking spots were removed in 2024 after an audit of all handicap spots in the city.
   - The city has 8 parking enforcement officers (PEOs) working in shifts to cover days,

nights and weekends.
- Major upcoming projects include revamping the resident parking sticker program, designating food delivery pickup zones, and adding commercial loading zones.
- A new resident parking sticker subcommittee will be formed with representatives from the Traffic Commission, City Council, and other departments to recommend changes to the program by October 2025.

Councilors raised various issues and questions, including:
- Whether the city needs more PEOs to increase enforcement (Smith, Pietrantonio)
- Implementing 7-day 24-hour resident-only parking (Rogers)
- Painting lines for parking spots and repainting the Broadway bus lane (Garcia)
- Limiting the number of resident stickers per household and incentivizing people to use driveways (Smith, Van Campen, Pietrantonio)
- Concerns about illegal rental car and repair businesses (Smith, Rogers)
- Illegal parking around schools during dropoff/pickup (Pietrantonio)
- Concerns about large commercial vehicles parking on residential streets (Marchese)
- Whether to resume towing for street sweeping violations (Garcia, Smith)

Sergeant Gaff and Mr. Luongo responded to questions and noted that many of these issues would be looked at by the new resident sticker subcommittee. They encouraged councilors and residents to report parking violations.

The Council referred the item to the Traffic Commission for action.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

MOTION:	Adjourn
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Katy Rogers
RESULT:	**Passed [0 TO 0]**
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Respectfully Submitted

Sergio Condlio

Clerk of the City Council