



## MEETING MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 2025 6:00 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, Katy Rogers, Peter Pietrantonio, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen, Stephanie Martins

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **C0075-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Councilor Holly D. Garcia, Councilor Katy L. Rogers, Councilor Michael K. Marchese, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the DeMaria Administration immediately approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 to the City Council Professional and Technical Services account to fund the required audit, as well as any legal and other ancillary expenses, that may be necessitated as a result of the letter of findings and recommendations issued by the Office of the Inspector General on February 27, 2025

- Councilor Van Campen said the council is duty-bound to implement the OIG recommendations despite being in an adverse position to the administration. He requested a response from the administration by 5pm the next day on whether they will submit an appropriation order.
- Councilor Pietrantonio called it a sad day putting a negative spotlight on the community. He said these are serious facts from a 3-year OIG investigation, not just allegations from councilors.
- Councilor DePierro urged his colleagues to proceed with caution as the matter will likely become litigious. He said the lawyers present deserve to be heard as they

represent the employees in question and the city. He recused himself from the meeting pending guidance from state ethics.

To refer item to administration and request appropriation order by 5pm next day

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [7 TO 1]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Marchese, Rogers, Pietrantonio, Van Campen, Martins
<b>NAYS:</b>	Hanlon
<b>AWAY:</b>	Smith

2. **C0076-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Councilor Holly D. Garcia, Councilor Katy L. Rogers, Councilor Michael K. Marchese, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor John F. Hanlon

Mayor Carlo DeMaria is hereby requested by the City Council to return the \$180,000 in over-payments for longevity to the city treasury within 30 days as recommended by the Office of the Inspector General

- Councilor Van Campen moved to amend the resolution, striking "requested" and inserting "demanded."
  - Councilor Pietrantonio wanted to make clear it wasn't the current council that voted the longevity in, they are just trying to clean up the mess.
- To refer item to mayor's office as amended

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [8 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Rogers, Pietrantonio, Van Campen, Martins
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	Smith

3. **C0077-25** Ordinance/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Katy L. Rogers, Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Councilor Holly D. Garcia, Councilor Michael K. Marchese, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the City Council hereby deletes section 7-167 Longevity-Mayor in its entirety and replaces it as follows:

- Councilor Van Campen moved to refer the item to the Legislative Affairs committee for proper vetting and transparency. He said there should never be a circumstance

where an elected official receives longevity pay.

- Councilor Rogers firmly opposed longevity bonuses for elected officials. She worked on the ordinance to ban such payments to promote fairness. She seconded referring it to committee to iron it out.

Refer item to Legislative Affairs committee.

**4. C0078-25 Resolution/s/**

Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Councilor Holly D. Garcia, Councilor Katy L. Rogers, Councilor Michael K. Marchese, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the DeMaria Administration immediately implement enhanced safeguards and controls in the City's finance department by separating the positions of Auditor and Chief Financial Officer, and comply with all other recommendations as stated in the letter of findings and recommendations issued by the Office of the Inspector General on February 27, 2025

- Councilor Van Campen said regardless of intentionality, things were not done properly, citing advanced longevity payments made to the mayor in 2016 before the enabling ordinance was passed. He asked city employees if they receive their longevity before the year it's earned. He hoped the administration will strengthen financial controls and separate the CFO/Auditor roles.

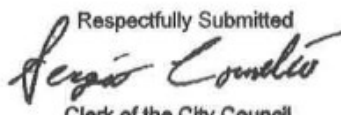
- Councilor Alcy Jabouin thanked city employees for supporting their boss but said it's an embarrassing day. She asked them to think about their small raises compared to the mayor's \$40,000 and said if this report was about any of them, police would be at their door. She said to think about property taxes, underfunded schools and seniors who can't afford medications, not friendships, when voting.

For favorable action and response from administration by March 10 meeting .

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert Van Campen
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Marchese
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [8 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Rogers, Pietrantonio, Van Campen, Martins
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	Smith

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
  
Clerk of the City Council

