



# REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, MARCH 24, 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, Michael Marchese, Wayne Matewsky, Peter Pietrantonio, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen, Stephanie Martins

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

1. C0098-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation on the re-appointment of Michael O'Connor to the Planning Board for a term of three (3) years, expiring March 31, 2028

Items 1 & 2 were taken collectively and referred to the Legislative Affairs committee.

MOTION:

Refer

MOVER:

Robert Van Campen

SECONDER:

Stephanie Smith

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

2. C0099-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation on the re-appointment of James Tarr to the

## Planning Board for a term of three (3) years, expiring March 31, 2028.

MOTION:

Refer

MOVER:

Robert Van Campen

SECONDER:

Stephanie Smith

RESULT: AYES: Passed [0 TO 0]

NAYS:

AWAY:

3. C0107-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$225.00 from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to pay Human Resources prior year recruitment bills

The item was referred to the Ways and Means committee.

MOTION:

Refer

MOVER:

Stephanie Smith Wayne Matewsky

RESULT:

SECONDER:

[0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

4. C0108-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$100,000 from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Legal Department litigation/professional services account. This amount is requested to ensure the legal department has sufficient funds through the remainder of the fiscal year

The item was referred to the Ways and Means committee.

MOTION:

Refer

MOVER:

Stephanie Smith

SECONDER:

Wayne Matewsky

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

#### **PETITIONS AND LICENSES**

5. C0094-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a lodging house license for the Prescott House at 36 Church Street

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Anthony DiPierro SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky

RESULT: Pa

Passed [9 TO 0]

AYES:

Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio,

Rogers, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY: Marchese, Smith

6. C0095-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of an inn holder license for Broadway & Main Hotel at 13 School Street

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Anthony DiPierro SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky

RESULT: Passed [9 TO 0]

AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio,

Rogers, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY: Marchese, Smith

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7. C0064-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval that the amount of \$1,500,000 be appropriated by borrowing for the Lead Service Replacement program

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [10 TO 0]

AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio,

Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY: Marchese

The committee recommended favorable action on the item. Councilor Hanlon requested periodic reports on the spending and progress of the lead service replacement program as the work is done. The council voted to approve the appropriation with the reporting request.

## 8. C0091-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$500,000 from the General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Human Resources employee buyback and other account

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Anthony DiPierro

SECONDER: Robert Van Campen

RESULT: Passed [9 TO 1]

AYES: DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith,

Van Campen, Martins

NAYS: Alcy Jabouin

AWAY: Marchese

The committee recommended favorable action on the item. Councilor Smith noted that this appropriation is contractually obligated per union contracts, mostly for public safety buybacks. The council voted to approve the appropriation.

### 9. C0093-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$500,000 from the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund for the costs of design services and related ancillary costs associated with the potential reuse of additional space at the former Everett High School

The committee reported back with no recommendation on the item. There was a question in committee about whether unspent ARPA funds could be used for this instead. Councilor Smith moved to postpone the item to the next meeting until an answer is provided on the ARPA funds question.

MOTION: Postpone

MOVER: Stephanie Smith

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

### 10. C0084-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Simone Holyfield to the Historical Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring February 27, 2028

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Anthony DiPierro SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky

RESULT:

Passed [10 TO 0]

AYES:

Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio,

Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY:

Marchese

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 11. 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)

The council received a response from the mayor regarding reaching out to the State Auditor's Office (SAO). The SAO advised they have limited resources for local audits and recommended the council provide more specificity on the issues/areas to be audited to determine a scope, as each department/program audit could cost up to \$10,000. Council President Martins stated she spoke directly with the state auditor who provided similar advice. Councilor Alcy Jabouin and Council President Martins will work to refine the audit request and seek input from other councilors. The item was postponed to the next meeting.

MOTION:

**Postpone** 

MOVER: SECONDER: Stephanie Martins Wayne Matewsky

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

## 12. 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:

Postpone

MOVER:

Katy Rogers
Holly Garcia

RESULT:

SECONDER:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

Councilor Rogers stated the administration is in conceptual favor of the app idea. Two app companies are being considered. Councilor Rogers will follow up on comparing the options and getting more administrative feedback. She moved to postpone the item for one month.

**13.** 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

No written updates were provided prior to the meeting. Chief of Staff Erin Devaney was invited to speak on the matter. She provided details on the total ARPA funds received (\$47.2 million) and the amounts spent/committed so far. Subrecipient agreements have been sent out and the city will allow recipients to request up to 50% of their awards upfront, with the rest on a reimbursement basis. Quarterly reporting will be required from recipients. She also provided an update on the \$745,000 allocated for small business assistance - the Chamber of Commerce is assisting and the city will be doing multilingual outreach to promote the program to local businesses.

MOTION: Refer Back to Sponsor(s)

MOVER: Stephanie Smith SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

14. C0058-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the group or association called The Island End appear at the second meeting in March to discuss any plans or future development in the area

Councilor Matewsky spoke with the community development director and Senator DiDomenico about the Island End area. He stated Island End is not actually a formal group. He took a tour of the area and noted some businesses maintain their properties well while others like Amazon do not. The Davis Company owns part of the Amazon property. Councilor Matewsky said the Davis Company representative agreed to try to get some beautification done in that area. He thanked his colleagues for their comments and referred the item back to sponsor.

MOTION: Refer Back to Sponsor(s)

MOVER: Wayne Matewsky

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

## 15. C0059-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky, & The Entire City Council

That the Davis Development Corporation be invited to the second meeting in March to discuss thier future plans on the 98 acres site

Representatives from the Davis Companies, appeared and gave a presentation on their plans for the ~100 acre former ExxonMobil site. Key points:

- Extensive environmental remediation work is underway, budgeted at over \$200 million. This includes demolishing tanks, treating contaminated soil, and raising the site elevation for resiliency.
- The vision is to create the "Everett Docklands Innovation District" a walkable, mixed-use neighborhood with housing, office/lab space, retail, open space, etc.
- Current zoning allows a wide range of uses. Density/uses will depend on market demand. Scenarios range from 5-7 million square feet.
- 20 acres is designated for a proposed battery storage facility. This is meant to provide a buffer/transition from heavy industrial uses.
- Advocating for improved public transit access is a priority.
- There is 16 acres of waterfront land but with some access challenges that need to be worked out.
- Full buildout is a long-term proposition that could take 20+ years.

Councilors asked many follow-up questions and raised some concerns, especially about the battery storage component. The Davis team was thanked for their presentation and patience. The item was referred back to sponsor.

MOTION: Refer Back to Sponsor(s)

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

## 16. C0066-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the administration consider providing equitable funding to support local organizations providing emergency assistance to residents

MOTION: Postpone

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: Holly Garcia
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

**17.** C0071-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor Stephanie Smith, Councilor Holly Garcia, Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the CFO or representative appear at the next meeting to discuss the distribution of Opioid Settlement Funds

This item was taken out of order earlier in the meeting. Chris Simonelli from the city and Chief of Staff Erin Devaney provided an update on the use and reporting of opioid settlement funds. Key points:

- The city started receiving annual payments in 2023, totaling \$1.65 million through 2039.
- Funds are being used to pay for treatment/recovery services for residents. Payments are made to sober homes when they take in a resident exiting detox.
- Some earlier services were paid for with other grant funds before settlement funds were available.
- Quarterly reporting to the state is required. Reports for the settlement funds spending will be ready after the current fiscal year ends.

The item was referred back to sponsor.

MOTION:

Refer Back to Sponsor(s)

MOVER:

Peter Pietrantonio

SECONDER:

Holly Garcia

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

18. C0072-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor Robert Van Campen

That the city purchasing agent appear at the next meeting to discuss the wellness center RFP

The purchasing agent was unavailable for the meeting but did provide some information in advance via the chief of staff. Councilors still had questions. The item was postponed to the next meeting.

MOTION: Postpone

MOVER: Peter Pietrantonio

SECONDER: Robert Van Campen

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

19, C0073-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio, Councilor Stephanie Martins

That a representative from National Grid appear at the next meeting to explain the power outages we had in Everett recently.

MOTION: Postpone

MOVER:

Peter Pietrantonio

SECONDER:

Holly Garcia

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

20. 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 DiPierro proposed an amendment that elected official service would not count towards longevity pay for non-elected positions going forward, but without asking for any past payments back. Councilor Smith summarized the amendment and stated it was meant to be fair, noting some other communities do provide longevity to elected officials. The council voted to approve the ordinance as amended.

Motion for favorable action on item C0077-25 as amended

MOTION: Enroll

MOVER:

Anthony DiPierro

SECONDER:

Wayne Matewsky

RESULT:

Passed [10 TO 0]

AYES:

Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio,

Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY: Marchese

#### 21. 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

A communication from the chief of staff stated the city solicitor is working on this item but is currently out of the office. The item was postponed until further communication is received from the solicitor.

MOTION: Postpone

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: Holly Garcia
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

### 22. C0079-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro

A resolution requesting the administration work with the MBTA to eradicate the public safety issues caused at the intersection of Elm Street and Washington Avenue when multiple buses are present

This item was taken out of order earlier in the meeting. Councilor DiPierro explained the safety issues caused when multiple MBTA buses queue at the Elm/Washington intersection. He suggested using a nearby lot for bus staging. The item was referred to the administration and traffic director for a response by the next meeting.

MOTION: Postpone

MOVER: Anthony DiPierro SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: AYES: Passed [0 TO 0]

NAYS: AWAY:

## 23. C0081-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the administration update the council on who is paying for the legal representation of the Mayor and the CFO, as well as what the cost was to have the two lawyers that appeared at the special meeting on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please provide a copy of the invoice for the attorneys, as well as who is paying for them by the next regular council meeting

The council received a response that was not included in the agenda packet but physical copies were made available to the public. The Paik Deal firm submitted an invoice for about \$14,000 related to the March 4 meeting, to be paid by the city. The Greenberg Traurig firm has not submitted any invoices yet. The item was referred back to sponsor.

MOTION: Refer Back to Sponsor(s)

MOVER: SECONDER: Stephanie Smith Wayne Matewsky

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

24. C0085-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That Administration provides the City Council with all invoices and/or a financial summary by matter paid to Paik Deal, LLP and Greenberg Traurig, LLP from 2016 to 2025 by the second meeting in March

The requested information was received but heavily redacted. Councilor Smith said the subject matter summary was not accurate as all charges were attributed to one matter instead of being broken out. She asked the city solicitor to go back to the firms for a more detailed breakdown. The item was postponed to the next meeting.

MOTION: Postpone

MOVER: SECONDER: Stephanie Smith

RESULT:

Wayne Matewsky
Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

25. C0086-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the Administration provides the City Council with all external law firms currently being retained by the City of Everett (excluding employment matters) and the spend and law firm(s) associated with each matter

The requested information was received, showing the city retained 7 external law firms over the past year for various matters. Councilor Smith read out the list of firms and general matter areas. Councilor Pietrantonio expressed concern about the number of outside firms and associated costs. The item was referred back to sponsor.

MOTION: Po

Postpone

MOVER:

Stephanie Smith

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

## 26. C0087-25 Ordinance/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers

An ordinance pertaining to trees in the City of Everett

Councilor Rogers explained this long-anticipated ordinance has been thoroughly vetted and would help protect trees, allow for a tree warden to take enforcement actions, and enable the city to get certain grant funds. Some councilors expressed concerns about limitations the ordinance could place on private property owners. Councilor Rogers provided some clarifications. Motion for favorable action to ordain item C0087-25.

MOTION: Ordain

MOVER: Katy Rogers

SECONDER: Robert Van Campen
RESULT: Passed [6 TO 4]

AYES: DiPierro, Hanlon, Matewsky, Rogers, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS: Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Pietrantonio, Smith

AWAY: Marchese

### 27. C0088-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That Chief Strong and/or the administration share the steps that are being taken to address roof leak issues at the Police Station.

MOTION: Postpone

MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## 28. C0096-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to anticipated litigation and 21(a)(7) to act in accordance with the provisions of the Public Records Law (discuss litigation strategy and privileged written legal advice

### regarding longevity payments to the Mayor)

The council voted to enter executive session, inviting special counsel Atty. Petrini, the city clerk, and the clerk of committees to participate.

After reconvening in open session, the city clerk announced some of the votes taken in the executive session:

- To reconvene in open session
- To authorize the council president to send three letters as drafted in executive session to the mayor, CFO, and budget director, to be released to the public once sent
- To have the council president send a letter to the Inspector General in response to actions taken related to the IG's findings and recommendations, to be released once sent
- To seal the executive session minutes until administrative use ceases

Motion that the city clerk take custody of the executive session minutes and that they remain sealed until administrative use ceases

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [11 TO 0]

AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky,

Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY:

### 29. C0100-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the city, in partnership with the MBTA, consider moving the bus stop in Everett Square down a short distance between the library and the fire station

MOTION: Refer Back to Sponsor(s)

MOVER: Wayne Matewsky

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

# **30.** C0101-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Stephanie Smith

In accordance with the findings and recommendations set forth in correspondence dated February 27, 2025 from the Office of the Massachusetts Inspector General, that the President of the Everett City Council is hereby authorized to retain the services of an independent auditor for the purpose of auditing all payments made by the City of Everett to Mayor Carlo DeMaria for the period January 1, 2016 to present

The item was amended to add all councilors present as co-sponsors. Councilor Van Campen noted this was one of the Inspector General's recommendations. The council voted to authorize the council president to retain an independent auditor.

MOTION:

**Favorable Action** 

MOVER:

Robert Van Campen

SECONDER:

Holly Garcia

RESULT:

Passed [11 TO 0]

AYES:

Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky,

Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY:

## 31. C0102-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Holly D. Garcia

That contractors that work in the city have a designated staging area for their equipment and construction materials when they are going to be working in a designated area for more than three days

Motion to refer item C0102-25 to the administration and engineering department for a response by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION:

Refer

MOVER:

Holly Garcia

SECONDER:

Robert Van Campen

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

## 32. C0103-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the administration provide a copy of any proposed host agreements with Jupiter Battery Storage

Motion to refer item C0103-25 to the administration for a written response by the next meeting

MOTION:

Postpone

MOVER:

Robert Van Campen

SECONDER:

Holly Garcia

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:			
NAYS:			
AWAY:			

## 33. C0104-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the Postmaster General provides the City Council with a list of the tentative consolidating of 5 routes in the Ward 2/Ward 3 area and anything other route consolidations that are happening in Everett

Motion to amend item C0104-25 to add Councilor Martins as a co-sponsor and a motion to refer item C0104-25 as amended to the Postmaster General for a response within a month if possible.

MOTION: Refer

MOVER:

Stephanie Smith

SECONDER:

Peter Pietrantonio

RESULT:

Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

## 34. C0105-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the General Manager of the MBTA directs bus operations to fully utilize bus stops to minimize traffic disruptions

Motion to send correspondence to the MBTA requesting bus drivers properly use bus stops

MOTION: Refer

MOVER:

Stephanie Smith

SECONDER: RESULT:

Anthony DiPierro
Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

## 35. C0106-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the City Council and all City Employees use Optical Character Recognition for Document Scanning for emailing and uploading documents

Motion to refer item C0106-25 to the administration and city council office staff

MOTION: Refer

MOVER: Stephanie Smith SECONDER: John Hanlon RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES: NAYS: AWAY:

# **36.** C0109-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

That the Everett City Council transmit correspondence to the Mayor of the City of Everett, as authorized and approved in an Executive Session held on March 24, 2025, in connection with its investigatory authority over matters related to those findings and recommendations issued by the Office of the Inspector General dated February 27, 2025

Motion to authorize the council president to a letter as drafted in executive session to the mayor to be released to the public once sent

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [10 TO 0]

AYES: Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky, Pietrantonio,

Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY: DiPierro

# **37.** C0110-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Stephanie Smith

That the Everett City Council transmit correspondence to the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Everett, as authorized and approved in an Executive Session held on March 24, 2025, in connection with its investigatory authority over matters related to those findings and recommendations issued by the Office of the Inspector General dated February 27, 2025

Motion to authorize the council president to a letter as drafted in executive session to the CFO to be released to the public once sent

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [11 TO 0]

AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky,

Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS: AWAY:

# **38.** C0111-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the Everett City Council transmit correspondence to the Budget Director of the City of Everett, as authorized and approved in an Executive Session held on March 24, 2025, in connection with its investigatory authority over matters related to those findings and recommendations issued by the Office of the Inspector General dated February 27, 2025

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [10 TO 0]

AYES: Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky, Pietrantonio,

Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY: DiPierro

Motion to authorize the council president to a letter as drafted in executive session to the budget director to be released to the public once sent

# **39.** C0112-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

That the DeMaria Administration immediately cease and desist in its use of public funds in challenging the findings and recommendations issued by the Office of the Inspector General dated February 27, 2025, that it not use public funds to compensate attorneys for work performed on February 27, 2025 and thereafter to challenge the findings and recommendations issued by the Office of the Inspector General dated February 27, 2025, and provide written confirmation of the same within seven (7) days

The item was amended to add all councilors present as co-sponsors. Attorney Christopher Petrini, special counsel to the city council, was invited to speak. He advised that based on the Inspector General's report, city funds should no longer be used to pay for attorneys representing the mayor's personal interests in opposing the IG's findings, as those interests are now adverse to the city's. He recommended the council take action to request the mayor cease using city funds for this purpose, while noting the mayor would need to voluntarily agree absent a court order. The council voted to approve the item as amended, requesting written confirmation from the mayor within 7 days.

Motion for favorable action on item C0112-25 as amended with a required response within 7 days

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: Holly Garcia
RESULT: Passed [9 TO 0]

AYES: Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers,

Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY: DiPierro, Marchese

## 40. C0113-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the members of the Everett City Council, Mayor DeMaria and members of the Mayor's finance team take specialized training as to their respective fiduciary duties in the area of municipal finance.

The item relates to the Inspector General's recommendations. It was amended to add all councilors present as co-sponsors. The council voted to approve the item as amended.

MOTION: Favorable Action

MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky
RESULT: Passed [10 TO 0]

AYES: Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky, Pietrantonio,

Respectfully Submitted

Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:

AWAY: DiPierro

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 11:55 PM