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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 09, 2025 6:00 PM

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Anthony DiPierro, Holly Garcia, John Hanlon, Michael Marchese, Wayne Matewsky, Katy Rogers, Peter Pietrantonio, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen, Stephanie Martins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **C0185-25** Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

The Everett City Council, in accordance with Section 6-4 of the City Charter, shall conduct a public hearing to allow the public to speak on the proposed City of Everett's Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget Appropriations including the General Fund Budget, the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget and the ECTV Enterprise Fund Budget

The Council opened the public hearing on Item 1, the FY2026 Proposed Budget Appropriations. Three residents spoke:

Peggy Serino criticized the budget as being based on wish lists rather than common sense. She said the budget should be cut by 10-20% and urged the Council to reject it, citing issues like overcrowded schools and aging public facilities.

JP Beckta said the budget overfunds departments through "creative accounting." She said many departments have significant unencumbered funds at the end of each year and the budget could be reduced by 10% while still funding services and maintaining reserves.

Paula Sterite urged the Council to vote against the budget. She criticized department heads as overpaid and underqualified, particularly targeting the Election Director,

acting HR Director, and DEI Director. She said Everett is spending more than comparable cities but not getting results. Item Number {{item.number}}

No one spoke in favor. The public hearing was closed.

Motion to accept the public comments and place on file.

MOTION:	Accept Committee Report
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
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2. C0186-25 Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

The Everett City Council, in accordance with Section 6-5(b) of the City Charter, shall conduct a public hearing to allow the public to speak on the City of Everett's Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Capital Improvement Plans including the General Fund Capital Improvement Plan and the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund Capital Improvement Plan

The Council opened the public hearing on Item 2, the FY2026 Capital Improvement Plans. Two residents spoke:

Peggy Serino criticized the lack of action on long-needed capital projects like a new senior center roof, police and fire stations, and Rec center. She said the old high school should have been torn down rather than pouring millions into renovations. She questioned if needed electrical upgrades at Glendale Towers have been completed and why the Connolly Center has been allowed to deteriorate.

Paula Sterite objected to vehicle purchases in the capital plan as unnecessary perks. She noted the plan does not include any school projects despite past feasibility studies that were funded. She said the city does costly studies but takes no action, then has to do new studies later because the originals are outdated. She said most of the city's effort and money goes to the commercial areas rather than the taxpaying residents.

No one spoke in favor. The public hearing was closed.

MOTION:	Accept Committee Report
MOVER:	Katy Rogers
SECONDER:	Wayne Matewsky

RESULT: **Passed [0 TO 0]**

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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:24 PM

