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**CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS & ELECTIONS
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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. C0143-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen

That the City of Everett submit the question of whether to build a professional soccer stadium on lower Broadway to the voters of Everett during the City's biennial municipal election which is to be held in November of 2025.

2. C0182-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Stephanie McColaugh to the Conservation Commission for a term of two (2) years, expiring May 31, 2027

3. C0223-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of John Russolillo, to the position of Director of Human Resources for a one (1) year term ending June 4, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted:

Michael J. Mangan

Legislative Aide
Everett City Council Office



C0143-25

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Robert J. Van Campen
Date: April 14, 2025

Agenda Item:

That the City of Everett submit the question of whether to build a professional soccer stadium on lower Broadway to the voters of Everett during the City's biennial municipal election which is to be held in November of 2025.

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:

Part I

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

Title VIII

ELECTIONS

Chapter 53

NOMINATIONS, QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE
VOTERS, PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES

Section 18A

NONBINDING PUBLIC OPINION ADVISORY QUESTIONS ON
LOCAL BALLOTS

Section 18A. As used in this section "governing body" shall mean, in a city, the city council acting with the approval of the mayor subject to the provisions of the charter of said city, in a town having a town council, the town council, and in every other town the board of selectmen.

A nonbinding public opinion advisory question may be placed on the ballot for a regular municipal election in any city or town no later than the thirty-fifth day preceding such election: by vote of the city council of such city, with approval of its mayor where so required by the city charter; by vote of the board of selectmen of a town or by vote of the town council of a town having a town council or by vote of the annual town meeting; or in conformity with the following provision of this section:

A proposal to place a nonbinding public opinion advisory question on the ballot for a regular municipal election in any city or town may be presented to the governing body thereof on a petition signed by at least

ten registered voters of the city or town. If such governing body shall not approve said petition at least ninety days before said election, then the question may be so placed on said ballot when a petition signed by at least ten per cent of the registered voters of the city or town, but in no case less than twenty such voters, requesting such action is filed with the registrars, who shall have seven days after receipt of such a petition to certify the signatures. Upon certification of the signatures, the city or town clerk shall cause the question to be placed on the ballot at the next regular municipal election held more than thirty-five days after such certification.

The procedures established by this section shall be available to any city or town; provided, however, that if an alternative procedure is prescribed by a home rule charter, optional plan of government, or special act applying to such city or town, relative to the placing of public opinion questions upon the local ballot, then such alternative procedure shall apply.

Part I	ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
Title VIII	ELECTIONS
Chapter 53	NOMINATIONS, QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS, PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES
Section 18B	INFORMATION RELATING TO QUESTIONS ON CITY, TOWN OR DISTRICT BALLOT; CONTENTS; WRITTEN ARGUMENTS BY PRINCIPAL PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS; PUBLIC INSPECTION

Section 18B. (a) As used in this section "governing body" shall mean, in a city, the city council or board of aldermen acting with the approval of the mayor subject to the charter of the city, in a town having a town council, the town council, in every other town, the board of selectmen and in a district as provided in sections 113 to 119, inclusive, of chapter 41, the prudential committee, if any, otherwise the commissioners of the district.

(b) The governing body of a city, town or district which accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 shall print information relating to each question that shall appear on the city, town or district ballot. The information shall include: (1) the full text of each question; (2) a fair and concise summary of each question, including a 1 sentence statement describing the effect of a yes or no vote, which shall be prepared by the city solicitor, town counsel or counsel for the city, town or district; and (3) arguments for and against each question as

provided in subsections (d) and (e). Not later than 7 days before an election at which the question shall be submitted to the voters in a city, town or district, the information in this subsection shall be sent to each household wherein a person whose name appears on the current voting list for the city, town or district resides.

(c) Not later than the day following the date of the determination that a question shall appear on the ballot in an election, the governing body shall provide written notification to the city solicitor or town or district counsel and to the city or town clerk.

(d) Not later than 7 days after the determination that a question shall appear on the ballot, the city solicitor or town or district counsel, as applicable, shall seek written arguments from the principal proponents and opponents of the question. For the purposes of this section, the principal proponents and opponents of a question shall be those persons determined by the solicitor or counsel to be best able to present the arguments for and against the question. The solicitor or counsel shall provide not less than 7 days' written notice to the opponents and proponents of the date on which the written arguments shall be received. Proponents and opponents shall submit their arguments, which shall be not more than 150 words, to the solicitor or counsel, together with a copy thereof to the city or town clerk or, in a district, to the clerk of each city and town within the district. The arguments and summary shall be submitted by the solicitor or counsel to the governing body at least 20 days before the election for distribution to voters in accordance with subsection (b). A copy of the arguments and summary shall also be submitted by the solicitor or counsel to the city, town or district clerk.

(e) In determining the principal proponents and opponents of a ballot question, the solicitor or counsel shall contact each ballot question committee, if any, as defined in section 1 of chapter 55. The principal proponents or opponents of a ballot question may include officers of a ballot question committee or officers of a city, town or district office or committee including, but not limited to, a finance committee or a school committee. In addition, the principal proponents or opponents may include the first 10 signers or a majority of the first 10 signers of a petition initiating the placement of such question on the ballot. The solicitor or counsel shall determine, based on a review of arguments received, the person or group best able to present arguments for and against a question. If no argument is received by the solicitor or counsel within the time specified by the solicitor or counsel, the solicitor or counsel shall prepare an argument and submit the argument to the governing body and to the city or town clerk or, in a district, to the clerk of each city and town within the district within the time specified in subsection (d).

(f) All arguments filed or prepared pursuant to this section and the information prepared pursuant to subsection (b), shall be open to public inspection at the office of city or town clerk or, in a district, at the office of the clerk of each city and town within the district. In addition, each city or town clerk shall make such information available to the voters at all polling places within the city, town or district.

#6- C0143-25

Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
April 28, 2025

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Robert Van Campen, presiding, Councilors Michael Marchese, Stephanie Smith and Katy Rogers.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Robert Van Campen: That the City of Everett submit the question of whether to build a professional soccer stadium on lower Broadway to the Voters of Everett during the City's biennial municipal election which is to be held in November 2025.

Chairman Van Campen acknowledged that private resources would be spent to build the stadium but noted that public funds would also need to be expended to improve infrastructure and transportation. He stated that he would like the people of Everett to have a say on this type of project on a nonbinding public opinion. Councilor Smith questioned whether having the public vote on this would cause the Krafts to pullout of the project. She explained that she couldn't vote for this before she can get an answer to that question. Councilor Rogers stated that she also wants more information and also would like to hear from the Krafts. Chairman Van Campen informed the Committee that he was not looking to stop project but to make it better by forcing the developer to have more community meetings and provide more concessions. He requested that the matter be granted further time.

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

#1- C0143-25

Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
May 12, 2025

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Robert Van Campen, presiding, Councilors Michael Marchese, Stephanie Smith and Katy Rogers.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Robert Van Campen: That the City of Everett submit the question of whether to build a professional soccer stadium on lower Broadway to the Voters of Everett during the City's biennial municipal election which is to be held in November 2025.

Chairman Van Campen that he has been communicating with the Secretary of State as well as the City Clerk on this matter and requested that further time be granted.

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

#4- C0143-25

Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
June 9, 2025

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Robert Van Campen, presiding, Councilors Michael Marchese, and Katy Rogers. Member absent was Councilor Stephanie Smith due to a family commitment.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney was also present.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Robert Van Campen: That the City of Everett submit the question of whether to build a professional soccer stadium on lower Broadway to the voters of Everett during the City's biennial municipal election which is to be held in November 2025.

Councilor Marchese remarked that he was 100% for this resolution noting that a stadium would radically change lower Broadway. Councilor Rogers explained that she understood the sentiment but stated that she expected the Mayor to veto it which would necessitate an override of his veto. She also expressed concern that this was a non-binding vote and didn't want to mislead the public that a no vote would hold any weight. Chairman Van Campen mentioned that he wasn't proposing this to oppose the stadium but to understand the sentiment of the public. He noted that even though the project would be privately funded there would still be public investments to infrastructure which included pedestrian bridges that would necessitate it going to a vote. He stated that knowing the public's position on the stadium could also help in negotiating potential investments in the community. Chairman Van Campen inquired that he would like to know what the Mayor's position is on this proposal. Ms. Deveney stated that the Mayor appreciates the interest of the public but noted that the referendum on the Casino was to determine if the residents wanted gambling in their community. She stated that the Mayor would like to continue ongoing discussion not a referendum especially where this is being constructed with private funding and has undergone multiple legislative steps. Ms. Deveney stated further that this is not going to change or extinguish the process of cleaning up a highly polluted parcel. She mentioned that the Mayor was concerned about losing a Developer who could clean up this site which could wind up being undeveloped for a very long time. Chairman Van Campen explained that the emphasis is to ramp up the engagement, mentioning that he still hasn't seen any real plans and doesn't know what the traffic improvement plan is. Ms. Deveney remarked that the Mayor would rather have conversations than a referendum.

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees



C0182-25

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Councilor Stephanie Martins
Date: May 27, 2025

Agenda Item:

An order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Stephanie McColaugh to the Conservation Commission for a term of two (2) years, expiring May 31, 2027

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:



CARLO DeMARIA
MAYOR

CITY OF EVERETT - OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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May 19, 2025

The Honorable City Council
Everett City Hall
484 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

Dear Honorable Members:

Please be advised that in accordance with Section 3-3 of the City Charter and, Section III, E. II of the City of Everett Administrative Code, I hereby appoint, subject to confirmation by the City Council, Stephanie McColaugh to the Conservation Commission for a term of two (2) years, expiring May 31, 2027.

Thank you for your favorable consideration in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



May 19, 2025

City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

Bill Number:
Bill Type: Order

Be it
Ordered: BY City Council OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, as
follows:

I hereby submit for your approval the appointment of Stephanie
McColaugh to the Conservation Commission for a term of two
(2) years, expiring May 31, 2027.

#2- C0182-25

Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
June 9, 2025

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 5:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Robert Van Campen, presiding, Councilors Michael Marchese, and Katy Rogers. Member absent was Councilor Stephanie Smith due to a family commitment.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and Appointee Stephanie McColaugh were also present.

The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Stephanie McColaugh to the Conservation Commission for a term of Two (2) years, expiring May 31, 2027.

The Committee noted that they were in receipt of Ms. McColaugh's resume. Chairman Van Campen welcomed Ms. McColaugh and remarked that she was an exceptional candidate, but asked Solicitor Mejia to appear to discuss whether Ms. McColaugh could receive both stipends for the two board positions she was being recommended by the Mayor for appointment to. Solicitor Mejia suggested that Ms. McColaugh contact State Ethics to get a clarification if she could hold both positions and whether she could receive a stipend from one board but refuse a stipend from the other. Councilor Rogers asked Solicitor Mejia if an Appointee was required to live in Everett and Solicitor Mejia responded that she believed that they must live or work in the City of Everett. Ms. McColaugh provided the Committee with an overview of her background which included her work as an Environmental consultant in which she has been involved in remediation projects, understands the permitting process as well as the CAD file systems. She remarked that she was looking forward to working on the future growth in the City especially as a resident of the community. She informed the Committee that she would be agreeable to forego the stipend for the Conservation Commission if agreeable with the State Ethics Commission. The Committee agreed to recommend favorable action for the Planning Board position but informed her that they would grant further time on the Conservation appointment until she received an official opinion from State Ethics on serving on two boards and whether she could forego a stipend.

The Committee voted: To grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees



C0223-25

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilor Stephanie Martins

Date: June 9, 2025

Agenda Item:

An order requesting the confirmation of John Russolillo, to the position of Director of Human Resources for a one (1) year term ending June 4, 2026

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:

CITY OF EVERETT
Office of the Mayor

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



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May 29, 2025

Honorable City Council
484 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

Dear Honorable Members:

I hereby appoint, subject to confirmation by the City Council, John Russolillo, to the position of Director of Human Resources for a one (1) year term ending June 4, 2026.

Consistent with other recent orders I have submitted to the Council for department head positions, I am submitting this appointment for a period of one (1) year based on the length of time left on the current mayoral term. The decision not to submit appointments for up to a term of three (3) years is not a reflection of Mr. Russolillo or his qualifications.

Mr. Russolillo has served as Acting HR Director since January 6, 2025 and has proven to fill this position with professionalism, confidence, and the compassion that is required for this role.

Thank you for your favorable.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



June 4, 2025

City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

Bill Number:
Bill Type: Order

Be it
Ordered: BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
EVERETT,

I hereby appoint, subject to confirmation by the City
Council, John Russolillo, to the position of Director of
Human Resources for a one (1) year term ending June 4,
2026.