

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 6:15pm 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 Stephanie Smith. Member absent was Councilor Katy Rogers due to a work commitment.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and City Clerk Sergio Cornelio were 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.

Chairman Van Campen noted that the item has been in Committee for the last three meetings while he has been seeking advice from the City Solicitor and City Clerk. He provided the Committee with an Order with the appropriate language as submitted by the City Solicitor and City Clerk to get the agenda item on the ballot if approved by the City Council and signed off by the Mayor. Copy of the proposed Order is attached. Chairman Van Campen acknowledged that this was a non-binding vote but would provide an advisory opinion of how the citizens of Everett feel about having a stadium on lower Broadway. He thanked the City Solicitor for the work she did on the Order. Solicitor Mejia informed the Committee that September 30th would be the deadline to get the question on the ballot and mentioned that if the Mayor vetoed it then residents could get it on the ballot through the initiative petition process. The Committee voted unanimously to amend the Resolution to an Order.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation for Favorable action on the attached Order.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

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**AN ORDER REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF EVERETT SUBMIT THE
QUESTION OF WHETHER TO BUILD A PROFESSIONAL SOCCER STADIUM ON
LOWER BROADWAY TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 4TH, 2025 MUNICIPAL
ELECTION**

/s/Councilor Robert VanCampen

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Everett, Massachusetts, as follows:

That the Everett City Council hereby orders a ballot question be placed on the November 4th, 2025 Municipal Ballot, as follows:

Should the City of Everett permit a professional soccer stadium be built on the site located at 173 Alford Street/1 Dexter Street in the City of Everett by entering into a community impact agreement with the Kraft Group which would remove the parcel from the Designated Port Area?

- Yes
- No

A true copy attest



Sergio Cornelio

Sergio Cornelio, City Clerk

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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 21, 2027.

The Committee agreed to refer the matter out of Committee to the City Council meeting scheduled for August 11th, 2025 to allow the appointee time to provide the required documents signifying approval by the State Ethics Board to serve on two Commissions.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with no recommendation pending receipt of the required documents.

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Appointee John Russolillo and Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney were also present.

The Committee considered an Order offered by 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.

Councilor Smith concurred with the Mayor's comments on Mr. Russolillo about his professionalism, confidence and compassion but expressed concern that he has no background in Human Resources and hasn't served in any capacity related to Human Resources. Councilor Smith remarked that as such she could not vote for the appointment without having an experience in the field of Human Resources. Councilor Marchese stated that Mr. Russolillo was a pretty solid person and that it was nice to have a young person serving in that capacity noting that he did pass some Human Resource accreditation courses and would support the appointment. Chairman Van Campen recognized that Mr. Russolillo was an excellent Director of Youth Services but expressed concern on whether there was any evidence of recruitment process to see if there were qualified people with Human Resource experience. Ms. Deveney explained that the position was publicly posted and they did receive applicants but that the Mayor was familiar with Mr. Russolillo's abilities and felt comfortable with him in the position especially with the work he has performed in the Acting Director capacity. Chairman Van Campen asked how many applicants applied and Ms. Deveney agreed to provide.

The Committee voted: To grant further time to allow Ms. Deveney to provide the Committee with copies of all the applicants who applied for the position of Human Resource Director.

Respectfully Submitted,

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