



MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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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, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen, Stephanie Martins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. C0247-25 Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition from National Grid requesting permission to install 5 feet of 1-3" conduit from an existing manhole B-717 to a private property at 166 Ferry Street to provide a permanent underground service

Jose Luis Azerdia from National Grid presented the petition to install approximately 5 feet of conduit from an existing electric manhole located on the sidewalk to the private property at 166 Ferry Street in order to provide an electrical service upgrade. This is a customer-driven project.

Public Hearing was held and no one spoke in favor or against the petition.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	
SECONDER:	
RESULT:	Passed [6 TO 2]
AYES:	DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Matewsky, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	Alcy Jabouin, Rogers
AWAY:	Hanlon, Smith

2. C0254-25 Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition from National Grid requesting permission to install 130 feet of 2-4" conduit from an existing manhole C-54 to a private property at 319 Broadway to provide a permanent underground service

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 05/27/2025

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of 06/09/2025

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 06/09/2025

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	

AWAY:

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of 06/12/2025

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 06/23/2025

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Council of 06/30/2025

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Anthony DiPierro
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

3. C0242-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Carmen A. Schiavo Club for the Office of Veterans Services

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: Passed [9 TO 0]
AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:
AWAY: Matewsky

4. C0250-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order seeking acceptance of a disclosure filed by Stephanie McColaugh who has expressed an interest in serving on the Conservation Commission while also serving on the Planning Board

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	
AWAY:	Matewsky

5. C0251-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from National Grid totaling \$256,500 to support the community outreach campaign to increase education on utility support and energy efficiency programming for residents and small businesses

The grant from National Grid is to support outreach on utility support and energy efficiency programs for residents and small businesses. Videos have been made visiting businesses to help them save and be more efficient. Councilor DiPierro noted seeing outreach team members in the community educating business owners on benefits like solar power.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	
SECONDER:	
RESULT:	Passed [8 TO 0]
AYES:	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	
AWAY:	Alcy Jabouin, Matewsky

6. C0252-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a donation to the City of Everett's Fire Victims Fund in the amount of \$9,800.00 from Cataldo Ambulance Services in accordance with their contract

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	John Hanlon
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [7 TO 0]
AYES:	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Smith, Van Campen, Martins

NAYS:	
AWAY:	Alcy Jabouin, Matewsky, Rogers

7. **C0253-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend funds from the Mass Gaming Commission in the amount of \$2,453,500 to fund programs and services provided by Fire, Police, Planning and Transportation

Councilor Van Campen noted there was no information provided on what the nearly \$2.5 million from the Mass Gaming Commission would be supporting. He moved to refer the item to the Committee on Ways and Means to get more details on how the funds would be spent.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

8. **C0256-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend donations totaling \$200.00 from City of Everett employees during the month of July for the Fire Victims Fund

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	John Hanlon
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [7 TO 0]
AYES:	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	
AWAY:	Alcy Jabouin, Matewsky, Rogers

9. **C0265-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to fund the legal department's professional services account for fiscal year 2026

Councilor Smith moved to refer the item to the Committee on Ways and Means.

MOTION:	Remove from the Table
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Katy Rogers
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

10. C0266-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to raise and appropriate \$46,581 to pay prior year bills as attached

The bills presented were the same as those submitted the previous June. Councilor Smith moved to refer the item to the Committee on Ways and Means.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Michael Marchese
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

11. C0267-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting confirmation of the appointment of Kiara Freeman to the position of Chief Procurement Officer for a one-year term ending September 1, 2026

Councilor Smith stated the appointee Kiara Freeman was present at the meeting. Councilor Smith met with Ms. Freeman and informed her the appointment would be referred to the Committee on Legislative Affairs for her to discuss her experience.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Michael Marchese
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

12. C0268-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting confirmation of the appointment of Ryan Smith to the position of City Auditor for a one-year term ending September 1, 2026

Councilor Van Campen moved to refer the appointment to the Committee on Legislative Affairs and Elections. He requested the appointee Ryan Smith appear before the committee along with the mayor's chief of staff to discuss the recruitment

process the city followed for the position. Councilor

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Katy Rogers
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

PETITIONS AND LICENSES

13. C0408-24 Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting the modification of an existing livery license with the addition of one more vehicle, bringing the total amount of vehicles to four for Diamond Class Chauffeurs LLC at 30 Thurman Park

The city clerk announced the petitioner for Items 13 and 14 regarding additional livery licenses had relinquished the licenses himself prior to the meeting.

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Katy Rogers
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

14. C0429-24 Petition/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, as President

A petition requesting an additional vehicle for Diamond Class Chauffeurs LLC. at 30 Thurman Park

The city clerk announced the petitioner for Items 13 and 14 regarding additional livery licenses had relinquished the licenses himself prior to the meeting.

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Katy Rogers
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. C0143-25 Order/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.

Councilor Van Campen explained his resolution to put a non-binding question on the November ballot regarding a proposed soccer stadium was to give Everett residents a voice, as the administration has not engaged the community sufficiently on the project. While he sees the potential benefits, there are many unanswered questions. The ballot question would allow the mayor to cite public sentiment in negotiations with the developer.

Councilors expressed mixed views. Some felt more information was needed before a vote. Councilor Rogers suggested instead sending a letter to the Kraft Group outlining the Council's requirements and contingencies for their support. Others agreed with letting residents weigh in.

Councilor Van Campen emphasized the non-binding question was allowed by state law and would force the administration to engage the community. If approved, the order would go to the mayor to sign to place the question on the ballot. Councilor VanCampen motioned for Favorable action as amended.

Reconsider Item 15 (non-binding stadium question) Failed 5-5

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	
SECONDER:	
RESULT:	Passed [6 TO 4]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Marchese, Matewsky, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	DiPierro, Hanlon, Rogers, Smith
AWAY:	

16. 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

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	

AWAY:	Matewsky
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17. C0201-25 Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition from National Grid requesting permission to relocate JO pole #2817-0 on Garland Street approximately 25 feet to the northwest to provide additional entrance clearance to CHA Everett Hospital at 103 Garland Street

Item was postponed to give the petitioner and the abutter a chance to discuss a more appropriate location for the pole.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

18. C0227-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition from National Grid requesting permission to install approximately 90' of 2-4" conduit from existing manhole B-751 to private property and approximately 110' of 2-4" conduit from existing manhole B-751 to pole #1655-0 to provide a permanent underground service at 51 Chelsea Street

Item was postponed to give the Engineer time to review the project.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

19. C0232-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend funds from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services in the amount of \$133,274.70 representing receipt of 2024 per-ride assessment funds. These funds are calculated based on the number of Transportation Network Company (TNC) rides (e.g. Uber and Lyft) that originated within Everett boundaries in 2024

Councilor Van Campen noted no information was provided on how the TNC per-ride assessment funds would be spent. Chief of Staff Erin Devaney was invited up to provide details.

Ms. Devaney explained the funds come from a per-ride assessment on Uber/Lyft trips originating in Everett. They are designated to address TNC impacts on infrastructure and support alternative transportation. Past uses included the Blue Bikes bike-sharing program. 15 stations are currently located across the city. Ongoing maintenance is funded by user subscriptions, a corporate sponsor, and the city. Several thousand trips are recorded annually.

Councilors asked about using funds for other transportation initiatives beyond Blue Bikes, such as sidewalks, shuttle services, bus stop improvements, and implementing safety recommendations from the Active Transportation Advisory Board. Ms. Devaney said she would explore those options with the transportation coordinator.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [8 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	
AWAY:	Marchese, Rogers

20. C0233-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers

Resolution to request Senator DiDomenico and State Representative Joe McGonagle attend a city council meeting to explain the bottle bill which could address litter caused by nips at a statewide level

Senator Sal DiDomenico appeared to discuss his bill to add a 5-cent deposit to nip bottles to reduce litter, similar to deposits on soda bottles. The bill has been filed for several sessions. A broader bill is also being considered to add deposits to water bottles and sports drinks and increase the deposit to 10 cents.

Sen. DiDomenico said deposits provide an incentive to redeem bottles and keep them from becoming litter. Nips are especially problematic as their small size allows them to enter sewer systems. Similar legislation in Maine has been very successful in reducing nip litter.

The bill is currently in committee. Sen. DiDomenico feels confident it will pass this session, possibly as part of the broader bottle bill. The timeline is uncertain but he expects passage sometime before the end of the two-year legislative session in August 2024.

Councilor Rogers suggested a letter of support from the Council, which members agreed to. She also recommended looking at adding marijuana dispensary packaging to the bottle bill in the future, as those containers are often found in litter.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Katy Rogers
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

NEW BUSINESS

21. C0243-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the City Engineer provide an update on the ongoing construction between Paris Street & Lewis Street

Items 21 and 29 were taken collectively as they relate to the same neighborhood.

Councilor Matewsky reported utility construction will resume on Paris St. and Lewis St. within the next two weeks with completion expected in the fall, per communication from the city engineer. Previously cement pipes were left for over a year, taking up parking spaces and attracting mosquitos. Councilor Rogers added the pipes were an "attractive nuisance" posing liability issues if children played in them.

Councilors Matewsky and Alcy were added as co-sponsors to Item 29.

Item 21 was postponed to the 9/8/2025 meeting and Item 29 to the second meeting of October to allow time to ensure progress occurs and provide updates.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	Robert Van Campen
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

22. C0244-25 Resolution/s/ Councilors Wayne A. Matewsky & Stephanie V. Smith

That the city provide an update in regards to the vacant lot on Summer Street

Councilor Matewsky said the lot is very large and well-maintained but the city needs to decide its future use - a dog park, recreation area or sold for development. An update from the administration was requested.

Councilor Smith was added as a co-sponsor. She mentioned having the item on the agenda in 2024, when the assistant city solicitor was supposed to meet with neighbors. She seconded Councilor Matewsky's motion to get an update from the administration in September.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

23. C0245-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the D.C.R. paint the crosswalks on Revere Beach Pkwy, as many of them are fading, in the interest of public safety

Councilor Matewsky reported many crosswalks on Revere Beach Parkway are faded and barely visible, creating unsafe conditions for the many pedestrians, especially with new apartment residents in the area. About 10 crosswalks need repainting.

Sen. DiDomenico's office said DCR is waiting to reconstruct the whole parkway, but Councilor Matewsky feels that is a big project and the crosswalks need more immediate attention for safety, requesting an upgrade beyond simple lines.

Since the area spans multiple districts, he will refer the matter to Representatives McGonagle and Dan Ryan as well as Sen. DiDomenico to advocate for the repainting. A motion was made and seconded to have a letter sent to all three state legislators.

24. C0246-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That a Representative of Massport appear to address what the impact if any of work on Runway Project 27 will have

Councilor Matewsky saw an advertisement for a Zoom meeting about MassPort's Runway 27 project. Concerned about potential noise impacts like those during a previous runway resurfacing that caused a sudden increase in overhead flights, he wants a MassPort representative to clarify any effects on Everett.

Years ago, as Everett's MassPort Advisory Committee member, he successfully advocated about similar issues. When complaints arose, MassPort gave varying explanations and changed their complaint line number due to high call volumes.

A motion was made and seconded to have the city clerk send a letter to MassPort asking what impact, if any, the Runway 27 work will have on the community.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

25. C0248-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the composting company at 145 Broadway be inspected by ISD for obnoxious odors coming from the building

Councilor Matewsky described odor complaints about the Bootstrap Recycling composting facility at 145 Broadway that were impacting area businesses and homes. He visited the site three times, finding the smell so bad he almost vomited. A bus stop is located in front where people have to wait and endure the stench.

Councilor Matewsky worked with Inspectional Services to address the issue. The good news is the company moved out two weeks ago.

He expressed opposition to locating composting facilities in residential areas and requested a letter of thanks be sent to Inspectional Services/Code Enforcement for their work to resolve the problem.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

26. C0249-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That ISD enforce the unsightly growth of weeds at the property on the corner of Broadway and Dexter St.

Councilor Matewsky reported the grass at the property on Broadway and Dexter

Street had been cut after growing two feet high. Legislative aide Michael Mangan investigated and contacted the property owners.

There was some confusion over the address of 1 Dexter Street versus Broadway. The area was previously well-landscaped but has deteriorated.

Mr. Mangan informed the Council that the casino owns the grassy frontage area in question, about a 6-foot stretch. Councilor Matewsky made a new motion to send a letter to Encore Casino to upgrade and maintain the landscaping on their property.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

27. C0255-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting that the Everett City Council accepts the proposed dates, times and location for Early in person voting for the November 4th, 2025 Municipal Election as attached herein, beginning on the 10th day preceding the election and ending on the 4th day preceding the election.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Wayne Matewsky
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

28. C0257-25 Resolution/s/ Councilors Katy L. Rogers, Robert J. Van Campen, Michael K. Marchese, Stephanie Martins, Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Holly D. Garcia, John F. Hanlon & Stephanie V. Smith

That the construction on the corner of Ferry St and Arlington St be reevaluated as one pole is not ADA compliant, and another was installed in an existing tree bed

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	John Hanlon

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

29. C0258-25 Resolution/s/ Councilors Katy L. Rogers, Guerline Alcy Jabouin & Wayne A. Matewsky

That the City address the construction debris on Bailey St. which is taking up parking spaces and producing mosquitoes

Items 21 and 29 were taken collectively as they relate to the same neighborhood.

Councilor Matewsky reported utility construction will resume on Paris St. and Lewis St. within the next two weeks with completion expected in the fall, per communication from the city engineer. Previously cement pipes were left for over a year, taking up parking spaces and attracting mosquitos. Councilor Rogers added the pipes were an "attractive nuisance" posing liability issues if children played in them.

Councilors Matewsky and Alcy were added as co-sponsors to Item 29.

Item 21 was postponed to the 9/8/2025 meeting and Item 29 to the second meeting of October to allow time to ensure progress occurs and provide updates.

MOTION: Postpone
MOVER: Katy Rogers
SECONDER: Robert Van Campen
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

30. C0259-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Holly D. Garcia, Councilor Anthony DiPierro

That the Everett Police Department considers adopting a SafetyNet Tracking Program to enhance the safety and well-being of individuals at risk of wandering due to cognitive conditions at the request of resident caregivers

Councilor Garcia explained the SafetyNet Tracking Program is something families would opt into when caring for someone with cognitive issues like dementia or autism who is at risk of wandering. A tracking device would help locate the individual if they go missing, especially if they are nonverbal and cannot communicate.

The program is appearing in other cities and Councilor Garcia has received requests from multiple residents. She spoke to the police chief about it earlier in the year.

Councilor DiPierro made a motion to refer the item to the administration and police

chief for a response at the next regular meeting.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	Wayne Matewsky
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

31. C0260-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, & the Entire City Council

That representatives of the Department of Public Health and the Inspectional Services Department appear at the September 8th meeting of the City Council to discuss the growing rodent infestation throughout the City of Everett, and what steps can be taken to address it

Councilor Van Campen stated the rodent issue has become a citywide problem with complaints coming from all corners of Everett. Possible causes are displacement due to overdevelopment or neighborhoods not being as clean as they once were.

He noted Boston is ramping up anti-rodent efforts through ordinances and a "rat czar." Everett may not be at that stage yet, but at minimum there should be more education and awareness.

Councilor Van Campen moved to add the entire City Council as co-sponsors, which was seconded. He then moved to postpone the resolution to the 9/8/2025 meeting and request the directors of the Public Health and Inspectional Services departments appear at that time to discuss what is being done and what more can be done to address the rodent problem.

Add full City Council as co-sponsors

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Michael Marchese
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

32. C0261-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That a representative from the YDE department appear at the next meeting to provide information on how the youth summer job placements are decided

Council President Martins explained there are often questions from parents and organizations about how the city's youth summer jobs program is run and placements decided.

She would like to invite interim Youth Development & Enrichment Director Roberto Velasquez to provide information on the program at the next meeting on 9/8/2025.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	Michael Marchese
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

33. C0262-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin

That the administration provide a status on the Business ARPA grant application decisions and information on the committee

Businesses have been asking how their ARPA grant applications are being processed. Originally handled by the Chamber of Commerce, applications have now been sent to the administration.

Council President Martins is seeking an update from the administration on the status of the applications, information on the review committee, number of applications received, and the approval timeline.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin was added as a co-sponsor. The administration was asked to provide either a written response or in-person appearance at the 9/8/2025 meeting, along with the total ARPA grant amount received by the city, as questioned by Councilor Hanlon.

Add Councilor Alcy Jabouin as co-sponsor

Request administration written response or in-person appearance on 9/8/2025

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	Katy Rogers
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	

NAYS:

AWAY:

34. C0263-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the administration provide information on the process to ensure ARPA funds distributed to local organizations are being properly advertised and distributed in accordance with each application and intent

That the administration provide information on the process to ensure ARPA funds distributed to local organizations are being properly advertised and distributed in accordance with each application and intent

SUMMARY:

Local organizations that were awarded ARPA funds starting back in June are just now receiving the money after almost a year. The last list provided to the Council in February showed grants of hundreds of thousands to over a million dollars and the programs the organizations committed to provide.

Council President Martins is requesting the administration clarify what guidelines, if any, exist for these organizations to advertise the ARPA-funded programs to the public. She would also like to know if the programs have started yet, as she has only seen a few organizations advertising so far.

The item was postponed to the 9/8/2025 meeting to request either a written response or in-person update from the administration.

Postpone to 9/8/2025 for administration written response or appearance

MOTION: Postpone
MOVER: Stephanie Martins
SECONDER: John Hanlon
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

35. C0264-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the Engineering Dept, School Procurement Office and the DPW provide an update on the status of the Madeline English school tot lot and fence

Councilor Pietrantonio provided a written statement in his absence, expressing frustration that the Madeline English School tot lot has still not been repaired after two and a half years of discussions. Parents are demanding answers. He said issues like this and school overcrowding show the administration's lack of concern for the city's

youth.

Councilor Smith shared photos of the tot lot provided by a parent of an incoming kindergarten student, showing rusted metal, uneven mats, and climbing structures in disrepair. Kindergarteners use this playground. She spoke to DPW, who cleaned up the area between the school and homes, finding many rats, but said the paving responsibility lies with the school department. With school starting in two weeks, caution tape may need to go around the whole playground.

Councilors Smith and Pietrantonio requested a written response from the Engineering Department, School Procurement Office and DPW within one week, by 8/18/2025, on their plans to clean up the tot lot before the start of school.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Wayne Matewsky
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:05 PM

