



MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2025 7:00 PM**

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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, Peter Pietrantonio, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith, Robert Van Campen, Stephanie Martins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of 08/11/2025

MOTION:	Accept Meeting Minutes
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

- C0269-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order confirming the appointment of Betty Martinelli to the Council on Aging for a term of two (2) years expiring September 1, 2027

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

Refer items 1, 2, 3 to Committee on Legislative Affairs

2. C0270-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order confirming the appointment of Noreen Feeney to the Council on Aging for a term of Two (2) years expiring September 1, 2027

Refer items 1, 2, 3 to Committee on Legislative Affairs

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

3. C0271-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order confirming the appointment of Patricia Albano to the Council on Aging for a term of Two (2) years expiring September 1, 2027

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

Refer items 1, 2, 3 to Committee on Legislative Affairs

4. **C0272-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order confirming the appointment of the following individuals to the Everett Police Department:, Dennis Arias, Elliot Bedoya, Christianna Carroll, Tony Eason

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

5. **C0273-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation to promote the following Everett Police Department personnel:Officer Tracy Hornsby to Sergeant, Officer James MacGregor to Sergeant

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

6. **C0276-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend funds from the Department of Energy-Green Communities Competitive Grant Program in the amount of \$126,675 to fund energy conservation measures in municipal facilities

refer item number 6 to the Committee on Ways and Means

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

7. **C0277-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to declare specific DPW vehicles as surplus as they are

in need of costly repairs which are beyond the actual value of the vehicles

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

8. C0281-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in the amount of \$216,434 to improve the connections between The Northern Strand Community Trail, Main Street, the Village Neighborhood, Wellington MBTA Station, and Medford via West Street and Wellington Avenue

refer item number 8 to the Committee on Ways and Means

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

9. C0286-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and distribute a donation to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office of backpacks valued at \$200.00 for school children in Everett from Alliance Detective & Security Service

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

10. C0289-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval that \$945,000.00 be appropriated by borrowing to renovate Chelsea Street Park

refer item number 10 to the Committee on Ways and Means

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

11. C0290-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$1,782,072.00 from the Capital Stabilization account for nineteen (19) capital improvement projects and purchases as delineated on the enclosed attachment

refer item number 11 to the Committee on Ways and Means

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

12. C0291-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to raise and appropriate \$299,750 to fund the Local 25 DPW collective bargaining contract recently ratified.

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

PETITIONS AND LICENSES

13. C0282-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of the following licenses for Gold 'n' Oldies at 2044 Revere Beach Pkwy: second hand dealer's, antique and precious metals

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	John Hanlon
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

14. C0284-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a junk dealer/collector license for Paul Mattuchio Inc at 366 Second St

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	John Hanlon
SECONDER:	Stephanie Smith
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. 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

Mr. Monty explained the Mass Gaming Commission funds have to be linked to a casino impact. The city proposed transit improvements around the casino area to support development there. Part of the project is to improve inadequate transit facilities in Everett Square. The current \$5 million project budget includes \$2 million from last year, \$2 million in capital funds/grants, and \$425,000 in this new grant - so it is still \$2 million short. The project as designed cannot be done with current funding, it will need to be scaled back or more money requested.

Councilor Smith stated she would vote for the grant if the roadway changes to Everett Square were removed, as the council previously voted those down. She supports the transit, sidewalk and landscaping improvements only. Mr. Monty said the project would have to be redesigned then as it cannot be built as is. Councilors Van Campen and Pietrantonio also expressed concerns about indirectly approving the Everett Square roadway after voting against it by accepting this broad grant.

Councilor Holly Garcia made a motion, seconded by Councilor Stephanie Smith, to postpone action on item 15 until the project can be rescoped without the Everett

Square roadway component the council opposed.

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

16. 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

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [9 TO 1]
AYES:	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	Alcy Jabouin
AWAY:	Marchese

17. 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

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia explained that the \$46,581 appropriation request was to pay prior year legal bills, with \$39,756.15 for her department. The bills were originally presented in June but the council wanted more information before the end of the fiscal year, so they are now prior year bills in the new fiscal year.

Councilor Stephanie Smith stated the reason the bills are prior year is because the council held them up for more information, not because the solicitor was holding them. Councilor Robert Van Campen confirmed that none of these bills are related to representing the mayor in the Inspector General matter regarding longevity pay. Solicitor Mejia affirmed that is correct, these bills are for an EEOC lawsuit and other legal services, not the IG issue.

Councilors Guerline Alcy Jabouin and Stephanie Martins said they would need to see unredacted invoices to support paying the bills. Councilor Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilor Robert Van Campen, for favorable action to approve the \$46,581 appropriation for prior year bills.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
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MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Robert Van Campen
RESULT:	Passed [8 TO 2]
AYES:	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen
NAYS:	Alcy Jabouin, Martins
AWAY:	Marchese

18. 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

Councilor Stephanie Smith stated that while Mr. Russolillo did a great job as Recreation Director, she cannot support appointing someone to a director-level position without previous experience in that field. She would prefer to see him start as an assistant director and grow into the role.

Councilor Holly Garcia said she would vote in favor based on the positive feedback she has received from employees working with Mr. Russolillo in his acting HR director capacity.

Councilor Robert Van Campen reiterated his objection that the city is not hiring the most qualified people for critical positions like HR Director. While Mr. Russolillo was an exceptional Recreation Director, Councilor Van Campen cannot support this appointment.

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

19. 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

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	Katy Rogers
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	

AWAY: Marchese

20. 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 Stephanie Smith stated that while she thinks Mr. Smith does a great job as Assistant City Auditor and has the skills for the role, she cannot support the Auditor position still reporting to the mayor. She would like to see the Auditor report to an independent committee and both the mayor and city council. This arrangement does not accomplish the separation recommended by the Inspector General.

Council President Stephanie Martins agreed that the Auditor should report separately or to the council in conjunction with the mayor. City Clerk Sergio Cornelio clarified that under the city charter/administrative code, the Auditor reports to the mayor in almost every city, with a different structure in some towns.

Councilors Guerline Alcy Jabouin and Robert Van Campen also expressed concerns about the lack of true separation and independence if the Auditor still reports to the mayor's office. Councilor Van Campen asked the city solicitor if the council could change the reporting structure, but she advised that the council cannot amend the mayor's administrative code, only vote the appointment up or down.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER:	Katy Rogers
RESULT:	Passed [5 TO 5]
AYES:	DiPierro, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Martins
NAYS:	Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Smith, Van Campen
AWAY:	Marchese

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

21. 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.

On August 26, 2025, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Jr. informed the City Clerk that he declined to sign this measure

The city clerk read a veto message from Mayor Carlo DeMaria declining to sign the measure to place a non-binding question on the November ballot regarding a proposed soccer stadium on lower Broadway.

In the message, the mayor stated the council's action was politically motivated to express personal opinions on his leadership, not in the best interest of residents. He said it sends the wrong message to investors that the city favors lengthy processes over economic development. He noted there have been multiple opportunities for public input at council and community meetings already. The mayor criticized the council for not engaging with him constructively on the issue.

Councilor Robert Van Campen strongly disagreed with the mayor's characterization, calling the veto message "sad and comical" and "outlandish and incorrect gaslighting." He said the driving force behind the ballot question was to force greater public engagement by the mayor, who has a history of cozying up to developers to the detriment of the community, as with the casino.

Councilors Katy Rogers and Stephanie Smith took offense to the mayor's claim that no councilors provided constructive feedback, as they have attended every meeting and spoken directly to the mayor. Other councilors also criticized the tone and content of the veto message.

Councilor Van Campen made a motion, seconded by Councilor Holly Garcia, to place the veto message on file.

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

22. 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 15 feet to the northwest to provide additional entrance clearance to CHA Everett Hospital at 103 Garland Street

Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin reported that the resident and National Grid representative Jose Azerdia met and came to an agreement to relocate the pole 15 feet instead of 25 feet, which works for both the resident and the hospital. The resident called Councilor Alcy Jabouin to say she was happy with the resolution.

City Engineer Erik Swanson stated he sent an email previously saying he found no issue with the original pole relocation impacting turning or vehicle movements in the area. Mr. Azerdia confirmed National Grid will relocate the pole 15 feet and all parties are agreeable to it.

Councilor Alcy Jabouin noted the resident had difficulty backing out of her driveway without hitting the pole, especially when it snows, as someone always parks on the other side. Councilor Holly Garcia made a motion to amend the item to change the

relocation distance from 25 feet to 15 feet, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

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

23. 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

National Grid representative Jose Azerdia explained this is a typical new electrical service upgrade for a large residential building at 51 Chelsea Street. They are adding an elevator as part of the rehab. The building has been there for 100 years and has 9-10 units.

Councilor John Hanlon asked if it was a lot of power to request for one property. Mr. Azerdia said it is a big building and the extra power is needed for the new elevator. City Engineer Erik Swanson stated he sent an email previously saying he had no concerns with the conduit installation, but would like to review the full plans. He expects it to be a quick review, about a week, once he receives the information.

Council President Stephanie Martins asked how long the approval process takes after a council vote. Mr. Swanson said he can turn it around quickly, within a week, but National Grid's process can take months which delays projects.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Holly Garcia
SECONDER:	Michael Marchese
RESULT:	Passed [7 TO 1]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Pietrantonio, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	Rogers
AWAY:	DiPierro, Matewsky, Smith

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

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

City Engineer Erik Swanson said he expects to have a more definitive construction schedule for the Paris Street and Lewis Street project later this week. Work is expected to resume with completion targeted for Christmas, if possible. Reinforced concrete pipes staged in the area are for the underground work on Lewis Street from Garvey to Bailey.

Councilor Wayne Matewsky said he received complaints about those large pipes taking up parking and attracting mosquitos for over a year. The lawsuit with the prior contractor walking off the job has been settled. The previous contractor did a good job cleaning up, with the city sending street sweepers daily. This project has dragged on for 2.5 years and the neighborhood deserves to have it completed.

Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin asked for a timeline on when Bailey Street will be cleared of construction materials and debris to free up parking. Mr. Swanson said that will occur once a schedule is finalized with the new contractor.

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

25. **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

Councilor Katy Rogers does not want an additional bus shelter structure placed at the stop on Ferry Street and Arlington Street, as it would further clutter the area in front of a resident's home. The bus stop was moved there and already has issues with people congregating on the resident's steps. Councilor Rogers wants the stop relocated altogether.

Transportation Director Jay Monty explained the MBTA is actually requesting the bus stop be lengthened so buses do not block Arlington Street, but that would eliminate more parking which businesses oppose. These stops had to be fully redesigned and made longer to meet ADA/accessibility requirements as part of the Ferry Street reconstruction. The city can make minor tweaks but has limited flexibility.

Mr. Monty said the intent is to add shelters to help with the issue of people loitering on private property. The city placed the concrete bases for shelters at each stop already but did not have available funding or a shelter design that would fit on the narrow

sidewalks. With the construction complete, the next step is to determine with community input where shelters should go. Some residents want them, some do not.

Councilors Michael Marchese and Stephanie Smith suggested putting the bus stop back where it was for many years in front of a hair salon, as a driveway there provides pull-in space so the length should not be an issue. Mr. Monty reiterated the stop has to meet the new ADA regulations. The owners of the road project, MassDOT, make the ultimate decisions and the city cannot modify anything until they accept the work as complete.

Councilor Smith said if ADA upgrades to bus stops are required any time a road is repaved, the city should not redo any main streets because too much parking is sacrificed. She also does not believe a shelter will fit amongst all the poles installed in front of the home in question.

Councilor Rogers made a motion, seconded by Councilor Smith, to request that the administration relocate the bus stop.

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

26. 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

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

It is something the Police Chief has on his radar and is looking into.

27. 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

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

28. 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

Interim Youth Development & Enrichment Director Roberto Velasquez and Workforce Manager Mario Bonilla appeared to discuss the city's youth summer jobs program. The application period runs January-March, then in April-May the youth are interviewed to gauge their skills and interests.

This year there were 196 applicants just for the beautification/outdoor work program, which is a guaranteed job with no interview. In total there were 495 applicants, with about 240 hired for the summer. Those applying for other job sites went through an interview process in April. YDE staff tried to send the best candidates to each site, considering their experience, career goals, and high school coursework. Job sites interviewed and made the final hiring decisions. Many of the indoor job placements were limited to ages 16+ due to labor laws and workplace restrictions.

Council President Martins asked if the students doing outdoor work have proper supervision, equipment, and set tasks, which Mr. Velasquez and Mr. Bonilla confirmed. Tools and supplies are made available to the groups. Councilor Holly Garcia praised the program for providing valuable job skills and experience to Everett youth.

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Stephanie Martins
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:	
NAYS:	
AWAY:	

29. 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

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Devaney provided an update on the \$745,000 ARPA grant program for small businesses and nonprofits. The city received 45 applications, with all applicants requesting the maximum \$45,000. Of those, 20 were identified as needing to submit additional information to determine eligibility. Those 20 will be contacted by the Chamber of Commerce to request the missing information with a quick turnaround by Friday 9/15 in order to not further delay awards to the other applicants.

Since all applicants requested \$45,000, the number of qualified applicants will determine the final award amounts. Roughly 43 applications are expected to move forward. The goal is to distribute funding as broadly as possible to support pandemic recovery. Two applicants were deemed ineligible so far. Most are physically located in Everett.

Councilor Stephanie Smith suggested providing a firm deadline of Friday 9/15 to those applicants asked for more information. Ms. Devaney said they want to be somewhat flexible if an applicant indicates they need until Monday, for example, but the Chamber will emphasize the requested deadline is 9/15. No late applications were accepted past the original 6/30 deadline.

Council President Martins expressed frustration that the total program funding is only \$745,000 when the city received \$46 million in ARPA funds, as many small businesses are still struggling to recover. She said \$700,000 helps but \$16,000 per business will not go far. Ms. Devaney responded that the Mayor's intention was to spread the available funds as widely as possible to support as many businesses as they could under this program.

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

30. 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

Chief of Staff Erin Devaney explained that Accenture conducts quarterly monitoring of the organizations' use of funds to ensure compliance with their applications. However,

the city is not taking on responsibility for advertising the availability of programs/services to the public, as they are still considered "private" programs since they are not being provided directly by the city. The organizations would be responsible for their own outreach.

Council President Martins argued that if the programs are funded by the city, there should be some level of accountability and compliance required around advertising the services to Everett residents. For example, if an organization got hundreds of thousands of dollars for a particular program, the city should make sure that program is actually being made available. She suggested having a dedicated city staff person to oversee the ARPA program spending and impact.

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

31. 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

On Wednesday, September 3, 2025, the City Council Office received a request from Councilor Stephanie V. Smith to add this item to the agenda for the regular City Council meeting of September 8, 2025 and to invite the City's Director of Engineering to appear at said meeting on the subject matter

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
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Councilor Smith stated that the fence was being put in and that the playground would be renovated according to Engineer Swanson. The company was going to send the new parts to replace the parts of the playground that were broken or rusted and once they are sent the city will begin to replace all parts that need replacement.

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
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MOVER: Stephanie Smith
SECONDER: Holly Garcia
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

NEW BUSINESS

32. C0274-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order recommending the consideration of amending City Council Rule 7.1.C - Agenda Items Submission Deadline

Referred to the Committee on Legislative Affairs and invite the City Clerk and Council Aide to the meeting.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Martins
SECONDER: Holly Garcia
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

33. C0275-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order recommending consideration of amending City Council Rule 20 so that not all non-civil service appointment orders are automatically referred to committee

Referred to the Committee on Legislative Affairs and invite the City Clerk and Council Aide to the meeting.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Stephanie Martins
SECONDER: Holly Garcia
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

34. C0278-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

Respectfully requesting the administration dedicate a Dog Park in memory of Pamela Pothier, an avid dog breeder, trainer, and lover

Councilor Anthony DiPierro read a biography of Pamela Pothier, a lifelong Everett resident and dog lover who raised champion show dogs with her husband. The family requested that a city dog park be dedicated in her memory after her passing in 2021.

Councilor DiPierro made a motion, seconded by Councilor Katy Rogers, to amend the item to remove "located on Chelsea Street" and simply request that "a dog park" be dedicated to Ms. Pothier. The motion to amend passed unanimously.

Councilor DiPierro then made a motion, seconded by Councilor Garcia, to refer the amended resolution to the administration. He will provide them with the biography and photos. The motion passed unanimously.

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

35. C0280-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That a representative from the legal department come to our next meeting and explain what the tree waiver form is for.

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

36. C0283-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro, Councilor Katy L. Rogers

Requesting an update from the Department of Engineering on any steps taken or plans to alleviate the standing water issues on Vaughan Street, near the intersection of Winthrop Road, as previously requested

City Engineer Erik Swanson provided an update that the road is in the process of being milled which should resolve the drainage problem and is cheaper than installing new catch basins.

MOTION:	Refer Back to Sponsor(s)
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro

SECONDER: Katy Rogers
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

37. C0285-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the traffic department place a speed bump on Bow St, due to serious issues of speeding in that neighborhood

Councilor Wayne Matewsky said that long-time residents of Bow Street have approached him recently saying speeding is out of control. One resident indicated that when traffic backs up on Broadway near the Lofts apartments, people cut up Bow Street the wrong way to bypass it.

Councilor Matewsky motioned to refer item 37 to Police Chief Steven Mazzie and Sergeant Kenneth Gaff.

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

38. C0287-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the Veteran's Office, & sign division place Veteran Army Sergeant Eugene Massone's square dedication sign back to it's original location on the corner of Broadway & Thorndike St, at the request of area residents

Councilor Wayne Matewsky reported that Sergeant Eugene Massone's memorial square sign was moved from its original location at Broadway and Thorndike Street when a new parking lot was constructed. Legislative Aide Michael Mangan looked into it with the Veterans Services Director, who acknowledged a mistake was likely made when relocating the sign.

Councilor Matewsky made a motion to refer item 38 to Veterans Services and the DPW Sign Division to restore the memorial to its proper location.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Wayne Matewsky
SECONDER: Holly Garcia
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

39. C0288-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky, Councilor Anthony DiPierro

That the fence in front of 298 Ferry St be repaired or replaced, as it was damaged during the recent construction on Ferry St.

Referred to the Engineering department to look into the matter and resolve the issue for the resident.

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

40. C0292-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the forensic auditor from MDD present the current findings of the audit in compliance with the Office of The Inspector General's recommendations

Referred to a Special Meeting of the City Council on Monday September 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 PM

