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Ways and Means Committee  
September 15, 2025

The Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Members present were Councilor Stephanie Smith, presiding; Councilors Anthony DiPierro, John Hanlon and Peter Pietrantonio.

The Committee met on an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President: An Order requesting approval that \$945,000.00 be appropriated by borrowing to renovate Chelsea Street Park.

Matt Lattanzi, Director of Planning was also present.

Councilor Hanlon expressed concern about borrowing the amount requested for a dog park after witnessing only three dogs in the park for only about five minutes and didn't believe it was worth the money. Councilor DiPierro tried to explain to him that it was only being used as a temporary dog park and that the plan was to construct a park for people and he requested that Mr. Lattanzi be brought before the Committee to explain the plans. Mr. Lattanzi concurred that the appropriation would be used to construct a family friendly park especially for seniors and persons with mobility issues that would also include a bocce court and a small area for dogs. Councilor Pietrantonio asked how long the park has been used as a dog park and Mr. Lattanzi indicated that it was around 12-16 months in which Councilor Pietrantonio suggested that the City should do the Central Avenue Park before this park. Mr. Lattanzi provided the Committee with a conceptual design and cost breakdown for the project. The Committee noting that it was just receiving this information recommended that it be referred out of Committee with no recommendation to allow the members more time to review the documents provided at this meeting.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with no recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee met on an Order offered by 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.

Police Chief Paul Strong, Fire Chief Joseph Hickey and City Clerk Sergio Cornelio were also present.

Chief Strong reviewed his capital improvement projects with the Committee and noted that the vehicles requested were to replace the older fleet the Police Department had with the intent to update the entire fleet. He explained that the computer and radio system line items were to update the cruisers with these items that also included the costs for printers, mounts and software. He informed the Committee that the E911 line items were required improvements to the operation and that the rifle line item would be the first time in several years that the Police Department updated its rifles. Chief Hickey reviewed his capital improvements with the committee and noted that the turnout gear amount was due to the Fire Department hiring several new members and that the vehicles he was replacing were eleven years old. The Software line item he stated has not been updated in decades and would now bring them up to where they need to be. Chairperson Smith asked Chief Hickey if the funding for computer upgrades would be enough and the Chief jokingly responded if the Committee was willing to offer more money he would take it. He assured the Committee that a new CAD system to incorporate both the Police and Fire Departments was currently in the works. Mr. Cornelio explained that his capital improvement project was to upgrade all voting machines and related equipment including the tablets required to check voters in and out at the polls.

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The Committee met on an Order offered by 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 \$126,675.00 to fund energy conservation measures in municipal facilities.

Katherine Jenkins-Sullivan, Planning Project Coordinator was also present.

Ms. Jenkins-Sullivan explained that the grant would be utilized to replace the failing steam boiler at the Ferry Street Fire station and replace it with a roof top unit heat pump with cooling capabilities for the summer. She assured the Committee that there was enough stability in the roof at the Fire station to hold the new unit. She did mention that there was expected to be an additional cost of \$10,000 once installed but that the cost would be covered through a program with National Grid.

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The Committee met on an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President: An Order requesting approval to accept and expend funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in the amount of \$216,434.00 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.

Eric Molinari, Transportation Planner was also present.

Mr. Molinari explained that the funding from MASS DOT was from the Neighborways Project to enhance alternative modes of transportation such as walking and biking. He noted that the funds would cover some street and sidewalk work but that the funds would mostly be used for signage along these routes. He informed the Committee that the Transportation Department has held six (6) outreach events on the proposed project. He assured the Committee that it would not eliminate any traffic lanes nor would any city funds be utilized for this project. Chairperson Smith requested that they use the money the best way possible on signage to insure that people and motorist understand the uses and Mr. Molinari assured her the Committee that he would.

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The Committee met on an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President: An Order requesting approval to raise and appropriate \$299,750.00 to fund the Local 25 DPW Collective bargaining contract recently ratified.

John Russolillo, Acting Director of Human Resources was also present.

Mr. Russolillo reviewed the recent contract ratification for employees within the Police, ISD, DPW Executive, Facilities, DPW Parks & Cemeteries, DPW Highway and Water/Sewer Department that are represented by Local 25 as it related to their certification and clothing benefits and the cost breakdown by Department to provide these benefits. Councilor Hanlon asked what if the Local 25 employees did not utilize the certification benefit what would happen to the funds provided and Mr. Russolillo responded that he would hope the employees take advantage of the benefit offered but noted that if they didn't then the money would be returned to free cash.

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