



MEETING MINUTES

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 7:00 PM**

**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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

1. C0293-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Department of Mental Health in the amount of \$90,000 to support an outreach Clinician position to help deliver services to the community in conjunction with police personnel

Refer item to Committee on Ways and Means.

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

2. C0295-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$185,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization account for three DPW one-ton pickup trucks

This item was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means with a request from Councilor Pietrantonio to see the maintenance reports of the trucks being replaced.

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

3. C0296-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to raise and appropriate \$36,975 to the legal department professional services account to fund fiscal year 2026 legal services. The legal department is requesting these funds to pay legal services performed by Gallagher and Cavanaugh.

Councilor Smith reviewed the invoices for this item with the City Solicitor. The funds are for legal services related to the lawsuit with the previous superintendent. A motion was made to suspend the rules and take a vote on the appropriation. Councilor Jabouin stated she would not vote for this item because the bills are redacted. On the roll call vote, the motion failed 7-4. A motion to reconsider was made and passed by voice vote. The item was then referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

After the meeting, the clerk clarified that after discussing with outside legal counsel, the original favorable action vote did in fact pass as it only required a simple majority. Therefore, the subsequent reconsideration and referral to Ways and Means were null and void.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Robert Van Campen
RESULT:	Passed [7 TO 4]
AYES:	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Rogers, Smith, Martins
NAYS:	Alcy Jabouin, Marchese, Pietrantonio, Van Campen
AWAY:	

4. C0297-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate the amount of \$2,000,000.00 by borrowing for Streets and Sidewalk construction throughout the City

This item was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means with a request to include a list of the streets and sidewalks.

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

PETITIONS AND LICENSES

5. C0298-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting a new auto repair license for Romero Auto Repair at 2081 Revere Beach Pkwy

This item was referred to the Committee on Community and Business Development.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. 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

Matt Lattanzi, Director of Planning and Development, presented plans for the renovation of Chelsea Street Park, currently being used as a temporary dog park. The design is focused on multi-generational recreation and includes ADA accessible features. Councilors raised concerns about the timeline of this project compared to other park projects like Central Ave Park that have been delayed. Councilor Hanlon requested reports during construction on spending. A motion was made and passed to postpone this item until the next meeting, with a request for the administration to provide a timeline for this project and updates on incomplete park projects.

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

7. 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

The committee reported this item out favorably. A motion was made to accept the committee report and approve the appropriation.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Holly Garcia
RESULT:	Passed [8 TO 3]
AYES:	DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Martins
NAYS:	Alcy Jabouin, Marchese, Van Campen
AWAY:	

8. 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

The committee reported this item out favorably. The grant would be used to replace the failing steam boiler at the Ferry Street Fire Station with a rooftop heat pump unit. Any additional installation costs would be covered by National Grid. A motion was made to accept the committee report and approve the grant.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith
SECONDER:	Anthony DiPierro
RESULT:	Passed [11 TO 0]

AYES: Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Hanlon, Marchese, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:
AWAY:

9. 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

The committee reported this item out favorably. A motion was made to accept the committee report and approve accepting and expending the grant funds.

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

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

11. 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

A motion was made to suspend the rules and take items 11, 12 and 13 collectively. The committee reported these items out favorably. A motion was made to accept the committee report and approve the appointments.

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

12. 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

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

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

14. 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

This item was reported out of committee favorably. The amendment changes the agenda item submission deadline from 5pm Wednesday to 12pm Wednesday (or 5pm Tuesday if Monday is a holiday). A motion was made to accept the committee report and approve the amendment.

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

15. 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

This item was reported out of committee favorably. A motion was made to accept the committee report and approve the amendment.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

16. 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

Erin Deveney, Chief of Staff, provided an update. The Mayor solicited input from the community on potential uses for this vacant parcel. Based on the neighborhood sentiment against more park space, the Mayor has asked the City Solicitor and Chief Procurement Officer to seek proposals for an appropriate project that would offer residents an opportunity for first-time home buying, potentially townhomes. Councilor Smith stated the neighborhood wants a parking lot and emphasized any future development must include on-site parking. The item was postponed to the first meeting in December for an update on the plans.

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Stephanie Smith

SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

17. 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

Councilors expressed concerns about funds being used for changes to Everett Square against the Council's wishes. Councilor Smith requested postponing the item to the next meeting in hopes of getting plans for Everett Square, as holding up the grant hurts Fire and Police funding. Councilor Van Campen requested the administration provide actual information in the agenda packet ahead of the meeting.

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

18. 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

Erin Deveney, Chief of Staff, provided an update that 16 of the 46 small business ARPA grant applicants still owe the city outstanding information. No applicant has been denied for incomplete information yet. Outreach is being done by the Chamber of Commerce. The administration is considering a response deadline as the delay is holding up funds for the other applicants. Councilors expressed frustration with the process and offered to help contact the businesses directly. Chief of Staff Deveney agreed to share the list of 16 businesses. Councilors questioned the amounts paid to the Chamber and Accenture to administer the program. President Martins expressed disappointment that the city's DEI officer was not involved to help reach diverse applicants. The item was postponed to the next meeting for an update.

MOTION: Postpone
MOVER: Stephanie Martins
SECONDER: Guerline Alcy Jabouin

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

19. 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

No updates were provided. The item was postponed to the next meeting for any further updates.

MOTION: Postpone
MOVER: Guerline Alcy Jabouin
SECONDER: Wayne Matewsky
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

20. 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.

Councilor Pietrantonio explained the issue of a resident being asked by the tree warden to sign a waiver to have a city tree trimmed, even though the tree was on city property. City Solicitor Colleen Mejia clarified a waiver would only be needed if the city was entering private property. She revised the waiver that was sent by the tree warden. The item was referred back to sponsor.

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

NEW BUSINESS

21. C0294-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro

That the Department of Engineering or Public Works take steps to address the

curbing at the intersection of Sycamore & Ferry Streets as there have been reports of residents tripping on them.

Councilor DiPierro explained the issue of residents tripping on curved curbing surrounding the handicapped ramps at the intersection of Sycamore and Ferry Streets. He suggested clearly identifying the curbing with planters, flower boxes or paint. The item was referred to the Department of Engineering and DPW for action.

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

22. C0299-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese

A resolution proposing that the city, through Senator Sal DiDomenico, request that the Army Corp of Engineers dredge the appropriate portion of Chelsea Creek to provide a better flow from the Culvert Outflow pipe

Councilor Marchese explained the issue of the outflow pipe backing up due to shallow depth at low tide. He proposed asking Senator DiDomenico to request the Army Corps of Engineers dredge the area, as they did in the past, to allow better water flow. Alternatively, he suggested the city access the area with equipment to dredge it directly. The item was referred to Senator DiDomenico with a request for an update within a month.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:45 PM



