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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
September 22 2025

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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, Katy Rogers, and Stephanie Martins, as ex-officio. Member absent was Councilor Stephanie Smith due to a prior commitment.

The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins, Stephanie Smith, Holly Garcia and Robert Van Campen: An Order recommending the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 50 – Good Landlord Tax Exemption

Councilor Martins informed the Committee that the Massachusetts State Legislature allows communities to provide a real estate tax exemption for property owners who lease residential real estate units at rents below market rate, in accordance with the provisions of said statute. She noted that this was a two-step process in which the first step would for the City to opt into accepting the provisions of MGL c.59, s 50 with the second step being the development of the affordable guidelines that would need to be worked out with the Planning Department and City Solicitors office. Councilor Marchese announced that he supports the proposal 100% and remarked that it is a good piece with good benefits. Chairman Van Campen mentioned that the Committee was well aware of the affordable housing crisis.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

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#2 – CO269-25 The Committee considered an Order offered by 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.

#3 – CO270-25 The Committee considered an Order offered by 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.

#4 – CO271-25 The Committee considered an Order offered by 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.

The Committee moved to take the items collectively and move for favorable action.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation for Favorable action on all three appointments.

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David Flood, Legislative Research Specialist, was also present.

The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President: An Order recommending the consideration of amending City Council Rule 7.1.C – Agenda Items Submission Deadline.

Mr. Flood explained that the current deadline for submission of items to the regular agenda is at 5pm on Wednesday preceding the meeting noting that the City Council office receives the bulk of the agenda items right around the deadline that necessitates working a long night of uncompensated overtime to prepare the agenda. As a result, he is requesting that the deadline be rolled back to noontime on Wednesday. He informed the Committee that the Council office would gladly work with anyone that wants to add an agenda item after the noon time deadline as long as the City Council office is made aware of it well before the actual deadline.

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President: An Order recommending the consideration of amending City Council Rule 20 – so that not all non – civil service appointment orders are automatically referred to Committee.

Mr. Flood referenced the three Council on Aging appointments on the Committee agenda that he felt wasn't necessary to be referred into committee. This rule change would take away the mandatory requirement to refer non-civil service appointments to Committee. The Rule change also lists which appointment Orders shall always be submitted to Committee. Chairman Van Campen reminded the Committee that the City Council could still refer any non-civil Service appointments into Committee if it felt the need to do so.

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

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