



MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 7:00 PM**

**EVERETT CITY HALL, 484 BROADWAY, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR
EVERETT, MA 02149**

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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 HEARINGS

1. C0279-25 Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition from National Grid requesting permission to install approximately 10 feet of 2-4" conduit from pole #3365-1 to a private property at 376 Third Street to accommodate and provide a permanent underground service

Items 1 and 2 were taken collectively. Jose Luis Isertia from National Grid explained they are requesting to install a new pole on Third Street across from the existing pole to provide permanent underground service for the new residential building at 376 Third Street.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [8 TO 1]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	Rogers
AWAY:	DiPierro, Marchese

2. C0300-25 Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition from National Grid requesting permission to install 1 JO pole (#3365-1) to accommodate and provide a permanent underground service at 376 Third Street

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	John Hanlon
RESULT:	Passed [8 TO 1]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, Garcia, Hanlon, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	Rogers
AWAY:	DiPierro, Marchese

3. C0302-25 Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition from National Grid requesting permission to install 1 JO pole (#2056-1) to alleviate the leaning pole conditions on McKinley Street

Jose Luis Isertia from National Grid explained they need to install a pole on the other side of the sidewalk from the leaning pole and anchor it to pull the leaning pole straight. This is the only solution to fix the current loading on the pole which is causing it to lean. Replacing the existing pole would not fix the issue. Councilor Pietrantonio expressed concern about setting a precedent of adding poles to anchor leaning poles, but the petitioner explained this is a one-time scenario due to the existing overhead cable design that is no longer used.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

4. C0306-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend donations totaling \$250.00 from City of Everett employees during the months of August and September for the Fire Victims Fund

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Anthony DiPierro

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

5. C0310-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend donations in support of the City of Everett's Homecoming Celebration from Malden Trans, Inc in the amount of \$5,000 and Team Work Cleaning Concepts in the amount of \$100

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

6. C0313-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a donation in the amount of \$7,000 from Local 143 International Association of Firefighters – Everett Fire Department for the Fire Victims Fund

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

7. C0316-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order confirming the appointment of Erika Corbeli to the position of Commissioner of Veterans Services for a one (1) year term ending November 1, 2026

Refer item 7 to the Committee on Legislative Affairs and Elections

MOTION: Refer
MOVER: Robert Van Campen
SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

8. C0322-25 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 \$475,000 to fund improvements to Everett Square

The original order was edited to remove the amount requested for Everett Square improvements. A new itemized version includes only police and fire items. Councilor Van Campen made a motion to amend the amount in the order to \$475,000 based on the letter from the administration dated October 9th.

MOTION: Postpone

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: John Hanlon

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

PETITIONS AND LICENSES

9. C0303-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting a new tire repair license for Mel's Tire & Auto Service at 1865 Revere Beach Pkwy

Refer items 9 and 10 to the Committee on Business Development

MOTION: Refer

MOVER: Robert Van Campen

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

10. C0304-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting a new mechanical repair license for Mel's Tire & Auto Service at 1865 Revere Beach Pkwy

Refer items 9 and 10 to the Committee on Business Development

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

11. C0311-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Ferry St Service & Auto Sales at 464 Ferry St

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. C0238-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Holly D. Garcia, Councilor Robert J. Van Campen, Councilor Michael Marchese, Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin

An order recommending the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 50.- Good Landlord Tax Exemption

This item is coming out of committee with a favorable recommendation. In 2023, a tax incentive was approved at the state level to offer landlords renting below market an incentive. The first step is to accept the statute, then the council can work together on the amount of the exemption, annual household income limit, affordable housing rent rate, owner requirements and other restrictions. Councilor Alcy Jabouin was added as a co-sponsor via amendment.

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

NAYS:

AWAY:

13. 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

This item was in committee earlier and was sent out with no recommendation because no information had been received at the time. The Elliott company cannot find a person to fill the clinician position, so it will be submitted through the city's HR department to find a social worker to help Officer O'Donnell at the police department. The position will be advertised to the community at large through the HR department. Favorable action to accept the committee report.

MOTION: Accept Committee Report

MOVER: Anthony DiPierro

SECONDER: John Hanlon

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

14. 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 sent out of committee with no recommendation because no information had been received at the time. A response regarding maintenance reports on the trucks being replaced was received from DPW late in the day before the meeting. Councilors requested to see the information before voting.

MOTION: Postpone

MOVER: Anthony DiPierro

SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

15. 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

Mr. Swanson from DPW informed the committee that the funding would cover work on Francis Street, Paris Street, Lewis Street, Chatham Road, Edith Street, and Shute Street from Ferry to Edith Street. The work would commence as soon as possible upon passage of the funding. The committee reported it back with a favorable recommendation. Councilor Matewsky spoke in favor of passing the funding immediately to get the long-delayed projects in his ward completed.

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

16. 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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

A revised order was submitted to accept and expend \$1,978,500 from the Mass Gaming Commission to fund programs and services provided by police, fire, planning

and transportation.

MOTION:	Favorable Action
MOVER:	Robert Van Campen
SECONDER:	Katy Rogers
RESULT:	Passed [10 TO 1]
AYES:	Alcy Jabouin, DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Matewsky, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith, Van Campen, Martins
NAYS:	Hanlon
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

MOTION:	Postpone
MOVER:	Holly Garcia
SECONDER:	Michael Marchese
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

Councilors expressed frustration with the administration's repeated failure to provide requested information in a timely manner for inclusion in the agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS

20. C0301-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the traffic commission consider restoring the blinking stop light, and add an additional stop sign at the intersection of Bow St and Beacham St

Councilor Matewsky described a recent accident he witnessed at this intersection and noted the blinking light has now been repaired and additional stop signs installed. However, residents are requesting speed bumps on Bow Street. He amended the item to remove the blinking light request and instead ask the traffic commission to install at least one speed bump on Bow Street. Refer item to Traffic OComission for action.

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

21. C0305-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

That the administration and the traffic commission provide answers to the attached lists of questions in regards to the newly installed speed bumps

Councilor Smith read a list of questions regarding the temporary speed bumps recently installed, including how many were installed on which streets, costs of installation and removal, purpose, criteria for determining locations, and involvement of the engineering department. Councilor Hanlon added a question on when they will be reinstalled after winter removal. Referred item to the Traffic COMmission for a response at the first Council meeting in November.

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

22. C0307-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin, Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

A resolution requesting that the director of elections come to our next council meeting to explain to the community how someone can get up-to-date information regarding the November 4th election without having to come into City Hall. What other plans are in the works as far as visibility throughout the city for the upcoming elections

Councilor Alcy Jabouin said there is little visible indication around the city about the upcoming election and asked the director of elections to come explain how people, especially those who cannot come to City Hall, can get election information. The item was amended to add Councilor Pietrantonio as a co-sponsor. He suggested banners could be hung in 3 locations and added a question on whether the state will assist with the election.

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

23. C0308-25 Order/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin

An order requesting that the City Council Rules be amended to adopt a limit of 20 items max to be listed on any future city council agendas

Councilor Alcy Jabouin proposed limiting council agendas to a maximum of 20 items, suggesting councilors submit items until the limit is reached, after which items would go on the next agenda. Councilor DiPierro opposed the idea, saying it is unfair and reflects a deeper problem of underutilizing the committee structure, where most of the work should be done. He made a motion to refer the item back to the sponsor. Councilor Alcy Jabouin defended her proposal, saying councilors could simply vote for or against it. Councilor Pietrantonio agreed with Councilor DiPierro that deciding which items make the agenda could cause conflict.

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

24. C0309-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the directors of Inspectional Services, Engineering, & DPW appear at the next meeting to discuss 23 Rich St curb cut and apron

Councilor Pietrantonio amended the item to add questions on who took out the curb to make a driveway, the cost for city workers to do it, who paid the contractor to restore the curb and sidewalk, and if there were permits.

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

25. C0312-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers

Requesting an update from the city's state legislative delegation on the status of using rodenticides in Massachusetts

Councilor Rogers has been following state-level work on the use of rodenticides and concerns about their environmental impacts. She made a motion to invite Senator Sal DiDomenico to appear at the next council meeting to provide a status update on the rodenticides bill. The item was amended to also invite State Representatives Joe McGonagle, Garcia, and Dan Ryan to contribute to the discussion.

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

26. C0314-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the administration and procurement office provide the winning bids and the expenses incurred by the old high school roof renovation project to date

To postpone item 26 to the next meeting and request the procurement officer appear with the requested informatio.

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

27. C0315-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Wayne A. Matewsky

That the city engineer provide an update for the construction project at Paris St & Lewis St, and are there any delays with this project

Councilor Matewsky said he got the information he needed with the earlier passage of \$2 million to complete this project.

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

28. C0317-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order calling for all polling places to be fitted and opened for the City of Everett 2025 municipal election

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

29. C0318-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order to call for the 2025 City of Everett municipal election

The city clerk provided details on the upcoming election, including early in-person voting dates and times at City Hall and the elections office phone number for any questions or issues. He clarified that mail-in ballots can only be obtained by application and that any problems like receiving an incorrect ballot should be reported to the elections department. Very few mail ballots have been requested so far this year.

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

AWAY:

30. **C0319-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese, Councilor Katy Rogers, Councilor Holly Garcia

That the city establish rules & regulations for using the bike lanes

Councilor Marchese expressed frustration with motorized vehicles using the bike lanes and sidewalks recklessly. He wants to prohibit anything with an engine from the bike lanes and sidewalks. The item was amended to add Councilors Garcia and Rogers as co-sponsors. A motion was made to refer the item to the city solicitor for an opinion on the city's authority to regulate this and to provide a definition of bike lanes, as well as to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for information.

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

31. **C0321-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Michael K. Marchese

That the City of Everett declare the month of October Italian Heritage Month

Councilor Marchese spoke about the importance of Italian American heritage, saying Italian Heritage Month should not be replaced and asked to declare recognize October as Italian Heritage Month.

MOTION: Favorable Action
MOVER: Michael Marchese
SECONDER: Holly Garcia
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

MOTION: Adjourn
MOVER: Anthony DiPierro
SECONDER: Holly Garcia

RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]

AYES:

NAYS:

AWAY:

