



MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025 7:00 PM**

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
EVERETT, MA

**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. C0349-25 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 as follows: Andrew & Jessica Erickson \$1,000.00, American Contractors Corp. \$1,000.00, Anthony Ferrara \$1,000.00

Items 1 and 2 were taken collectively.

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

2. C0350-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend donations totaling \$145.00 from City of Everett employees during the month of October for the Fire Victims Fund

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

3. **C0362-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Elizavette Cordero, to the Food Policy Council for a term of three (3) years, expiring November 30, 2028

This order, along with item 4, was taken collectively. Councilor Smith asked if these are paid positions. It was confirmed the Food Policy Council position pays \$1500. Motion was made and seconded to refer both items 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:	

4. **C0363-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the re- appointment of Kristina Nies, to the Food Policy Council for a term of three (3) years, expiring November 30, 2028

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

5. **C0364-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for watering trees

Councilor Matewsky questioned if the city waters trees now, where the trees are located, and expressed it's a lot of money to water trees. He asked for more information on where the \$100,000 is going. Motion was made and seconded to refer the item to the Committee on Ways and Means to get more details.

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

6. C0365-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the approval of additional amount of \$455,000.00 be appropriated by borrowing for the Everett Police station roof improvement project

Councilor Marchese questioned why money is being borrowed for this instead of using free cash or ARPA funds like for the high school roof. Councilor Pietrantonio stated the ZBA makes the rules and questioned how the council can dictate parking requirements as the city owns the property but will no longer own it once sold. It was suggested questions could be answered when the item is discussed at the postponed second meeting in December. Motion was made and seconded to refer the item to the Committee on Ways and Means and invite the procurement officer, police department representative, and facilities director to appear.

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

PETITIONS AND LICENSES

7. C0348-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Parkway Auto Sales at 1673 Revere Beach Pkwy

Items 7 through 11 were taken collectively as they are all license renewals and paperwork is in order. Motion was made for favorable action.

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

8. C0351-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Carlider USA LLC at 353 Third St

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

9. C0352-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Casino Auto Sales at 163 Ferry St

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

10. C0353-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for White's Auto Sales at 79 Vine St

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

NAYS:
AWAY: Marchese

11. C0354-25 Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a lodging house license for 134 Linden St LLC at 134 Linden St

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. C0325-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to adopt the City's municipal aggregation plan, attached herein, and authorize the City Administration to take any and all necessary action to prepare the plan for submission to the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, §134

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:

13. C0342-25 Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Gabriel Ponce Lemus as a member of the Transportation Advisory Board for a term of one (1) year expiring November 30, 2026

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

14. 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

As cosponsor, Councilor Matewsky consulted with Councilor Smith and neither had any update on what will happen with this substantial but awkward sloped vacant property. The neighborhood deserves to know plans, especially regarding adequate parking for any potential building. Councilor Smith noted this has been on the table since August with no update from the administration, expressing disappointment. Councilor Pietrantonio questioned how the council can force a developer to have adequate parking when the ZBA makes the rules. Councilor Matewsky stated his understanding is the city owns the property and can make parking decisions as the owner before selling to a developer. Motion was made and seconded to postpone to the second December meeting for an explanation.

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

15. 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

Councilor Alcy Jabouin expressed frustration that the administration is not showing up to answer questions and provide information needed for councilors to do their jobs and respond to constituents. Councilor Pietrantonio said a constituent who applied in 2021 still can't get information on where the money went. He feels the council probably won't get answers until the administration changes. Councilor Smith said it's unacceptable as she gets calls every day from small businesses trying to pay rent with this promised money. She suggested holding up every piece of business the administration is asking for until small businesses get their money. Motion was made and seconded to request an answer from the city treasurer and CFO by close of business tomorrow on the status of cutting the approved checks.

MOTION: Refer

MOVER: Guerline Alcy Jabouin
SECONDER: Stephanie Smith
RESULT: Passed [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

16. 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

The clerk read a response from the administration stating they previously provided information confirming organizations receiving ARPA funds are required to participate in quarterly compliance meetings, no other questions have been received from councilors, and to feel free to share any questions the council has. Councilor Alcy Jabouin said she sent an email asking for information that she did not receive, just questions being avoided. She expressed continued frustration that the administration is not providing information for the council to do their job and respond to constituents.

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

17. 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 stated Sergeant Gaff said he was working on providing answers to her questions but no response was in the clerk's packet. She added a new question regarding if holes are being filled in when the speed bumps are removed so water does not seep through causing ice and cracking/expansion of the streets. She wants to know install and removal costs, how many people worked on it, and hole filling plans.

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

NAYS:
AWAY:

18. C0328-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, Councilor Holly Garcia

That the administration provides an update for when the overflow trash day this year will be, as discussed during budget hearings

Anticipating no update, Councilor Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilor Garcia, to refer this to the next meeting as the holidays are approaching. She wants an actual overflow trash day as promised by the mayor and administration for budget savings, not just an extra bag day.

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

NEW BUSINESS

19. C0347-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins

That the licensing commission reconsider their probationary period policy on new licenses in order to truly support new businesses

Refer this item to the licensing commission.

MOTION: Refer
MOVER:
SECONDER:
RESULT: [0 TO 0]
AYES:
NAYS:
AWAY:

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

20. C0355-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro

A resolution requesting the City Council to investigate the feasibility of increasing the residential tax exemption from 25% to a percentage between 26 - 35% per MGL in the future

Councilor DiPierro said with the state now allowing the residential tax exemption to go up to 35%, he thought of looking into this but doesn't think it's prudent to do this year without understanding implications and benefits of shifting the tax burden from owner-occupied to non owner-occupied residential properties. He spoke with the Mayor-elect and both agree it should be looked into more before moving forward with it. Motion was made and seconded to refer this to the new administration.

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

21. C0356-25 Resolution/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers, Councilor Stephanie Martins, & the Entire City Council

A resolution recommending a temporary pause on the processing and approval of data center facilities

Councilor Rogers said planning board members noticed unidentified data centers in plans for the Davis Company's proposal, which is the largest scale project ever seen in Everett. With many components like battery storage, data centers, animal testing, etc., she feels it's important to thoroughly understand benefits and consequences before introducing a new industry. Under the transition circumstances, she doesn't want something like a data center rushed before the planning board or ZBA until the new Mayor-elect and council fully understand it, as there are potential concerns like noise, water usage, and power usage seen in other communities. Her recommendation is to send a resolution requesting a temporary pause on approving anything labeled a data center to the planning board and ZBA until the Mayor-elect and council have time to discuss the vision.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution to add the entire city council. This then required a motion and roll call vote to suspend Rule 18 to refer the resolution.

MOTION:	Refer
MOVER:	Katy Rogers
SECONDER:	Wayne Matewsky

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

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

