



## MEETING MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2026 7:00 PM

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

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#### ROLL CALL

##### Members Present

Michele Capone, Anthony DiPierro, Holly Garcia, Michael Marchese, Stephanie Martins, Wayne Matewsky, Vivian Nguyen, Peter Pietrantonio, Katy Rogers, Stephanie Smith

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **C0005-26** Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

A petition from National Grid requesting permission to relocate JO Pole #153-0 on Abbot Avenue approximately 20 feet in a northwesterly direction

Councilor Martins moved to invite the petitioner, seconded by Councilor DiPierro. Enes Asha, an engineer with National Grid, appeared before the council to petition for the relocation of a pole on Abbott Ave. He explained that the proposal is to move the pole approximately 20 feet northwest of its current location, from in front of 270 Elm Street to in front of 17 Abbott Ave. The reason for the relocation is to allow the property owner of 270 Elm Street to expand the driveway going into 274 Elm Street to allow easier accessibility for people driving to and from 302 Elm Street, which is a cemetery. Mr. Asha stated that an engineer met with the property owner of 17 Abbott Ave, who gave verbal approval for the pole to be placed in front of her house.

Public Hearing was held.

Councilors expressed concern over placing this pole in front of the neighbors home without knowing if the neighbor agreed or knew about the pole move. The Councilors motioned to postpone this to the next meeting. The neighbor was in the audience and informed the Council she was aware and is ok with the change in location. The Council withdrew the motion to postpone the item and Favorable action was then motioned.

**MOTION:** Favorable Action  
**MOVER:** Peter Pietrantonio  
**SECONDER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**RESULT:** **Passed [9 TO 0]**  
**AYES:** Capone, DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Pietrantonio, Smith  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:** Rogers

**2. C0011-26 Public Hearing/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President**

A petition from National Grid requesting permission to relocate 2 JO Poles on Behen Street to accommodate the Island End River flood resiliency project at 201 Beacham Street. JO Pole 2570-1 to be moved approximately 3 feet to the southeast; JO Pole 2571-1 to be moved approximately 45 feet to the southeast

**At the request of National Grid, the petition has been withdrawn**

Councilor Garcia moved to grant leave to withdraw without prejudice at the request of National Grid.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of 12/22/2025

The minutes were approved collectivley and unanimously.

**MOTION:** Accept Meeting Minutes  
**MOVER:** Wayne Matewsky  
**SECONDER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**RESULT:** **Failed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**

**AWAY:**

Minutes of the 2026 Organizational Meeting of the City Council of 01/05/2026

**MOTION:** Accept Meeting Minutes  
**MOVER:** Wayne Matewsky  
**SECONDER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**

**3. C0029-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate by borrowing the amount of \$1,234,108.00 for the Fuller Street Park renovation project

Motion to take items 3, 4, and 6 collectively and to refer items 3, 4, and 6 to the committee on ways and means.

**MOTION:** Refer  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Holly Garcia  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**4. C0030-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate by borrowing the amount of \$1,326,928.00 for the Chelsea Street Park renovation project

**MOTION:** Refer  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Holly Garcia  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**5. C0031-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order to accept and expend a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Office of Planning and Development for the development of a Floating Boardwalk

This item was taken collectively with item 5. Matthew Lattanzi, Director of Planning and Development, explained that this \$297,525 MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Program) grant is a regional partnership between three municipalities where Everett serves as the lead and would accept all funds for the three municipalities. They have been working with these municipalities and consultants to do community engagement, and are now at the construction phase to install tree trenches.

Mr. Lattanzi explained that tree trenches look like traditional street tree pits but have underneath an infiltration system and water retention system. They increase the ability to capture stormwater during rain events so it's not just going into the soil but is captured underneath, cleaned, and slowly fed into the groundwater system.

Councilor DiPierro asked if they expected to expend only the grant amount or add additional funds. Mr. Lattanzi stated there is a city match of approximately \$190,000-\$200,000, but it is covered entirely through in-kind contribution from staff hours.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Martins
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [9 TO 1]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	Capone
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**6. C0032-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting approval of an intra departmental transfer in the amount of \$85,000 from the Public Health Department's professional services account to the salaries account, to cover overtime expenses

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**7. C0035-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order to accept and expend an EmPower grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center in the amount of \$50,000.00 to support preliminary design work for the Connolly Center Reconstruction project

Motion to take items 7 and 8 collectively and to refer items 7 and 8 to the committee on ways and means.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Martins
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**8. C0036-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order to accept and expend the FY2026 Radio grant from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$50,000.00 to support an upgrade of fire department's communications equipment

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Martins
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**9. C0039-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Thawanna Pessoa to the Planning Board for a term of three (3) years, expiring February 23,2029

Councilor Garcia moved to take items 9 through 15, 18, and 19 out of order and invite the Mayor. Councilor Martins seconded. The clerk read the items.

Mayor Robert Van Campen appeared before the council to present his senior leadership team. He stated that he committed to bringing in a professional leadership team to manage the affairs of the city during the election, transition, and first month in office.

Motion to refer items 9-15, 18, and 19 to the committee on legislative affairs and elections.

**MOTION:** Refer  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Holly Garcia  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**10. C0040-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of David Ela to the Everett Housing Authority Board for a term of four (4) years, beginning March 1, 2026

**MOTION:** Refer  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Holly Garcia  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**11. C0041-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Ellen Collins to the position of Director of Human Resources for the City of Everett

**MOTION:** Refer  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Holly Garcia  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**12. C0042-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Monica R. Lamboy to the position of Chief Development Officer for the City of Everett

**MOTION:** Refer  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Holly Garcia  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**13. C0043-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Jaclyn Munson to the position of City Solicitor for the City of Everett

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**14. C0044-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Omar Boukili to the position of Chief Administrative and Financial Officer for the City of Everett

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**15. C0045-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Robert Knox, Jr. to serve as Executive Director of City Services for the City of Everett

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**16. C0046-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting approval to re-purpose a total of \$1,028,317.30 in remaining balances (cost savings) from various completed Everett Public Schools capital improvement projects as attached

Chris Barrett from Everett Public Schools appeared before the council. He thanked the council for their support of capital projects and explained that the Superintendent has made it his goal to be strategic with capital money. The request is to make current capital projects more general and strategic rather than specific to different schools,

allowing more flexibility district-wide.

Mr. Barrett explained the first five projects total approximately \$208,000 from completed projects with money left over:

Councilor Capone asked how it was done in the past if there was extra money. Mr. Barrett explained it is similar to what they're doing now - taking additional funds earmarked for schools in the capital improvement plan and authorizing the Superintendent to use them.

Councilor Martins moved to refer to the committee on ways and means, seconded by Councilor Garcia.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Martins
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**17. C0047-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order requesting approval to accept and expend a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of \$297,525 for the Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP)

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<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Stephanie Martins

**SECONDER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**RESULT:** **Passed [9 TO 1]**  
**AYES:** DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith  
**NAYS:** Capone  
**AWAY:**

**18. C0048-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order proposing to amend the city's Administrative Code to establish a Department of Strategic Planning and Community Development and the position of Chief Development Officer

**MOTION:** Refer  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Holly Garcia  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**19. C0049-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order proposing to amend the city's Administrative Code to establish a Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the position of Chief Administrative and Financial Officer

**MOTION:** Refer  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Holly Garcia  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**PETITIONS AND LICENSES**

**20. C0022-26** Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Best Cars Auto Sales at 3 Everett Ave

Favorable action on items 20-24 collectively

**MOTION:** Favorable Action  
**MOVER:** Holly Garcia  
**SECONDER:** Michael Marchese

**RESULT:** **Passed [10 TO 0]**  
**AYES:** Capone, DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**21. C0023-26** Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Avanti Motors INC at 152 Ferry St

**MOTION:** Favorable Action  
**MOVER:** Holly Garcia  
**SECONDER:** Michael Marchese  
**RESULT:** **Passed [10 TO 0]**  
**AYES:** Capone, DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**22. C0024-26** Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Stadium Auto Sales at 35 Everett Ave

**MOTION:** Favorable Action  
**MOVER:** Holly Garcia  
**SECONDER:** Michael Marchese  
**RESULT:** **Passed [10 TO 0]**  
**AYES:** Capone, DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**23. C0033-26** Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a lodging house license for 450 Ferry St-BREC LHP LLC at 450 Ferry St

**MOTION:** Favorable Action  
**MOVER:** Holly Garcia  
**SECONDER:** Michael Marchese  
**RESULT:** **Passed [10 TO 0]**  
**AYES:** Capone, DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**24. C0038-26** Petition/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

A petition requesting the renewal of a class two motor vehicle dealer license for Fast & Furious Motor Inc. at 153 Ferry St

<b>MOTION:</b>	Favorable Action
<b>MOVER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Marchese
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [10 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Capone, DiPierro, Garcia, Marchese, Martins, Matewsky, Nguyen, Pietrantonio, Rogers, Smith
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**25. C0010-26** Resolution/s/ Councilor Guerline Alcy Jabouin

That the Assessor appear at the next meeting and explain the new assessments to the public

**NEW BUSINESS**

**26. C0006-26** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith, as President

An order amending the City Council Rules to simplify and clarify the determination of seniority for City Council members

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Anthony DiPierro
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

Item referred to the committee on legislative affairs and elections.

**27. C0025-26** Resolution/s/ Councilor Katy L. Rogers

A resolution to declare the month of May as Bike Month

Councilor Rogers explained she has been actively attending the transportation meetings, and one of the ideas proposed was to designate May as bike month to broaden opportunities to promote various transportation and give an understanding to the public for bike safety.

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

**28. C0026-26** Ordinance/s/ Councilor Stephanie V. Smith

An ordinance proposing amendments to the city's fire prevention and protection regulations

Item referred to the committee on legislative affairs and elections.

**MOTION:** Refer  
**MOVER:** Anthony DiPierro  
**SECONDER:** Holly Garcia  
**RESULT:** **Passed [0 TO 0]**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYS:**  
**AWAY:**

**29. C0028-26** Resolution/s/ Councilor Holly D. Garcia

That the Addiction Recovery Resource Specialist Paul Guarino from the Everett Fire Department Roadmap to Recovery appears at our next Government Operations, Public Service, & Public Safety committee meeting to discuss the 2025 data for calls and placements

Item referred to the committee on government operations.

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

**30. C0037-26** Resolution/s/ Councilor Peter Pietrantonio

That the Director of Inspectional Services appear at the next Government Operations, Public Service & Public Safety committee meeting to answer questions about the most recent snow storm.

Motion to invite Director of Inspectional Services to next government operations meeting.

<b>MOTION:</b>	Refer
<b>MOVER:</b>	Peter Pietrantonio
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Holly Garcia
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Passed [0 TO 0]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	
<b>AWAY:</b>	

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 8:40 PM

