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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
February 26, 2026

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The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors Stephanie Martins and Katy Rogers. Member absent was Michael Marchese who was away out of State and unable to return due to recent blizzard.

The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Order amending the City Council Rules to simplify and clarify the determination of seniority for City Council members.

David Flood, Legislative Research Specialist was also present.

Mr. Flood explained that there appeared to be a discrepancy in the definition of seniority between the old bicameral system and the new unicameral system so he had now codified it so it reflects exactly what we have been doing with continuous service, prior service and age. Councilor Rogers expressed her support for it.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Ordinance proposing amendments to the City's fire prevention and protection.

Deputy Fire Chief Will Hurley and Fire Lieutenant Adam Ragucci were also present.

Deputy Hurley explained that the Fire Prevention section in the City Ordinances was outdated that doesn't reflect the times and that it needed to be updated adding new definitions, new language that would now add some teeth to the ordinances. He agreed to review each proposed change line by line with the Committee to help provide some understanding to the proposed changes. Councilor Martins expressed concern with some of the changes as it related to bonfires – fire pits and smoke detectors in bedrooms. Councilor Martins felt that some amendments may be needed to clarify these two sections. Councilor Rogers inquired if they expected to make any additional changes as it relates to all the new anticipated development being proposed for the City but Deputy Hurley responded that everything is pretty well covered by State Law and Regulations. The Committee was informed that the proposal needed to have appropriate format before proceeding for passage.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with no recommendation pending the proposal being included in the proper format for passage.

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Thawanna Pessoa to the Everett Planning Board for a term of three (3) years expiring February 23, 2029.

Appointee Thawanna Pessoa was also present.

Ms. Pessoa reviewed her background in construction and real estate with the Committee and noted that she has lived in Everett for the past 10 years who also speaks both Portuguese and Spanish. Councilor Rogers remarked that it was great to have her on Board and Councilor Martins mentioned that she personally knows Ms. Pessoa who will do her homework on any issues before the Planning Board.

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of David Ela to the Everett Housing Authority Board for a term of four (4) years beginning March 1, 2026.

Appointee David Ela was invited but was not present.

The Committee was in receipt of Mr. Ela's resume and was familiar with him as a former elected official.

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Ellen Collins to the position of Director of Human Resources for the City of Everett.

Appointee Ellen Collins was also present.

The Committee noted that Ms Collins had already been introduced by Mayor Robert Van Campen at a previous City Council meeting in which he outlined Ms. Collins extensive background in Human Resources. Ms. Collins discussed her 18 years of management experience in local government that included her many years working for the City of Somerville.

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Monica R. Lamboy to the position of Chief Development Officer for the City of Everett.

Appointee Monica P. Lamboy was also present.

The Committee noted that Ms. Lamboy had already been introduced by Mayor Robert Van Campen at a previous City Council meeting in which he outlined Ms. Lamboy's extensive strategic planning background in working for the communities of Cambridge, Chelsea, Randolph and Somerville as well as the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Ms. Lamboy provided the Committee with an overview of her 36 years of public service.

Chairman DiPierro announced that Ms. Lamboy could not be appointed until the Administrative Code was updated to reflect this new position.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council a recommendation for Favorable action pending passage of the Administrative Code for this new position.

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Jaclyn Munson to the position of City Solicitor for the City of Everett.

Appointee Jaclyn Munson was also present.

The Committee noted that Ms Munson had already been introduced by Mayor Robert Van Campen at a previous City Council meeting in which he outlined Ms. Collins extensive background in Legal field. Ms. Munson discussed her previous legal background in working for the Communities of Boston and Arlington and noted that she was looking forward to working for the City of Everett in making the City Solicitors office a full service legal office.

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Omar Boukili to the position of Chief Administrative and Financial Officer for the City of Everett.

Appointee Omar Boukili was also present.

The Committee noted that Mr. Boukili had already been introduced by Mayor Robert Van Campen at a previous City Council meeting in which he outlined Mr. Boukili's extensive administrative and financial background in working for the communities of Boston and Somerville. Mr. Boukili remarked that he was grateful to be part of this administration. Councilor Martins stated that she was glad to hear about his past experiences and was excited to have him working for the City of Everett.

Chairman DiPierro announced that Mr. Boukili could not be appointed until the Administrative Code was updated to reflect this new position.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council a recommendation for Favorable action pending passage of the Administrative Code for this new position.

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation on the appointment of Robert Knox, Jr to serve as Executive Director of City Services for the City of Everett.

Appointee Robert Knox, Jr was invited but was not present as he was still overseeing the city cleanup efforts from the recent blizzard.

The Committee noted that Mr. Knox had already been introduced by Mayor Robert Van Campen at a previous City Council meeting in which he outlined Mr. Knox's extensive background as the former Director of Public Works in the neighboring community of Malden. .

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David Flood, Legislative Research Specialist was also present.

Mr. Flood explained that consultant Steve McGoldrick had provided some draft language for the new positions and that he tried to put them into the appropriate format but he noted that it needed a little more work in addition to some amendments expressed by Omar Boukili. He recommended that the matter be referred out to the March 9th regular meeting with no recommendation so the proposed amendments could be provided at that time which would allow a public hearing on the new positions to be held on March 23rd.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council meeting on March 9th with no recommendation pending receipts of the appropriate changes needed.

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