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Legislative Affairs & Election Committee
March 9, 2026

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

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

Members present were Councilor Michael Marchese, presiding, Councilors Stephanie Martins, Anthony DiPierro and Katy Rogers.

The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Katy Rogers: An Order amending the City Council Rules to update the public participation rules for city council meetings.

Councilor Rogers mentioned that the rules of the City Council currently split the public participation period at its regular meetings into two sections. The first section is meant to speak on topics that appear that meeting's agenda; the second section is meant to speak on topics that do not appear on that meeting's agenda. She stated that the usage and enforcement of these rules have been somewhat inconsistent when speakers sign-up for both sections of public participation they are sometimes forced to wait a few hours before they can speak on the non-agenda items. She noted that the the School Committee's rules for public participation currently allow all participants to speak for 3 minutes without limitation and she would like to have the City Council do the same for both agenda and non-agenda items. She requested that the Committee amend the typo of Section 10 – 3 to Section 10 – E.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher Snook to the Everett Housing Authority Board as a Labor Representative for a term of two (2) years beginning March 1, 2026.

Appointee Christopher Snook was also present.

Councilor DiPierro announced to the committee that he knew Mr. Snook who was also a constituent of his in Ward 3 in which he highly recommended for the appointment. Councilor Rogers concurred.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

#3- C0053-26

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The Committee considered an Order offered by Councilor Stephanie Smith, as President: An Order requesting the confirmation of the appointment of Margaret Lever to the Everett Housing Authority Board as a Tenant Representative for a term of one (1) year beginning March 1, 2026.

Appointee Margaret Lever was invited but was not present.

Councilor DiPierro announced to the committee that he knew Ms. Lever who was also a constituent of his in Ward 3 in which he stated was a fine choice for the appointment.

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 Councilors Stephanie Martins, Vivian Nguyen, Wayne Matewsky, Katy Rogers, Anthony DiPierro and Holly Garcia: An Ordinance promoting fair labor standards and preventing wage theft in the City of Everett.

City Solicitor Jacyln Munson and former Salem City Councilor Jeff Cohen were also present.

Councilor Martins provided the Committee with a revised copy of the proposed ordinance at the start of the discussion on the matter. She stated that the City Council has authority to adopt ordinances to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all residents of the City of Everett. By passing this proposed ordinance the City will be able to protect its residents from a practice commonly known as wage theft, which is the improper withholding of payment from employees and failing to pay them according. She mentioned that low-income, immigrant, and limited English proficient workers, who represent a large percentage of the population of the City of Everett, are most vulnerable to this practice, as are workers in the hospitality, service, and construction industries. She stated that the intent of the ordinance is so the City will be able to ensure that its vendors comply with federal and state wage laws and that City resources are not used to support vendors responsible for wage law violations. She noted that the enforcement authority for wage theft in Massachusetts is the State's Attorney General. Mr. Cohen provided an overview of the wage theft legislation that he helped get passed in his hometown of Salem as well as the City of Revere. He mentioned several examples to the Committee on how potential wage theft was committed amongst the most vulnerable. He explained that the most important aspect of the proposal is the actual reporting of wage theft, but acknowledged that many employees were fearful of reporting because they were scared to lose their jobs. He remarked that he hoped the City of Everett becomes the third community to pass such legislation on wage theft. Solicitor Munson confirmed that this was a mechanism in which individuals impacted by wage theft can come forward to open up the procedures for reporting to the Attorney General and Department of Labor. She mentioned that she had worked on a similar ordinance for the City of Boston and didn't believe that it would be a conflict to get information on wage theft to the Attorney General, but reminded the Committee that the City cannot represent individuals harmed by wage theft. Councilor Martins informed the Committee that she needed to make some minor changes based on the recommendations of the City Solicitor but wanted the Committee to know that this was supported by many labor groups. She requested that the matter be referred out to the City Council regular meeting on Monday March 23, 2026 with the appropriate revisions provided at that time for passage.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council regular meeting on Monday March 23, 2026 with a recommendation for Favorable action pending receipt of the appropriate revisions.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees