

August 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the Everett City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., August 21, 2024, by President Schwab.

Upon roll call, it was found that Council Members Rhyne, Schwab, Vogeli, Zarlingo, Bader, and Tuohy were present. Mayor Franklin and Council Member Fosse were excused.

Council Member Zarlingo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Bader recited the land acknowledgement.

The minutes of the August 14, 2024, meeting were approved.

MAYOR

Mayor Franklin was excused.

Police Chief John DeRousse introduced two new police officers.

OATHS OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICERS

**Moved by Council Member Tuohy, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, to concur with the appointments of Hannah King and Jonathan Weiss as new police officers.**

Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Member Fosse who was excused.

**Motion carried.**

The City Clerk administered the oath of office, President Schwab pinned the officers with their badges, and Council members congratulated Officers King and Weiss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council received four (4) written comments and the following members of the public spoke: Timothy Whetstine.

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COUNCIL

Council Member Zarlingo spoke about his attendance at a ribbon cutting for new yoga studio downtown.

Council Member Rhyne spoke about her attendance at the Parks and Quality of Life committee meeting. She also stated the Pinehurst - Beverly Park Neighborhood is hosting an ice cream social.

Council Member Bader requested a briefing on the U.S. Supreme court decision regarding public camping.

President Schwab spoke about public involvement in the City's budget process and the selection of the Council's third-party budget analyst, Michael Bailey. He also spoke on upcoming Budget committee meetings and proposed changes to future Council meetings.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Government Affairs Director Jennifer Gregerson provided additional updates on the budget process.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Hall requested a 5-minute executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.1(i) with council action to follow.

CONSENT ITEMS:

**Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Tuohy, to approve the following consent items:**

RESOLUTION - CLAIMS

**To adopt Resolution No. 8060 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$6,235,651.55 for the period ending August 3, 2024, through August 9, 2024.**

AGREEMENT - GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

**To approve the Professional Services Agreement with Trevor Justin Government Relations LLC through December 2025.**

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AGREEMENT - JETTY LANDING LAUNCH FLOAT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

**To authorize the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Port of Everett & Snohomish County to pay an allocation of the cost for the Jetty Landing Launch Float Replacement project.**

GRANT - EVERETT MAIN LIBRARY HVAC REPLACEMENT PROJECT

**To authorize the Mayor to sign and accept the appropriated funds from the Snohomish County Human Services American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, PL-117-2, sec. 9901 for the Everett Main Library HVAC Replacement Project.**

AGREEMENT AMENDED - EVERETT MALL BUS STATION PLATFORM

**To authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 1 with PACE Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$83,047.**

EASEMENT - UNDEVELOPED WATERLINE

**To authorize the Mayor to sign the Relinquishment of Utility Easements for an undeveloped waterline.**

AGREEMENT - SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

**To authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Everett Public Schools concerning the School Resource Officer Program for 2024-2027.**

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**To authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Mukilteo School District concerning the School Resource Officer Program for 2024-2027.**

AGREEMENT - THERAPEUTIC COURT – SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

**To authorize the Mayor to sign the Interagency Agreement IAA25070 between the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and Everett Municipal Court.**

Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Member Fosse who was excused.

**Motion carried.**

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**PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:**

**COUNCIL BILL 2408-16**

**SECOND READING:**

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Construction Project, entitled “Municipal Court Security Camera Upgrades Project,” Fund 342, Program 045, to accumulate construction costs for the project

Bob Leonard, Facilities, provided an overview of the proposed ordinance.

**COUNCIL BILL 2408-18**

**SECOND READING:**

AN ORDINANCE establishing a Voluntary Separation Incentive Program that will be available to eligible City of Everett employees

Lori Cummings and Kandy Bartlett, Administration, provided updates to the proposed ordinance. Discussion ensued with Lori and Kandy answering Council questions.

**Moved by Council Member Tuohy, seconded by Council Member Bader, to increase minimum time of service to 24 months.**

Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Member Fosse who was excused.

**Motion carried.**

**Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Rhyne, to accept the proposed language “not to exceed 55,000” in Section 2d (2).**

Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Member Fosse who was excused.

**Motion carried.**

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Moved by Council Member Tuohy, seconded by Council Member Bader, to utilize a sliding scale based on longevity like the one established in Ordinance 3736-20, Section 2d(3).

Rhyne requested the budgetary impact of changing the payout.

**Moved by Council Member Zarlingo, seconded by Council Member Bader to table the motion regarding the sliding scale based on budgetary impacts.**

Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Member Fosse who was excused.

**Motion tabled.**

Discussion ensued regarding approval of hiring within 12-month period and a hiring freeze.

**Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Rhyne, to amend Section 5a, to strike “or designee” and add “and Council” next to “the Mayor,” and approve the remainder of the changes to section 5.**

Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Member Fosse who was excused.

**Motion carried.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**RESOLUTION - EVERETT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, to adopt Resolution No. 8061 concurring with staff recommendation and authorizing the Mayor to implement the next steps to establish an Everett Chamber of Commerce.**

Discussion ensued regarding creation of the committee and ongoing updates from the Chamber.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Member Fosse who was excused.

**Motion carried.**

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**BRIEFING:**

**COUNCIL BILL 2408-19**

**FIRST READING:**

AN ORDINANCE allowing Birthing Centers on the ground floor on certain designated streets, amending EMC Chapters 19.04 (Definitions) and 19.05 (Uses)

Presented by Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning

Discussion ensued with Yorik answering Council questions.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2029 EVERETT TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND 2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

President Schwab opened the public hearing for the 2024-2029 Everett Transit Development Plan and 2023 Annual Report.

Melinda Adams, Transit, provided a presentation. Discussion ensued with Melinda and Mike Schmieder, Transit, answering Council questions.

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**Moved by Council Member Rhyne, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, to close the public hearing.**

Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Member Fosse who was excused.

**Motion carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The City Council recessed for an executive session at 8:00 p.m., began the executive session at 8:02 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:07 p.m. and Council reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

**SETTLEMENT – VEHICLE COLLISION**

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**Moved by Council Member Zarlingo, seconded by Council Member Rhyne, to authorize the Mayor to sign the settlement agreement with Miriam Morin, in the amount of \$24,750, for a vehicle collision claim.**

Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Member Fosse who was excused.

**Motion carried.**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



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City Clerk

Read and approved.



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Council President

# 8.21.2024 Council minutes

Final Audit Report

2024-08-30

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