

May 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Everett City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., May 7, 2025, by President Schwab.

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

Council Member Bader led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Fosse recited the land acknowledgement.

The minutes of the April 30, 2025 meeting were approved.

President Schwab moved Agenda Items No. 6 from Consent Items to Action Items.

MAYOR

Mayor Franklin provided comments on the utilization of apprentices on public work construction projects ordinance and addressed questions that have been circulating regarding the legislation passed in Olympia allowing a merger between Everett Transit and Community Transit. Mayor Franklin stated that the City of Everett is not actively considering a merger at this time.

Mayor Franklin provided comments on her attendance at the Mayor's Innovation Project Pedestrian Safety Cohort in Washington D.C.

Mayor Franklin provided comments on the Edgewater Bridge delay and invited Ryan Sass and Tom Hood from Public Works to provide an update. Mayor Franklin issued a proclamation declaring May 2025 as Bike Month and invited Brock Howell to accept the proclamation and provide a few words.

Mayor Franklin also provided comments on the tragic loss of the 13-year-old child earlier this week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council received one (1) written comment, and the following members of the public spoke: Annie Lalone, Timothy Chipman, Jo Newland, Mark Simpson, Nel Anderson, Joe Kunzler, Ian McMillian, Steve McKenzie, Carl and Laura Agne, Patty Manning, Tyler Beckley, Carpenter Chuck, Bonnie Townsend, and Laurie McMillian

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COUNCIL

Council members thanked the public commentors.

President Schwab provided comments on the comprehensive plan, and stated the next open house is tomorrow night at the Carl Gibson Center at 6:00 p.m.

Vice President Zarlingo provided comments on the State Department of Transportation Working Group on State Route 525 Improvements.

Council Member Fosse provided comments on the comprehensive plan and stated the Marshallese Constitution Day Celebration is May 23rd – 26th at Jackson Park.

Council Member Bader attended the Puget Sound Regional Growth Management Policy Board.

Council Member Rhyne stated that the next comprehensive plan update open house is tomorrow night at the Carl Gibson Center at 6:00 p.m. and provided information on where to find comprehensive plan update details on the City's website. She stated the Port Gardner Neighborhood Association meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday at the Resource Center at the School District, the Glacier View Neighborhood meeting is on Tuesday, and the Farmer's Market opens this Sunday on Mother's Day at 10:00 a.m.

Council Member Vogeli attended the Alliance for Housing Affordability meeting and stated Program Manager Chris Collier was promoted to the Government Affairs Director, and they plan to bring on more team members for additional support. She provided comments on Bike Month, the tragic loss of the 13-year-old child earlier this week and stated that Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) will be hosting their first South Everett Community Development Roundtable on Tuesday, May 13th from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Village on Casino Road. She also attended the Latino Educational Training Institute (LETI) celebration on May 4th.

Council Member Tuohy provided comments on the comprehensive plan and attended the Community Health and Safety Council Committee meeting.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Government Affairs Director Jennifer Gregerson provided comments on the comprehensive plan update and stated new proposals would be brought to the council on May 21st, and the final vote will be on June 18th.

CITY ATTORNEY

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City Attorney David Hall had no updates.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

RESOLUTION - CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8166 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$4,340,204.21 for the period ending April 19, 2025, through April 25, 2025.

RESOLUTION – PAYROLL CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8167 authorizing payroll claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$5,624,911.53 for the period ending April 19, 2025.

AWARD – 2025 PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE OVERLAY PROJECT

To award the Construction Contract for the 2025 Pavement Maintenance Overlay Project to Granite Construction Company of Everett, WA in the amount of \$1,327,733.50.

AGREEMENT – CITYWIDE BICYCLE WAYFINDING PROJECT

To accept the Citywide Bicycle Wayfinding Project as complete and authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Completion.

AGREEMENT – EVERGREEN PUMP STATION MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

To accept the Evergreen Pump Station Modifications Project as complete and authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Completion.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:

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COUNCIL BILL 2504-25

SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “Later Phase Eclipse Mill Park,” Fund 308, Program 083, to accumulate construction costs for the Eclipse Mill Park Project in the amount of \$4,400,000

COUNCIL BILL 2504-26

SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “WPCF FEN Meter Replacement,” Fund 336, Program 048

COUNCIL BILL 2504-27

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “Edgewater Creek Bridge Replacement,” Fund 303, Program 115, to accumulate all costs for the improvement and repealing Ordinance No. 4072-25

BRIEFING & PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:

COUNCIL BILL 2504-28

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE relating to Utilization of Apprentices on Public Works Construction Projects, adding a new section to Chapter 3.80 EMC

Government Affairs Director provided a briefing and answered council questions.

The following member of the public spoke: Seth Newsome

ACTION ITEMS:

AGREEMENT – BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES

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Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with NW Innovation Resource Center to provide business support services from 2025 – 2027.

Economic Development Director Dan Eernisse provided a briefing and answered council questions.

Council Member Fosse left the council meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Rhyne, seconded by Council Member Vogeli, to table the agreement for one week to work with local stakeholders to see if there is an alternative path forward.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes, except Council Members Zarlingo, Bader, and President Schwab who voted no, and Council Member Fosse who was excused.

Motion failed.

Discussion continued with Dan Eernisse answering council questions.

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

Motion carried.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



City Clerk

Read and approved.



Council President






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