

May 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the Everett City Council was called to order at 12:30 p.m., May 28, 2025, by President Schwab.

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

Council Member Rhyne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Zarlingo recited the land acknowledgement.

The minutes of the May 21, 2025 meeting were approved.

MAYOR

Mayor Franklin congratulated Deb Williams on her retirement and thanked her for 42 years of public service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council received nine (9) written comments and the following members of the public spoke: Evan Bingaman, Eric Nordin, and Madeline Shepherd. Melissa Nordin submitted written comment in lieu of public comment.

COUNCIL

Council Member Zarlingo congratulated Deb Williams on her retirement and attended the Puget Sound Regional General Assembly.

Council Member Fosse attended the Marshallese Constitution Day Festival, reminded the public about Sorticulture on June 6th – 8th, and thanked Deb Williams for her service.

Council Member Bader thanked Deb Williams for her service.

Council Member Rhyne attended the Historic Commission Meeting, thanked the public commenters, reminded the public the Everett Animal Shelter is hosting a free dog microchip event on June 7th for low income households, and reminded the public that the city's website has a subscribe function for city updates.

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Council Member Vogeli thanked Deb Williams for her service, and Jennifer Gregerson for the administrative update, provided appreciation for commenters on the Comprehensive Plan, and stated she will leave at 2:30 p.m. for another meeting.

President Schwab attended Cruizin' 2 Colby, thanked Scott Pattison and volunteers for the event, and Deb Williams for her service.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Government Affairs Director Jennifer Gregerson provided updates on the Everett Community College Early Learning Center, historic overlays, reminded the public the Everett Municipal Building will be closed June 2 – June 15th, and reminded the public that all permitting projects are reviewed by different departments to ensure requirements are being met.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Ramsey Ramerman thanked Deb Williams for her service and requested a 20-minute executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(a) for property acquisition and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for legal matters.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

RESOLUTION - CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8171 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$8,016,293.29 for the period ending May 10, 2025 through May 16, 2025.

APPROVAL – COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PLAN

To approve the 2025-2029 Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan.

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – WALL STREET CONNECTOR PROJECT

To authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 of the System Access Fund Project Agreement related to the Wall Street Connector Project with Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit).

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

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:

COUNCIL BILL 2505-30

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “Everett Outdoor Event Center”, Fund 342, Program 052, to accumulate costs for the planning and development of the Outdoor Event Center, including costs for design services, consultant and legal fees, and initial property acquisition costs for the Everett Outdoor Event Center Project in the amount of \$4,800,000

COUNCIL BILL 2505-31

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE approving the appropriations of the 2025 revised City of Everett Budget and amending Ordinance No. 4087-25

COUNCIL BILL 2505-32

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and providing for acquisition, including through the exercise of eminent domain, of land and real property rights for the purpose of constructing the Everett Outdoor Events Center Project; and authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements related to acquisition of the land and real property rights

BRIEFING:

Everett Outdoor Events Center

Presented by Scott Pattison, Economic Development, and Ben Franz, Shields Obletz Johnson

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Considerable discussion ensued with Scott Pattison, Dan Eernisse, and Heidi Brillantes answering council questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council recessed for an executive session at 1:46 p.m., began the executive session at 1:48 p.m., and reconvened at 2:09 p.m.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:

COUNCIL BILL 2505-33

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “Lexington Drainage”, Fund 336, Program 030, and repealing Ordinance No. 3892-22

COUNCIL BILL 2505-34

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE closing a Special Improvement Project, entitled “Wall Street Connector”, Fund 303, Program 129, as established by Ordinance No. 3933-22

COUNCIL BILL 2505-35

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “Lowell Riverfront Trail Improvements”, Fund 308, Program 084, to accumulate construction costs for the Lowell Riverfront Trail Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,649,860

ACTION ITEMS:

COUNCIL BILL 2505-29

THIRD AND FINAL READING:

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AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Construction Project, entitled “Police Firing Range Renovations Project”, Fund 342, Program 50, to accumulate all permitting and construction costs for the renovation project in the amount of \$127,000

Moved by Council Member Zarlingo, seconded by Council Member Rhyne, that this is declared to be the third and final reading of Council Bill 2505-29.

The Deputy City Clerk was directed to call roll for the final disposition of the ordinance.

AYES: Zarlingo, Fosse, Bader, Rhyne, Vogeli, Schwab
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Tuohy

Ordinance 4094-25 adopted.

RESOLUTION – 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Moved by Council Member Rhyne, seconded by Council Member Vogeli, to adopt Resolution No. 8172 concerning the 2025 Annual Action Plan.

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

Motion carried.

BRIEFING:

Everett Initiative Measure 24-01

Presented by Dan Eernisse, Economic Development

Discussion ensued with Dan Eernisse answering council questions.

Council Member Vogeli left at 2:23 p.m.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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Deputy City Clerk

Read and approved.

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Council President








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