

August 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the Everett City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., August 20, 2025, by President Schwab.

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

Council Member Rhyne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Tuohy recited the land acknowledgement.

The minutes of the August 13, 2025, meeting were approved.

MAYOR

Mayor Franklin advised she will not be at Council next week as she will be attending a roundtable on housing and expressed frustration about the closing of Fred Meyer on Evergreen Way.

Mayor Franklin welcomed Fire_Chief Dave DeMarco to present Gauge Bryant, Helia, Pam, Jennifer, and Jacqueline with the Citizen Lifesaving Award.

Mayor Franklin also read a proclamation recognizing Ukrainian Independence Day on August 21st and invited John Vanpatten from Ukraine Defense Support to accept the proclamation and provide comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council received two (2) written comments and the following members of the public spoke: Jose Villalaz, Charles McMurrey, Matt Frazier, and Alexis Boies.

COUNCIL

Several Council Members congratulated the award winners, thanked the public commenters, and expressed frustration with both Kroger/Fred Meyer and Compass Health.

Council Member Rhyne advised the 211 system will be consolidated into a statewide system, requested updates from Administration on emphasis patrols and CPTED improvements surrounding Andy's Place, advised Everett Public Schools start Wednesday, August 26th, and she welcomed home Sarah and Isaac Shaw.

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Council Member Fosse advised the public that Boards and Commissions applications are open, thanked Council Member Vogeli and Rhyne for their comments, and advised the Bayside Block Party is coming up soon.

Council Member Tuohy suggested reviewing Transit routes and educating the community on available grocery options nearby, in response to the closure of Fred Meyer.

Mayor Franklin advised that staff will be going door to door in the neighborhood with maps on local grocery stores and will review potential options to increase Transit availability for the affected neighborhoods.

Council Member Zarlingo attended the Snohomish County Regional Law and Justice Council meeting.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Government Affairs Director Jennifer Gregerson provided the grocery store handout for the neighborhoods affected by the Fred Meyer closure, advised the public that the city provides trip planning assistance at 425-257-7777, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. She also advised the city website has been updated with additional resources at www.everettwa.gov/southstores, and advised applications are open now for Boards and Commissions. She also stated the City is preparing for the upcoming Charter Review.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Hall requested a 10-minute executive session, pursuant to RCW 42.31.110(1)(i) to discuss settlement of a worker's compensation claim, with Council action to follow.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

RESOLUTION - CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8201 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$7,818,281.65 for the period ending August 2, 2025, through August 8, 2025.

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AGREEMENT – TIMBER SALE

To authorize the Mayor to sign Section G-51 Time Extension to the 2025 Chaplain Blowdown Salvage Timer Sale contract.

JOB COMPLETE – WFP EMERGENCY GENERATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

To accept the WFP Emergency Generator Replacement as complete and authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Completion.

AGREEMENT – WSDOT GREEN TRANSPORTATION GRANT

To authorize the Mayor to sign the 2025-2027 Washington State Department of Transportation Green Transportation Grant Agreement.

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

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:

COUNCIL BILL 2508-42

SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 4003-24 for a Special Improvement Project, entitled “Forest Park Pickleball Court Installation,” Fund 354, Program 093, to accumulate all costs for the project

COUNCIL BILL 2508-43

SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “Lion’s Park Lighting Project,” Fund 354, Program 106, to accumulate all construction costs for the project

COUNCIL BILL 2508-44

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SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE closing a Special Improvement Project, entitled "Walter E. Hall Community Amenities," Fund 354, Program 092, as established by Ordinance No. 3971-23

BRIEFING:

COUNCIL BILL 2508-45

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled "Municipal Court Access Control Installation Project," Fund 342, Program 053, to accumulate all costs for the project

ACTION ITEM:

COUNCIL BILL 2507-41

THIRD AND FINAL READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Civil Infraction against a graffiti tagger for the unauthorized application of illegal graffiti, amending chapter 10.62 Everett Municipal Code

Moved by Council Member Rhyne, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, that this is declared to be the third and final reading of Council Bill 2507-41.

Moved by Council Member Rhyne, seconded by Council Member Fosse, to amend Council Bill 2507-41, section 10.62.055, subsections A, B, and C, and adding a subsection D.

A. In addition to any other civil or criminal penalties or other remedies authorized by law or equity, a graffiti tagger shall be subject to a civil infraction punishable by a fine of \$250 per illegal graffiti violation, and may further be ordered to make restitution to the responsible public agency or responsible private party of costs incurred by the responsible public agency or responsible private party, including but not limited to all labor and materials costs of abating the illegal graffiti.

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B. It is a complete defense that the graffiti tagger obtained the express permission of the responsible public agency or responsible private party prior to applying the graffiti. The graffiti tagger has the burden of establishing this defense by a preponderance of evidence.

C. Restitution imposed pursuant to this Section 10.62.055 is payable immediately. On motion of the graffiti tagger supported by a showing of financial hardship or other extenuating circumstances, the court may convert some or all of the monetary penalty to community restitution pursuant to the procedure established in RCW 7.80.130(2), provided that the community restitution is performed for the purposes of graffiti abatement. Any penalties, restitution, and other costs ordered pursuant to this Section 10.62.055 that go unpaid may be referred to a collection agency, or the City Attorney may pursue collection in any other manner allowed by law.

D. Responsibility for Juveniles. Any parent or legal guardian of a juvenile age sixteen or seventeen who is found to have committed a violation of paragraph (A) of this section is liable for any restitution imposed under paragraph (C) of this section, except community restitution

Discussion ensued with Lacey Offutt answering Council questions.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

Ordinance 4106-25 adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed to the Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. The Executive Session began at 7:48 p.m. and ended at 7:58 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

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SETTLEMENT – WORKER’S COMPENSATION

Moved by Council Member Rhyne, seconded by Council Member Fosse, to authorize the Mayor to execute a settlement agreement for a Worker’s Compensation claim by former firefighter Jason Haig in the amount of \$183,470.

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

Motion carried.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Deputy City Clerk

Read and approved.



Council President








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