

January 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the Everett City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., January 7, 2026, by President Schwab.

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

Council Member Tuohy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Zarlingo recited the land acknowledgement.

Mayor Franklin invited Judge Remy Leonard to administer oaths of office for Mayor and elected Council Members.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Judge Remy Leonard administered the Ceremonial Oath of Office for:

- Mayor Cassie Franklin
- Councilmember Erica Weir, Position 1
- Councilmember Paula Rhyne, Position 2
- Councilmember Don Schwab, Position 3
- Councilmember Luis Burbano, Position 4
- Councilmember Ben Zarlingo, Position 5

MAYOR

Mayor Franklin congratulated elected judges and Council members and advised that she is appointing Deputy Chief Robert Goetz to the position of Chief of Police. She invited Deputy Chief Goetz to be sworn in.

The Deputy City Clerk administered the Chief of Police Oath of Office to Robert Goetz.

Chief Goetz provided comments.

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APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Tuohy, to concur with the following appointments:

Everett Housing Authority Board

- Paul Manselle, Pos #2 – term expiring 10/6/2030 (re-appointment)
- Koren Smith, Pos #3 – term expiring 10/6/2030 (re-appointment)
- Jason Miller, Pos #6 – term expiring 10/6/2030

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

Moved by Council Member Rhyne, seconded by Council Member Bader, to concur with the following appointments:

Civil Service Commission

- Charles McMurrey, Pos #2 – term expiring 12/31/2031

Library Board

- Melinda Cervantes, Pos #2 – term expiring 12/31/2030

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 17, 2025, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The council received one (1) written comment and the following members of the public spoke: Steve Oss, Liz Vogeli, and John Peeples.

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COUNCIL

Several Council Members congratulated the elected officials and newly appointed Chief Goetz.

Council Member Zarlingo thanked the people who serve on Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Tuohy wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Council Member Rhyne reminded the public that Monday is the Port Garnder Neighborhood Association meeting and that Bloodworks Northwest needs donations.

Council Member Bader thanked Chief DeRousse for his service with the city, asked for an analysis from the Police Department on the new Flock Camera legislation, and thanked first responders for their service during several recent emergencies.

Mayor Franklin advised that Flock Cameras are on agenda for discussion with Council and will provide an update regarding this legislation.

President Schwab advised that Council retreat is scheduled for January 31st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Weyerhaeuser Room at the Everett Station and advised that the Snohomish County Volunteers of America are still in need of food donations.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Government Affairs Director Jennifer Gregerson did not have any updates.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Hall requested a 10-minute executive session, pursuant to RCW 42.31.110(1)(i) with Council action to follow.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

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RESOLUTION - CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8249 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$1,344,789.36 for the period December 6, 2025, through December 12, 2025.

RESOLUTION - CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8250 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$4,231,334.66 for the period December 13, 2025, through December 19, 2025.

RESOLUTION - CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8251 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$1,376,520.48 for the period December 20, 2025, through December 26, 2025.

RESOLUTION – ELECTRONIC TRANSFER CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8252 authorizing electronic transfer claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$8,822,101.52 for the period November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025.

RESOLUTION – PAYROLL CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8253 authorizing payroll claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$5,787,665.55 for the period ending December 13, 2025.

AGREEMENT – CHANGE ORDER FOR SECURITY CAMERAS

To award and authorize the Mayor to sign the Change Order for security cameras and installation services from CDW-Government LLC, using the King County Directors' Association (KCDA) Contract #022-G/City of Everett contract #2022-073 in the amount of \$14,521.00, not including Washington state sales tax.

CONSTRUCTION AWARD – RRFB PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT

To award the Construction Contract for the RRFB Pedestrian Safety Project to Earthwork Solutions LLC in the amount of \$715,108.86.

AWARD – 2026 VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PURCHASES

To award and authorize 2026 Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Purchases from the lowest-priced, best available source through competitively bid cooperative contracts.

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CONSTRUCTION AWARD – 36TH STREET CSO STORAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

To award the Construction Contract for the 36th Street CSO Storage Improvements project, UP 3765 Phase 2, to Interwest Construction, Inc., of Burlington, WA, in the amount of \$20,955,622.10.

AGREEMENT AMENDED – WFP EOM AND AM/MAINTENANCE PROGRAM SUPPORT

To authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 2 to the 2024 Professional Services Agreement with Brown and Caldwell for WFP eOM and AM/Maintenance Program Support to extend the contract completion date.

AGREEMENT AMENDED – WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE GRANT

To authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 2 with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

AGREEMENT – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH EPOA

To authorize the Mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Everett Police Officer's Association.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:

COUNCIL BILL 2512-88

SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled "Pedestrian Safety RRFB – Everett Ave & 79th PI SE," Fund 303, Program 136, to accumulate all costs for the improvement

COUNCIL BILL 2512-89

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SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 4010-24, entitled “Walter E. Hall Park Community Connections Path,” Fund 354, Program 094, to accumulate all costs for the project

COUNCIL BILL 2512-90

SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “I-5/US-2 Interim Ramp Improvements,” Fund 303, Program 135, to accumulate all costs for the improvement

BRIEFING & PROPOSED ACTION ITEM

COUNCIL BILL 2512-91

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE for Everett 2044 Housekeeping Amendments to Development Regulations recently adopted through the Everett 2044 Periodic Update, amending EMC Chapters 14.16, 19.03, 19.04, 19.05, 19.06, 19.08, 19.09, 19.13, 19.22, 19.25, 19.34, 19.35, 19.38, 19.39, and 19.40

Presented by Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning

Discussion ensued with Yorik answering council questions.

ACTION ITEMS:

Moved by Council Member Zarlingo, seconded by Council Member Rhyne, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County for participation in the Downtown Improvement District for the 2026-2030 term.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

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Motion carried.

NOMINATION – 2026 COUNCIL PRESIDENT/MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

President Schwab opened the nominations for Council President for 2026.

Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Rhyne, to nominate Council Member Schwab as 2026 Council President/Mayor Pro Tempore.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

Council Member Schwab was elected President for the year 2026.

NOMINATION – 2026 COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council President Schwab opened the nominations for Council Vice President for 2026.

Moved by Council Member Schwab, seconded by Council Member Weir, to nominate Council Member Rhyne as 2026 Council Vice President.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

Council Member Rhyne was elected Vice President for the year 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed to the executive session at 7:29 p.m. The executive session began at 7:30 p.m. and ended at 7:40 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

SETTLEMENT – WATERMAIN BREAK AT 3109 MCDOUGALL AVENUE

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Moved by Council Member Tuohy, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, to authorize the Mayor to execute a partial settlement agreement for damages in the amount of \$318,518.10, payable to Everett District Station Alliance, arising from a 12-inch water main break around 3109 McDougall Ave.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Deputy City Clerk

Read and approved.



Council President






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