

January 14, 2026

The regular meeting of the Everett City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., January 14, 2026, by President Schwab.

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

Council Member Bader led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Rhyne recited the land acknowledgement.

#### MAYOR

Mayor Franklin introduced Police Chief Goetz to introduce eight new officers.

#### OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICERS

**Moved by Council Member Tuohy, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, to concur with the appointments of Ashley Blum, Joshua Elecfi, Jonathan Green, Daniel Haggerty, Troy Hirschhorn, Jose Miranda-Chacon, Alaina Perry, and Han Xia as new police officers.**

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

**Motion carried.**

The Deputy City Clerk administered the oath of office and Mayor Franklin pinned the officers with their badges.

Mayor Franklin also advised that Utility Billing and Permitting are both now open at the Everett Municipal Building and congratulated the new officers.

#### APPOINTMENTS

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

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Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

- Judy Pascale, Pos #3 – term expiring 12/31/2029
- Taylor Montanye, Pos #4 – term expiring 12/31/2029

Planning Commission

- Kevin Ballard, Pos #1 – term expiring 12/31/2031

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

**Motion carried.**

The minutes of the January 7, 2026, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The council received no written comments and the following members of the public spoke: William Parent and John Peeples.

GUEST PRESENTATION

*Everett Public Schools Levy and Bond Presentation*

Presented by Superintendent Dr. Ian Saltzman, Harmony Weinberg, Larry Fleckenstein, Dr. Cathy Woods, Andi Tress, Everett Public Schools

COUNCIL

Several Council Members congratulated the new officers and thanked Everett Public Schools for their hard work and dedication.

Council Member Zarlingo reported on his attendance at the public launch of the Cascadia Sustainable Aviation Accelerator and the Transportation Policy Board of the Puget Sound Regional Council. He advised public comments on the released regional transportation plan are welcomed through February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Council Member Bader reported on his attendance at Riverside Neighborhood Association meeting.

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Council Member Rhyne reported on her attendance at the Port Garnder Neighborhood Association meeting and a presentation by Deb Fox, local historian, artist, and author. She also reminded the public that United States Postal Service postmark regulations have changed and to be aware for submitting ballots for the upcoming February 10<sup>th</sup> election.

President Schwab advised that the Council retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Weyerhaeuser Room at Everett Station.

#### ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Senior Executive Director Lori Cummings did not have any update.

#### CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Hall requested a 15-minute executive session, pursuant to RCW 42.31.110(1)(i) with Council action to follow.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed to the Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. The Executive Session began at 7:17 p.m. and ended at 7:32 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

#### SETTLEMENT – WORKER’S COMPENSATION

**Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Rhyne, to authorize the Mayor to execute a settlement agreement for a Worker’s Compensation claim by former bus operator Theresa Herod in the amount of \$75,000.**

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

**Motion carried.**

#### SETTLEMENT – WORKER’S COMPENSATION

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**Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, to authorize the Mayor to execute a settlement agreement for a Worker's Compensation claim by former fire Captain Barry Pomery in the amount of \$95,160.**

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

**Motion carried.**

SETTLEMENT – WORKER'S COMPENSATION

**Moved by Council Member Zarlingo, seconded by Council Member Rhyne, to authorize the Mayor to execute a settlement agreement for a Worker's Compensation claim by firefighter Elliott Ward in the amount of \$350,200.**

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

**Motion carried.**

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

RESOLUTION - CLAIMS

**To adopt Resolution No. 8254 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$1,798,481.35 for the period of December 27, 2025, through January 2, 2026.**

RESOLUTION - PAYROLL CLAIMS

**To adopt Resolution No. 8255 authorizing payroll claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$6,892,075.65 for the period ending December 13, 2025.**

AGREEMENT – WIGGUMS HOLLOW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

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**To award and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for the purchase of playground equipment and installation from Landscape Structures, Inc., using the King County Directors' Association contract #22-315/City of Everett contract #2022-069, in the amount of \$476,169.15, including Washington state sales tax.**

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

**Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING & PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:**

President Schwab opened the public hearing for Council Bill 2512-91.

**COUNCIL BILL 2512-91**

**SECOND 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

There following members of the public provided comment: Russell Joe.

Discussion ensued with Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning, answering council questions.

**Moved by Council Member Rhyne, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, to close the public hearing for Council Bill 2512-91.**

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

**Motion carried.**

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**COUNCIL BILL 2512-88**

**THIRD AND FINAL READING:**

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “Pedestrian Safety RRF – Everett Ave & 79<sup>th</sup> Pl SE,” Fund 303, Program 136, to accumulate all costs for the improvement

**Moved by Council Member Zarlingo, seconded by Council Member Bader, that this is declared to be the third and final reading of Council Bill 2512-88**

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

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| AYES:   | Zarlingo, Burbano, Tuohy, Rhyne, Bader, Schwab |
| NAYES:  | None   |
| ABSENT: | Weir   |

**Ordinance 4153-26 adopted.**

**COUNCIL BILL 2512-89**

**THIRD AND FINAL READING:**

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 4010-24, entitled “Walter E. Hall Park Community Connections Path,” Fund 354, Program 094, to accumulate all costs for the project

**Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Tuohy, that this is declared to be the third and final reading of Council Bill 2512-89.**

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

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| AYES:   | Zarlingo, Burbano, Tuohy, Rhyne, Bader, Schwab |
| NAYES:  | None   |
| ABSENT: | Weir   |

**Ordinance 4154-26 adopted.**

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COUNCIL BILL 2512-90

THIRD AND FINAL 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

**Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, that this is declared to be the third and final reading of Council Bill 2512-90.**

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

AYES: Zarlingo, Burbano, Tuohy, Rhyne, Bader, Schwab  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Weir

**Ordinance 4155-26 adopted.**

BRIEFING:

*Everett Public Library Annual Update*

Presented by Abigail Cooley, Library, and Joshua Glasgow, Everett Public Library Board of Trustees

Discussion ensued with Abigail and Joshua answering council questions.

Vice President Rhyne asked for additional budget and funding information to be provided to the Council before the retreat.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



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Deputy City Clerk

Read and approved.

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Council President








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Final Audit Report

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