

January 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Everett City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., January 21, 2026, by President Schwab.

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

Council Member Weir led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Bader recited the land acknowledgement.

MAYOR

Mayor Franklin welcomed Fire Chief Dave DeMarco to introduce new firefighters Stephen Council Vaughan and Cameron Kaulia.

President Schwab administered the firefighter oath for the new firefighters.

APPOINTMENTS – BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

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

To the Historical Commission

- Harmony Cooper, Pos #1- term expiring 12/31/2031
- Marcus Nunez, Pos #8- term expiring 12/31/2027

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

Mayor Franklin also commented on City economic development and welcomed former Mayor and current Director of Economic Alliance of Snohomish County Ray Stephanson to provide an overview of the Alliance's work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 14, 2026, meeting were approved.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public to speak.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Mukilteo School District Levy and Bond Presentation

Presented by John Poolman and Shelly Henderson, Mukilteo School District

COUNCIL

Several Council members welcomed the new firefighters.

Council Member Burbano commented on an email received from a member of the public.

Council Member Bader commented on his attendance at the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board and Transportation Advisory Committee meetings.

Council Member Rhyne commented on her attendance at the Martin Luther King Jr. event at Carl Gipson Center on Monday and the Lowell and Valley View Neighborhood meetings.

President Schwab commented on his attendance at the Boulevard Bluffs and View Ridge Neighborhood meetings and the Library Board meeting on Tuesday evening. President Schwab also announced the Council retreat will be January 31 at the Everett Station Weyerhaeuser Room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Government Affairs Director Jennifer Gregerson commented on the upcoming Council retreat.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Hall had no comments.

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CONSENT ITEMS:

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

RESOLUTION - CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8256 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$3,460,865.23 for the period of December 20, 2025, through December 26, 2025.

LICENSES- PIPELINE FOR PORT GARDNER STORAGE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION

To authorize the Mayor to sign BNSF Pipeline Licenses 25W-24305, 25W-24307, 25W-24309, and 25W-24310 for Port Gardner Storage Facility construction.

LICENSE – WATER MAIN AT SR5 NEAR E GRAND AVENUE

To authorize the Mayor to sign the License Agreement with BNSF for a water main license at SR5 near E Grand Avenue.

AGREEMENT AMENDED - MERRILL AND RING CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

To authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 1 with David Evans and Associates, Inc for the Merrill and Ring Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

AGREEMENT - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND 1095-C REPORTING PLATFORMS

To authorize the Mayor to sign the PlanSource Service Agreement to implement PlanSource products.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

COUNCIL BILL 2512-91

THIRD AND FINAL READING:

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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

Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Planning, provided an overview of the proposed ordinance and answered Council questions.

The following members of the public spoke: John Mirante and Russell Joe.

Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Zarlingo, that this is declared to be the third and final reading of Council Bill 2512-91, as amended by Amendment Sheet 1.

Council members provided their comments on the proposed ordinance and the proposed amendments contained in sheets 1 and 1A provided from Yorik. It was suggested to take Amendment Sheet 1A and other suggested comments back to the Planning Commission.

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

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

Ordinance 4156-26 adopted.

APPOINTMENTS – 2026 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jennifer Gregerson provided an overview of the Charter Review and read the names of the Council appointees for the Charter Review Committee: Brady Begin, Grant Harrington, Shari Ireton, Tom Norcott, Zsafia Pasztor, Mason Rutledge, and Deb Williams.

Moved by Council Member Rhyne, seconded by Council Member Tuohy, to appoint Brady Begin, Grant Harrington, Shari Ireton, Tom Norcott, Zsafia Pasztor, Mason Rutledge, and Deb Williams, to the 2026 Charter Review Committee.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

Motion carried.

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Mayor Franklin also announced her appointees to the Charter Review Committee: Randy Bolerjack, Leland Dart, Emily Hoke, Rod Sniffen, Elizabeth Stenhouse, John Traynor, and Eli Vazquez.

BRIEFING:

Legislative session preview and update

Presented by Trevor Justin, City lobbyist

Discussion ensued with Trevor and Jennifer Gregerson answering Council questions.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



City Clerk

Read and approved.



Council President

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