

May 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the Everett City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., May 20, 2026, by President Schwab.

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

Council Member Rhyne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Bader recited the land acknowledgement.

MAYOR

Mayor Franklin commented on her attendance at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Snohomish County Campus to read the names of the fallen service members from this last year. She stated this upcoming weekend is the Cruzin' to Colby event. Mayor Franklin congratulated the Everett Silvertips for winning the WHL Championship on Saturday and the rally that took place welcoming the Silvertips home after their win.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 13, 2026, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke: Anneka Beach-Garcia, Spencer Jones, Rene Pairoa, Duane Dow, William Parent, and June Scholer.

COUNCIL

Council Member Weir commented on the Cruzin' to Colby event this upcoming weekend. She stated the Schack Artist Garage Sale is on May 30. She stated the Delta and Northwest Neighborhood meetings are this upcoming week. She also stated The Ice Cream Bar on Colby is doing a donation event for the Volunteers of America Western Washington Housing Program.

Council Member Rhyne commented on two ride-alongs with the Crisis Response Team and Drone First Responder Program and reminded the community of the public facing dashboard for Drone

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program. She also commented on her attendance at Archangels Coptic Orthodox Church Egyptian Bazaar, the Silvertips Rally, and the Lowell Neighborhood meeting.

Council Member Burbano commented on his visit to the Madison Family Shelter, the National Bike Month event at Everett Station, the District 4 Town Hall and the Everett Police Awards ceremony. He commented on paper maps, instead of digital, for bike lanes and took a ride on paratransit services.

Council Member Touhy commented on her attendance at the Council of Neighborhoods meeting.

Council Member Bader commented on his attendance at the Silvertips Rally and the Everett Police Awards ceremony.

President Schwab commented on his attendance at the District 4 Town Hall, the Silvertips Rally, Everett Police Awards ceremony and the Everett Herald 125th anniversary celebration.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Government Affairs Director Jennifer Gregerson had no report.

CITY ATTORNEY

Deputy City Attorney Ramsey Ramerman had no report.

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

RESOLUTION - CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8306 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$1,888,169.97 for the period of May 2, 2026, through May 8, 2026.

RESOLUTION – PAYROLL CLAIMS

To adopt Resolution No. 8307 authorizing payroll claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$6,492,416.10 for May 2, 2026.

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BID AWARD - CONFLICT PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES ROSTER

To award the Request for Proposal #2025-082 Conflict Public Defense Services Roster and authorize the Mayor to award and sign contracts with qualified attorneys.

AGREEMENT AMENDED - EDGEWATER CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

To authorize Change Order No. 10 to the Construction Contract with Granite Construction Company for the Edgewater Creek Bridge Replacement project in the amount of \$211,177.52 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$27,560,122.89.

AGREEMENT - DOWNTOWN PARKING STUDY

To authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Agreement with ROP Consulting (dba) Rick Williams Consulting for a downtown parking study in the amount of \$66,778.

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

Motion carried.

PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:

COUNCIL BILL 2605-25

SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE to amend and close a Special Improvement Project, entitled, "Clark Park Renovation and Off Leash Dog Area," Fund 354, Program 101, as established by Ordinance 4032-24

COUNCIL BILL 2605-27

SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE imposing a Utility Tax on the City's Water and Sewer Utility, amending Chapter 3.28 of the Everett Municipal Code.

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COUNCIL BILL 2605-26

SECOND READING:

AN ORDINANCE amending Everett's established utility rates for the 2025 through 2028 operating years

Ryan Sass, Public Works, provided additional information regarding Council Bills 2605-27 and 2605-26.

Discussion ensued regarding possibly budget cuts should the proposed utility rates not be increased, low-income standards and affordability, and current utility billing cycles.

BRIEFING:

COUNCIL BILL 2605-28

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a new chapter of the Everett Municipal Code relating to massage and reflexology services and prescribing penalties
Presented by Lacey Offutt, Legal

The following member of the public spoke: Sonja Bodge

Council Member Rhyne suggested an addition to having a building owner have some responsibility for housing illegal business activities. Lacey stated other enforcement actions were being investigated.

ACTION ITEM:

COUNCIL BILL 2604-24

THIRD AND FINAL READING:

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 2.74 of the Everett Municipal Code, which pertains to appointive employee compensation and fringe benefits

Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Rhyne, that this is declared to be the third and final reading of Council Bill 2604-24.

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

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

Ordinance 4180-26 adopted.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



City Clerk

Read and approved.



Council President

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