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Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service Committee
February 6, 2020

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6pm.

Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding, Councilors Michael Marchese, John Hanlon and Michael Mclaughlin.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Michael Mclaughlin and Fred Capone: That the DPW Director appear at this meeting to give an update on the proposed renovations around Everett Villa Co-op.

Councilor Mclaughlin requested that the matter be laid over until an April Committee meeting at which time the DPW Director would appear to present plans for the proposed renovations.

The Committee voted: To grant further time to a meeting in the month of April.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

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Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding, Councilors Michael Marchese, John Hanlon and Michael McLaughlin.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Michael McLaughlin, Fred Capone and Stephanie Martins : That the City consider putting in blinking pedestrian crosswalk lights at the corner of Broadway and Summer Street in the interest of public safety.

Councilor McLaughlin requested that the matter be laid over until an April Committee meeting at which time the DPW Director would appear to present the proposed plans.

The Committee voted: To grant further time to a meeting in the month of April.

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Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding, Councilors Michael Marchese, John Hanlon and Michael McLaughlin.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Anthony DiPierro: Requesting that a representative of Encore Boston Harbor and the Mayor's office appear at this meeting to discuss employment data in relation to Everett.

Eric Kraus, Senior Vice President of Communications & Public Affairs for Encore Boston Harbor was also present.

Mr. Kraus provided the Committee with a package outlining the employment data for Encore Boston Harbor with specifics to Everett resident employment. He explained that the data presented is the same as what is measured by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. He noted that the employment for the other businesses on site such as Frattelli's, Dunkin Donuts, Memoire, Mystique and Watches of Switzerland was not included in the data he was presented. The 2019 Year End report showed that the Resort had 3326 fulltime employees with 471 being Everett residents and 1145 part time workers with 137 being Everett residents which resulted to 14% of workforce being Everett residents. He informed the Committee that they review staffing levels and categories every week and had an Encore Career Advisory Committee with representatives from Everett on the Committee. He stated that as part of its Host Community Agreement, Encore Boston Harbor ensures qualified Everett residents receive priority when applying for jobs and provide weekly communication with open positions to Everett City Hall in addition to weekly meetings with Mayor and or staff. He acknowledged that they would always be resizing staffing as needed, but explained that should a position be eliminated, they would work hard to find a qualified position for the impacted employee.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer back to Sponsor.

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Jimmy Le: That the Fire Chief appear at this meeting to explain the plymovent system in the Old Everett High School Fire Station.

Fire Chief Tony Carli, Facilities Manager George Lane, Firefighter Local 143 Representatives William Hurley and Scott Hogan, as well as the Sponsor Councilor Jimmy Le were also present.

Councilor Le asked the Chief if the temporary Fire Station at the old Everett High School building had a plymovent system (diesel exhaust filter for fire trucks) while the Central Fire Station was being renovated. Chief Carli responded that it did not and that they had no plans to do so at this time noting that an air quality test had been done when the Hancock Station crew and equipment was relocated to the high school and found no issues with the test results and that a new air quality test was recently done as well. He noted that the cost of purchasing this type of system was between \$12,000 to \$20,000 and provided the Committee with a copy of a policy that was in place to reduce the diesel exhaust with the expectations that they would be back at the newly renovated Central Fire Station in a few months. He remarked that his men were his paramount concern to him and if he found that there were issues with the recent air quality test then will review the need for the system. Chairperson Martin asked when the air quality test would be finalized and Chief Carli responded that he expected a quick turnaround on it. Councilor Le expressed concern with the health of the firefighters and potential exposure resulting in cancer also mentioning that there is a school and gym abutting the temporary fire station remarking you can't put a price on the life of a child. Chief Carli expressed his displeasure with Councilor's Le questioning when he referenced that the Chief didn't live in Everett. The Chief reminded everyone that he grew up and lived in Everett most of his life and would never put any of his men in harms way. Councilor Marchese stated that the firefighters would never endanger those using the school and gym and remembered when that area in the old high school was used as auto repair shop for the vocational program. Firefighter Hogan explained that OSHA warns that prolonged exposure to diesel exhaust gases through inhalation and skin absorption may increase the risk of cardiovascular, cardiopulmonary and respiratory disease as well as lung cancer. Mr. Lane informed the Committee that he has 17 Facilities staff working at the old high school building and had reviewed the original test and found no issues with the most recent test also being done upstairs in the school area. Firefighter Hogan noted that the plymovent system was already being used in all of the existing firestations in Everett. Fire Captain Hurley remarked that they wanted to be proactive and provided a rag that was tested over the exhaust pipe of the engine to show the particulates on the rag over a 10 second timeframe. Councilor McLaughlin asked if the Chief could provide the Committee with a copy of the air quality test results and the Chief agreed to do. Councilor McLaughlin also requested that the committee members conduct a site visit and the Chief recommended that they do so. Councilor McLaughlin also recommended that the City spend the \$12,000 to \$20,000 to install

the system now. Councilor Marchese thanked Councilor Le for bringing the matter before the Committee and stated he would support any funding for it. Councilor Le agreed that a expenditure now was well worth it. The Local 143 representative suggested taking one from Central fire station in the meantime. The Committee requested a copy of the previous and current air quality test results, to have the members meet on site and to have the Chief explore moving one of the plymovent systems from Central to the temporary space.

The Committee voted: To grant further time to a March Committee meeting.

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Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding, Councilors Michael Marchese, John Hanlon and Michael McLaughlin.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Gerly Adrien: To request that the Mayor and his staff explain how the Everett Citizen's Foundation members were selected and if everyone on the Committee's input was valued, ei, did every member on the Committee have a vote on where the \$150,000 should be allocated.

Assistant City Solicitor Matt Lattanzi and Sponsor Councilor Gerly Adrien were also present.

Mr. Lattanzi informed the Committee that he provided staff support to the members of the Foundation that was established as part of the of Host Agreement between the City of Everett and Encore Boston Harbor to provide \$250,000 annually to be provided to non-profit organizations involved in the City of Everett. He announced that the first financial awards were presented earlier in the evening. Councilor Adrien had presented several questions to Mr. Lattanzi earlier in the week regarding the foundation and Mr. Lattanzi proceeded to announce his reply to the Committee. Mr. Lattanzi stated that the details and documentation of the contract between the foundation and the casino was part of the original Host Agreement which is posted on the City website. He explained that the membership of the Foundation was outlined in the Host Agreement with the Mayor, City Council, State Representative and State Senator all getting to choose a member. He noted that each member was provided with a list of the applicants which they were scored on a spreadsheet which he agreed to provide to the Committee. He explained that the Committee itself was a private/City agreement in the formation of the Committee so they didn't need to comply with the Open meeting Law, however they voluntarily did and all meetings were posted and open to the public with minutes also posted on the website. He revealed that the second round begins in March with applications announcements posted on line, local papers and social media. He informed the members that there were thirty-five (35) applicants with twenty-two (22) being awarded earlier in the evening. He noted that the twenty-two (22) that did receive an award could not participate in Round 2. He stated that not all were Everett based organizations that they could be a National Organization but that they needed to show that there was a local connection. Mr. Lattanzi agreed to provide a list of the applicants, a copy of the spreadsheet, a list of the current Foundation members, a copy of the host agreement and a written copy of his responses to Councilor Adrien's questions.

The Committee voted: To report back to the City Council with a recommendation to refer to Assistant City Solicitor Matt Lattanzi so he can provide a list of the applicants, a copy of the spreadsheet, a list of the current Foundation members, a copy of the host agreement and a written copy of his responses to Councilor Adrien's questions.

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