

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6pm remotely through the Zoom web application.

The meeting was recorded by ECTV and can be viewed on the City of Everett website.

Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors Rosa DiFlorio, Fred Capone and Stephanie Martins.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Rosa DiFlorio and Fred Capone: That Senator Sal DiDomenico and Representative Joe McGonagle appear before the City Council at its regular meeting regarding the ongoing problem with nip bottles on our streets.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia was also present remotely.

Councilor DiFlorio noted that she previously supported a ban on nips, but after doing some research she found that it would hurt the small businesses. She stated that instead she reconsidered her position on banning them and would like to support the State Legislative proposal to include them in the bottle bill redemption with a 10 cent deposit. Councilor Capone agreed that at the last meeting there was an emotional reaction to vote to ban them. He felt that it would be unfair burden on businesses to ban, but recommended that the City Council provide a letter of support to the two bills presently before the State Legislature with one incorporating the nip bottles and other plastic bottles into the original bottle bill with the bill to increase the deposits to 10 cents. Chairman DiPierro announced that he too had done some research and found that a ban would adversely impact the small business with up to a 50% loss in sales.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation that the City Council send a letter of support to State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Representative Joe McGonagle that the City Council supports State legislation adding nip bottles and plastic bottles to the bottle bill and that City Council support that the deposits be increased to 10 cents.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Anthony DiPierro, Richard Dell Isola, Rosa DiFlorio, Michael Marchese, Stephanie Martins and Michael McLaughlin. That the City of Everett Home Rule Charter is hereby amended by creating term limits for the office of Mayor, City Council, & School Committee.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia was also present remotely.

Councilor DiPierro informed the Committee that the intent of the proposal was to get more people involved in City Government. He requested that Sections 1 & 3 be amended by replacing the word "district" with the word "ward" which passed unanimously. Councilor Capone informed the Committee that his position has always been that any charter change should go before the voters to be approved otherwise he would have to vote no on the matter.

The Committee voted 3-1 with Councilor Capone in opposition: to report back to the City Council with a recommendation for favorable action on the Order as amended by the Committee.

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The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Fred Capone: That the various signs posted on public property, without permission, throughout the City be removed and the offending parties be contacted to make them aware of the same.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia was also present remotely.

Councilor Capone explained that there were quite a few signs on public property and asked Solicitor Mejia if current ordinances addressed this matter or if the current ordinances needed to be tightened up to address it. He noted that the Clerk had provided him with Sections 12A-51 and Section 12A-64 of the revised ordinances that might address. Solicitor Mejia agreed to review the ordinances and Councilor Capone agreed to interact with her on the subject matter.

The Committee voted: to grant further time.

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