

#1-C0177-20

Legislative Affairs & Election Committee  
October 19, 2020

The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6pm.

Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors Peter Napolitano and Fred Capone.

Member absent was Councilor Gerly Adrien.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Rosa DiFlorio, as President: That the Everett City Council hereby enact pursuant to Chapter 356 of the Acts of 2016 authorizing the City of Everett to establish an affordable housing linkage ordinance.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia was also present.

Solicitor Mejia informed the Committee that the consultant who assisted in writing the Ordinance was not available and requested that the matter be granted further time.

The Committee voted: to grant further time and invite Tony Sousa and the Housing Linkage Consultant to the next meeting .

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley  
Clerk of Committees

#2-C0212-20

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The Committee on Legislative Affairs & Elections met on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6pm.

Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors Peter Napolitano and Fred Capone.

Member absent was Councilor Gerly Adrien.

The Committee considered an Ordinance offered by Councilor Gerly Adrien: To require the City of Everett City Solicitor Department to post on the City of Everett's website certain claims against the City of Everett police misconduct and unlawful discrimination; requiring the City of Everett City Solicitor Department to report to the City Council on certain litigation involving the City of Everett; prohibiting the City of Everett City Solicitor Department from approving certain settlement agreements that require claimants to waive certain rights; defining certain terms, and generally relating to improved transparency and oversight of claims against the City of Everett.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia was also present.

The Committee recommended that since the Sponsor was not present to request further time.

The Committee voted: to grant further time.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley  
Clerk of Committees

#3-C0229-20

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Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors Peter Napolitano and Fred Capone.

Member absent was Councilor Gerly Adrien.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins: That Section 3-2 of the Animal Control Ordinances be updated to allow for dogs to be off-leash at certain designated public spaces..

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and Assistant City Solicitor Matt Lattanzi were also present.

Councilor Capone suggested amending Section 3-2 "Restraint of Dogs (leash law)" to include the at the end of the section the words "unless posted otherwise".

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by amending Section 3-2 "Restraint of Dogs (leash law)" to include the at the end of the section the words "unless posted otherwise"..

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley  
Clerk of Committees

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Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors Peter Napolitano and Fred Capone.

Member absent was Councilor Gerly Adrien.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins: That the Committee review the Animal Control Ordinance to add a new section about Pest Control and setting traps outside for squirrels and raccoons. Due to high temperatures of summer trapped animals must be removed in a humane manner before the end of the day or a fee will be assessed to the pest control company.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and Assistant City Solicitor Matt Lattanzi were also present.

Councilor Martins provided the Committee with a copy of the proposed Ordinance Section 3-34 Pest Control (Trapping of Wildlife) as well a communication in support of the proposal from Kara Holmquist, Director of Advocacy for MSPCA and Laura Hagen, Massachusetts State Director for the Humane Society of the United States. Councilor Martins acknowledged that she received advice on this proposal from Assistant City Solicitor Matt Lattanzi, Staci Gorgone, Animal Control Officer and from representatives of MSPCA pertaining to current State Law. Councilor Capone inquired to the language in paragraph (b) that referenced "etc, etc." and Councilor Martins explained it referred to other fur bearing animals. Councilor Capone recommended amending by eliminating "etc, etc" and replacing with "or other animals". Councilor Capone also questioned where the animals would be released under paragraph (c). Mr. Lattanzi stated that he would defer to the Animal Control Officer who would be the expert in addressing that question. Councilor Capone suggested postponing to a future meeting so the Animal Control Officer could be present to answer the question, however Councilor Napolitano noted that it was a valid question on where the trapped animals would be released but suggested that the matter be referred out with a favorable recommendation as amended pending the explanation on the trapped animals release from the Animal Control Officer.

The Committee voted: to report back to the City Council with a favorable recommendation by amending Section 3-34 paragraph (b) by eliminating "etc, etc" and replacing with "or other animals" pending the explanation on the trapped animals release from the Animal Control Officer. The Committee requested that the Animal Control Officer be invited to attend the regular City Council meeting in which this item would be on the agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley  
Clerk of Committees

#6-C0364-20

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Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors Peter Napolitano and Fred Capone.

Member absent was Councilor Gerly Adrien.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael Mclaughlin: That the City require all future appointments to a board/commission to have been a resident of Everett prior to being appointed for that particular position.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and Assistant City Solicitor Matt Lattanzi were also present.

Councilor Mclaughlin requested that the Committee grant further time to allow him to present his proposal in 30 days.

The Committee voted: to grant further time.

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John W. Burley  
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Members present were Councilor Anthony DiPierro, presiding, Councilors Peter Napolitano and Fred Capone.

Member absent was Councilor Gerly Adrien.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins: That the Seven Acre Park be designated as a Fenced-in Dog Park.

City Solicitor Colleen Mejia and Assistant City Solicitor Matt Lattanzi were also present.

Councilor Martins provided the Committee with a copy of a map that outlined the proposed location for the dog park abutting Air Force Road as well as a copy of a Resolution which incorporated the stated rules for use of this proposed dog park. She informed the Committee that she had received a lot of support from residents within the community for this dog park and explained that it wouldn't impact other recreational needs since residents could now utilize the new Riverwalk for that. The Committee inquired if the Administration was aware of the intent to convert park land into a dog park and Councilor Martin responded that Tony Sousa, Director of Planning and Development was a partner in this process. The Committee expressed concern over the size of the dog park and felt that it should be half the size proposed. Councilor Napolitano suggested referring the matter into a Work Group to iron out all the details. Councilors Capone and Napolitano agreed that it needed to be reworked if the intent was to convert from a Resolution to an Ordinance. Solicitor Mejia suggested inviting members of the Park Commission to the Work Group since the Park Commission sets the Rules and Regulations for the Parks and Playgrounds.

The Committee voted: to grant further time by referring the matter to a Committee Work Group with the understanding that this Work Group would report back to a future Committee meetings with their findings and recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley  
Clerk of Committees