

#1-C0370-20

Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service Committee
April 5, 2021

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6pm remotely through the Zoom web application.

Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding and Councilors Michael Mclaughlin, Jimmy Tri Le and Richard Dell Isola.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Michael Mclaughlin and Fred Capone: That the Director of Public Works attend this meeting to discuss street signage and an aggressive plan to replace many of the signs that are no longer readable across the City.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney was also present.

The Committee was reminded that the subject matter was previously discussed in Committee on October 29th, November 16th and January 7th with the committee granted further time for 60 days with the intent to refer back to sponsor if progress was continuing on sign replacement. In addition it was noted that the subject matter was also before the regular meeting of the City Council on February 22nd on a Resolution offered by Councilor Capone with additional updates provided by a representative of DPW. Councilor Mclaughlin remarked that the DPW was doing a good job on the replacements but requested that the item be referred to the Administration so that sign replacement could continue for street sweeping, snow emergency, no parking and any other signs in disrepair. He agreed to work and follow up with Ms. Deveney on the progress of this project.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

#2-C0424-20

Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service Committee
April 5, 2021

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6pm remotely through the Zoom web application.

Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding and Councilors Michael Mclaughlin, Jimmy Tri Le and Richard Dell Isola.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Michael Mclaughlin: That ECTV, Information Technology Department and the EHS Audio/Visual Department appear at this meeting to discuss better options for covering all meetings in Council Chambers.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney was also present.

The Committee was reminded that the subject matter was previously discussed in Committee on January 7th with the committee granting further time for 60 days with the intent to refer back to sponsor if plans were in place to upgrade the City Council sound system. In addition it was noted that the subject matter was before the regular meeting of the City Council on March 8th and 22nd on a Resolution offered by Councilor Capone with further updates provided.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

#3-C0438-20

Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service Committee
April 5, 2021

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6pm remotely through the Zoom web application.

Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding and Councilors Michael Mclaughlin, Jimmy Tri Le and Richard Dell Isola.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilors Michael Mclaughlin: That the Communications Director appear to discuss the process that has been in place surrounding the recording of the video taping of the City Council meeting of October 26th and an update on the investigation surrounding it.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney was also present.

The Committee was reminded that the subject matter was previously discussed in Committee on January 7th with the committee granting further time for 90 days with the intent to refer back to sponsor once investigation completed. In addition it was noted that the subject matter was before the regular meeting of the City Council on March 8th and 22nd on a Resolution offered by Councilor Capone with further updates provided by the Administration and Police Department.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6pm remotely through the Zoom web application.

Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding and Councilors Michael Mclaughlin, Jimmy Tri Le and Richard Dell Isola.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Stephanie Martins: That the City of Everett replace our residents trash barrels due to wear/tear and need for additional space to mitigate rodent issues.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney was also present.

Councilor Martins explained that the intent of her piece was to mainly eradicate rodent issues. She provided the Committee with 3 pictures showing overflowing city trash containers with additional trash bags left beside the bins that were creating the rodent issues. She stated that she would like the Mayor's office to be able to provide additional barrels to residents at a discounted price to prevent these conditions from continuing. Ms. Deveney acknowledged that this was a good opportunity to review the City's trash and recycling program. She explained that the bins are provided to each residential unit in the City free of charge, but noted that the City does have a barrel rental program at a cost of \$150 for residential units, which is pro-rated per month. She informed the Committee that the City had recently ordered 250 new trash bins and 100 recycling bins and had already replaced over 320 of these bins. She provided a general overview of the repairs the city makes to existing bins wheels and covers and suggested that residents call the City's 311 number to report bins that need to be repaired. Councilor Dell Isola asked if repairs were performed at no cost and Ms. Deveney responded that there was no cost to repair and if the bin couldn't be repaired that the city would replace it. Councilor Martins requested that he matter be referred to the Administration so that she could continue to work with them on this issue.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6pm remotely through the Zoom web application.

Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding and Councilors Michael Mclaughlin, Jimmy Tri Le and Richard Dell Isola.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Michael Mclaughlin: That the ISD Director appear at this meeting to discuss the license process for AIR BNB's and to provide a list of the residents/properties that hold these licenses.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney, ISD Director George Lane and Assistant City Solicitor Keith Slattery were also present.

Councilor Mclaughlin asked the guests what the process was for applying for a short term rental license and how many active licenses there were in the City. Attorney Slattery responded that there were zero licenses issued in the City for Short Term Rentals. Councilor Mclaughlin remarked then no one should be operating any and Attorney Slattery concurred. Attorney Slattery provided a general overview of the application process through the City of Everett website or the ISD office. He noted that this type of operation would need to be in compliance with all building and fire regulations and would also not be considered a problem property that had more than three (3) public safety/public nuisance related issues. He informed the Committee that there was an extensive checklist and signoffs in order to obtain a Short Term Rental License from the City. He explained that ISD has conducted investigations on properties believed to be used for Short Term Rentals and are treated as illegal lodging house licenses with notifications being provided on the requirements of a Short Term Rental license. Attorney Slattery agreed to provide the City Council with all pertinent documents related to the Short Term Rental process. Councilor Dell Isola asked if Short Term Rentals were indeed occurring within the City and Attorney Slattery responded yes without a license. Councilor Mclaughlin requested that the matter be referred back to sponsor and that he planned to meet with the Administration on this and report back at a later date.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

The Committee on Government Operations, Public Safety & Public Service met on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6pm remotely through the Zoom web application.

Members present were Councilor Stephanie Martins, presiding and Councilors Michael Mclaughlin, Jimmy Tri Le and Richard Dell Isola.

The Committee considered a Resolution offered by Councilor Jimmy Tri Le: That the Traffic Commission considers placing Pedestrian crosswalk panels in the middle of every street surrounding every school and park in Everett, & elderly housing complex. Also, to place them along the streets that have a great number of foot traffic such as Broadway, Ferry Street, Shute Street, Elm Street and Chelsea Street to show our solicitude for the safety of our residents, thus imbuing responsible citizenship.

Mayor's Chief of Staff Erin Deveney was also present.

Ms. Deveney apologized that Traffic Planner Jay Monty was away on vacation and that Traffic Commission Chairman Joe Gaff and Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas had prior commitments and were unable to attend. She noted that this would eventually need to go before the Traffic Commission and informed the Sponsor that she would be willing to share any information or discussions the Committee had with the Commission. Councilor Le explained that his intent was to get the entire City Council to favorably support before it was referred to the Traffic Commission.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees