



AGENDA PACKET

**COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025 5:30 PM**

**EVERETT CITY HALL, 484 BROADWAY, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR
EVERETT, MA 02149**



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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **C0027-25** Resolution/s/ Councilor Anthony DiPierro

A resolution requesting the CFO to appear before the Committee on Ways & Means to discuss the Hero Act; specifically the increased local flexibility for Veteran Tax Exemptions.

2. **C0135-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$6,672 from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to pay prior year legal bills per the attached list

3. **C0136-25** Order/s/ Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$82,000 from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the Human Resources Local 25 benefits account. This appropriation is necessary to cover additional costs related to the three local 25 unions

ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted:

Michael J. Mangan

Legislative Aide
Everett City Council Office



C0027-25

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilor Anthony DiPierro

Date: January 27, 2025

Agenda Item:

A resolution requesting the CFO to appear before the Committee on the Ways & Means to discuss the Hero Act; specifically the increased local flexibility for Veteran Tax Exemptions.

Background and Explanation:

- Signed into law during the summer of 2024, the historic Hero Act is a comprehensive piece of veterans' legislation, including over 30 provisions that will positively impact hundreds of thousands of veterans' in Massachusetts. Included in the legislation is an increased local flexibility for veterans' property tax exemptions, allowing municipalities to double property tax exemptions with local options and ties the annual property tax abatement amount to inflation

Attachments:

#1 - C0027-25

Ways and Means Committee
February 10, 2025

The Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Members present were Councilor Stephanie Smith, presiding; Councilors Anthony DiPierro, John Hanlon and Pietrantonio.

The Committee met on a Resolution offered by Councilor Anthony DiPierro: That the CFO appear before the Committee to discuss the Hero Act; specifically the increased local flexibility for Veteran Tax Exemptions.

Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas was also present.

Councilor DiPierro asked Mr. Demas if this Act was something the City was interested in taking advantage of and Mr. Demas responded that it was noting that 64 Veterans in the City currently receive some type of exemption. Mr. Demas informed the Committee that this item would be on the next Board of Assessors agenda so that they can make a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council. Councilor Pietrantonio asked what the total abatement to date was for the 64 Veterans and Mr. Demas agreed to provide that information but noted that some receive as low as \$400 up to full benefits. Councilor Hanlon inquired to what would happen if these Veterans moved out of the City and Mr. Demas explained that they would have to apply in their new community. Councilor DiPierro asked if they had to be home owner occupied residents and Mr. Demas responded yes.

The Committee voted: to grant further time to the month of April or earlier upon the Board of Assessors action on the matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees

**CITY OF EVERTT
BOARD OF ASSESSORS
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

The meeting of the Board of Assessors for the City of Everett on February 20, 2025 was called to order by Ronald J. Keohan, Jr. at 6:01 P.M.

Board member in attendance was as follows:

Ronald J. Keohan, Jr & Francis A Parker, Jr., Millie Cardello

In addition to the Board members, the following personnel of the Assessor's Office were present:

Beninson Peña, Interim Assessor

No members of the public were present.

- I. ROLL CALL – BY FRANK PARKER -
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Member Parker and seconded by Mille Cardello the Board approved and accepted the minutes from the January 23, 2025 meeting as presented.

- III. NEW BUSINESS

A – MONTHLY REPORTS – On a motion made by Member Parker and seconded by Millie Carello the monthly reports from January 2025 to February 2025 were accepted as presented

B – WARRANTS – On a motion made by Frank Parker and seconded by Millie Cardello the warrant for 2024 Commitment 7 for Motor Vehicle Excise Tax in the amount of \$35,774.96 and 2025 Commitment 1 for Motor Vehicle Excise Tax in the amount of \$3,906,524.40 were accepted as presented.

C – HERO ACT – On motion made by Chairman Frank Parker and seconded by Millie Cardello discussed the HERO ACT and are in Favor.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Member Parker and seconded by Chairperson Keohan the Board voted to go into Executive Session at 6:29 P.M. and adjourn from there.

Pursuant to MGL c. 30A §21(a)(7), to comply with M.G.L c.59 §60 the Board of Assessors may vote to go into executive session to review and/or approve executive minutes of prior meetings and to review and approve tax commitments and warrants, monthly reports, statutory exemptions, residential exemptions, 3ABC charitable exemptions and abatement applications. Pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, s.21(a)(3) executive session may also be entered into for purposes of reviewing and discussing pending litigation strategy for cases under appeal at the Appellate Tax Board.

Came out of executive session at 6:47 P.M. and on a motion by a Member Parker and seconded by Chairperson Keohan the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Ronald J. Keohan, Jr., Chairperson

Francis A. Parker, Jr., Member

Millie Cardello, Member

Beninson Peña, as Clerk

#1 - C0027-25

Ways and Means Committee
April 7, 2025

The Committee on Ways and Means met on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

Members present were Councilor Stephanie Smith, presiding; Councilors Anthony DiPierro, John Hanlon and Peter Pietrantonio.

The Committee met on a Resolution offered by Councilor Anthony DiPierro: That the CFO appear before the Committee to discuss the Hero Act; specifically the increased local flexibility for Veteran Tax Exemptions.

City Assessor Bennison Pena was also present.

Councilor DiPierro welcomed Mr. Pena to the meeting and asked if he could provide the Committee with an update. Mr. Pena informed the Committee that the Board of Assessors had their meeting recently in which they discussed and voted favorably for the Hero Act. He noted that the implementation of the ACT was still in the preliminary stages until the City Council could provide the Board of Assessors with more information for implementation. Councilor DiPierro suggested keeping the matter in Committee so the Committee could work with the Assessing office on implementing.

The Committee voted: to grant further time to the month of May and invite the Board of Assessors to the meeting to finalize implementation of the ACT.

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Burley
Clerk of Committees



C0135-25

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilor Stephanie Martins

Date: April 14, 2025

Agenda Item:

An order requesting approval to appropriate \$6,672 from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to pay prior year legal bills per the attached list

Background and Explanation:

Attachments:



CARLO DeMARIA
MAYOR

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484 Broadway Everett, Massachusetts 02149

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April 9, 2025

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
484 Broadway
Everett, Massachusetts 02149

Dear Honorable Members:

I hereby submit for your consideration an order to appropriate \$6,672 from General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to pay prior year legal bills per the attached list.

I recommend your favorable passage of this order.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlo DeMaria
Mayor



April 9, 2025
City of Everett, Massachusetts
CITY COUNCIL

Offered By: _____
Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

Bill Number:

Bill Type: Order

Be it

Ordered: BY City Council OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, as follows:

That the sum of \$6,672.00 be appropriated from the General Fund Budgetary Fund Balance (Free Cash) to pay prior year legal bills per the attached list.

V# 1603
KP LAW, P.C.
101 ARCH STREET
FLOOR 12
BOSTON, MA 02110
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FEDERAL TAX ID: 04-2746356
INVOICE NO: 147807

SOLICITOR
+
CLERK
FY24

COLLEEN MEJIA, ESQ.
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EVERETT CITY HALL
484 BROADWAY-ROOM 21
EVERETT, MA 02149

May 22, 2024
IN REFERENCE TO: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH April 30, 2024

GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES

03/18/2024	LFG	LEGAL RESEARCH RE: [REDACTED]	0.50	135.00
04/02/2024	MRR	ANALYZE E-MAILS FROM AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH CITY SOLICITOR RE: [REDACTED]	0.40	108.00
04/16/2024	BWR	RESEARCH AND DRAFT OPINION LETTER TO MAYOR RE: [REDACTED]	7.10	1917.00
04/26/2024	BWR	RESEARCH AND DRAFT OPINION LETTER TO CITY CLERK RE: [REDACTED]	1.20	324.00
SUBTOTAL:			9.20	\$2,484.00

TOTAL FEES: 9.20 2,484.00

TOTAL DUE: \$2,484.00

SOLICITOR \$ 2,140

CLERK \$ 324

05/20/24

CLERK

V#603

FY 24

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June 14, 2024
IN REFERENCE TO: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH May 31, 2024

GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES

05/06/2024	MRR	ANALYZE AND RESPOND TO E-MAIL FROM CITY SOLICITOR RE: [REDACTED]	0.40	108.00
05/07/2024	BWR	RESEARCH AND DRAFT OPINION LETTER TO CITY CLERK RE: [REDACTED]	1.90	513.00
05/08/2024	BWR	RESEARCH AND DRAFT OPINION LETTER TO CITY CLERK RE: [REDACTED]	3.50	945.00
05/20/2024	RS1	REVIEW E-MAIL FROM CITY SOLICITOR RE: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	0.30	81.00
SUBTOTAL:			6.10	\$1,647.00

TOTAL FEES: 6.10 1,647.00

TOTAL DUE: \$1,647.00

OUTSTANDING \$1,458

CLERK

1723.43

FY 23

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 101 ARCH STREET
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 FEDERAL TAX ID: 04-2746356
INVOICE NO: 140746

Amount due: \$2,251.13

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February 27, 2023
 IN REFERENCE TO: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THROUGH January 31, 2023

GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES

01/02/2023	BWR	[REDACTED]	2.40	624.00
01/03/2023	LFG	CHARTER - MEET WITH CITY CLERK RE: [REDACTED]	0.10	26.00
01/03/2023	LFG	CHARTER - MEET VIRTUALLY WITH CITY CLERK RE: [REDACTED]	0.40	104.00
01/03/2023	MTS	[REDACTED] - REVIEW AND ANALYZE FACTS.	0.10	26.00
01/09/2023	BWR	E-MAIL CITY SOLICITOR RE: [REDACTED]	0.70	182.00
01/11/2023	LFG	CITY CLERK - VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH CLERK RE: [REDACTED]	1.60	416.00
01/11/2023	BWR	ZOOM MEETING WITH MAYOR RE: [REDACTED]	0.80	208.00
01/13/2023	MTS	[REDACTED] - LEGAL RESEARCH RE: [REDACTED]	1.00	260.00
01/17/2023	MTS	[REDACTED] - LEGAL RESEARCH RE: [REDACTED]	1.10	286.00
01/24/2023	MTS	[REDACTED] - LEGAL RESEARCH RE: [REDACTED]	2.30	598.00
		SUBTOTAL:	10.50	\$2,730.00
		TOTAL FEES:	10.50	2,730.00

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01/24/2023	WESTLAW ON-LINE RESEARCH.	2.97
01/24/2023	WESTLAW ON-LINE RESEARCH.	4.46
	TOTAL COSTS:	<u>\$7.43</u>

TOTAL DUE:	<u>\$2,737.43</u>
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FY25 Prior Year Outstanding Bills for 4/7/25

Department	Vendor	Account	Invoice Amount	
City Council	KP Law	01-111-2-5765 - Other Charges	\$	2,730.00
Solicitor	KP Law	01-151-2-5765 - Other Charges	\$	324.00
City Clerk	KP Law	01-161-2-5765 - Other Charges	\$	2,160.00
City Clerk	KP Law	01-161-2-5765 - Other Charges	\$	1,458.00
Total			\$	6,672.00



C0136-25

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilor Stephanie Martins

Date: April 14, 2025

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April 9, 2025

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Offered By: _____
Councilor Stephanie Martins, as President

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