

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



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Monday, July 19, 2021

2:00 PM

Remote Meeting. Call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 586 416 9164; or
Seattle Channel online.

City Council

M. Lorena González, President

Lisa Herbold, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Andrew J. Lewis, Member

Tammy J. Morales, Member

Teresa Mosqueda, Member

Alex Pedersen, Member

Kshama Sawant, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met remotely pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28.15, and guidance provided by the Attorney General's Office, on July 19, 2021, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m., with Council President González presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present and participating electronically:

Present: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

[Min 341](#) **July 12, 2021**

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Minutes by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR

[IRC 312](#) **July 19, 2021**

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar (IRC) by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda,
Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed
Agenda.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to provide a 30 minute Public Comment period.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Peter Condit
Howard Gale
Katie Garrow
Shamir Tanna
Jared Brown
Yael Chotzen
David Jett
Isabelle Halaka
Aisha Mansour
Carolyn Hathaway
Katie Wilson
Ab Juaner
Shaun Van Eyk
Joshua Simpson
Blair Perilman
Miri Cypers
Ben Mulick
Robert Amkraut
Guy Oron
Eric Bluestein
Jeremy Voss
Jess Wallach
Shelby Handler
Hamza Abou Ammo
Brittney Bollay
Jon Grant
Matt Remle
Andrea Paz

H. PAYMENT OF BILLS

[CB 120125](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of July 5, 2021 through July 9, 2021 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120125.

The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 120123](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to taxation; delaying the effective date of the heating oil tax on heating oil service providers under Chapter 5.47 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and delaying the date of the Office of Sustainability and Environment's first annual heating oil tax program status report.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120123.

The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

FINANCE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE:

2. [CB 120113](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption Program; amending Section 5.73.070 of the Seattle Municipal Code to temporarily allow certain extensions of the Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption program completion deadline as permitted by state law; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Mosqueda, Herbold, González , Lewis

Opposed: None

The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

3. [CB 120118](#) **AN ORDINANCE related to creating a fund for Payroll Expense Tax revenues; adding a new Section 5.38.055 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and providing additional guidelines for expending proceeds.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Mosqueda, Herbold, González , Lewis

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 120118, by adding a fifth recital, new Section 3, and renumbering the remaining section number accordingly, as shown in the underlined language below:

New fifth recital:

WHEREAS, the post pandemic housing market provides opportunities to accelerate the acquisition and development of affordable housing. In response, the Council intends to consider providing direction and increased resources, if needed, to the Office of Housing to use funds appropriated for affordable housing acquisition and development in the 2022 City Budget for projects that apply for funding through the Office of Housing's 2021 Fall Notice of Funding Availability for the Rental Production Program; and

New Section 3:

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance, all 2021 Payroll Expense Tax proceeds due to the City by January 31, 2022, pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.38.060, shall be deposited into the General Fund to support adopted, revised, and continuing appropriations in the 2021 Budget.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120118 as amended.

The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

GOVERNANCE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

4. [CB 120120](#) **AN ORDINANCE** relating to City employment of public records officers; returning positions to the civil service system; and amending Section 4.13.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - González , Mosqueda, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

5. [CB 120124](#) **AN ORDINANCE** relating to the organization of City government; creating an Office of Economic and Revenue Forecasts; adding a new Chapter 3.44 to, amending Section 3.39.010 and 3.39.035 of, and repealing Section 3.40.060 and Chapter 3.82 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - González , Mosqueda, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Linda Barron, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on July 26, 2021.

M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk