

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

Thursday, September 19, 2024

2:00 PM

Special Meeting

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

**City Council**

*Sara Nelson, Council President*

*Joy Hollingsworth, Member*

*Robert Kettle, Member*

*Cathy Moore, Member*

*Tammy J. Morales, Member*

*Maritza Rivera, Member*

*Rob Saka, Member*

*Dan Strauss, Member*

*Tanya Woo, Member*

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in special session in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on September 19, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., with Council President Pro Tem Hollingsworth presiding.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Woo

**Excused:** 2 - Moore, Strauss

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Eric L.  
Ryan Driscoll  
Matt Paskin  
Lars Erickson  
Lauren McGowan  
Travis DePrato  
Jesse Simpson  
Sarah Dickmeyer  
Suresh Chanmugam  
Anitra Freeman  
Kathleen Brose  
Alberto Alvarez  
Regen Langholz  
Aidan Carroll  
Alex McGuire  
Howard Gale  
Jon Scholes  
David Tamas-Parris  
Matt Hutchins  
Sydney Provence  
Jeff Paul  
Tom Barnard  
Cat Munsen  
Ben Ferlo  
Jon Grant  
Brandon der Blatter  
Gabriel Jones  
Tiffani McCoy  
David Moser  
Shannon N.  
Ellie Robertshaw  
Rachel Kay  
David Haines

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Jen LaBrecque, Council Central Staff, to address the Council.

**E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

**F. COMMITTEE REPORTS****CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [CF 314535](#) **City Council motion and declaration of City Council intent to not adopt Initiative 137, and placing Initiative No. 137 on the February 11, 2025, ballot in conjunction with the measure to fund the Seattle Social Housing Developer by allocating funds from Seattle's existing Payroll Expense Tax (Council Bill 120864), a proposed alternative measure on the same matter.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded to approve and file Clerk File 314535.

**The Motion carried, and the Clerk File (CF) was approved and filed by the following vote, and the President signed the declaration and intent of the Council:**

**In Favor:** 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Woo

**Opposed:** None

2. [CB 120864](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to funding the Seattle Social Housing Developer; requesting that a special election be held on February 11, 2025 for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition to fund the Seattle Social Housing Developer through the City's existing Payroll Expense Tax; amending Section 5.38.055 of the Seattle Municipal Code; proposing a ballot title; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120864.

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

**In Favor:** 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Woo

**Opposed:** 1 - Morales

3. [Res 32148](#) **A RESOLUTION regarding Initiative 137 concerning excess compensation payroll taxes to fund the Social Housing Developer (which the City Council determined not to enact on September 19, 2024); authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable proposed Initiative 137 to appear on the February 11, 2025 ballot and the local voters' pamphlet in conjunction with the Payroll Expense Tax proposal (City Council Bill 120864), which is a proposed alternative measure dealing with the same subject matter in accordance with Charter Article IV; requesting the King County Elections Director to place the proposed Initiative 137 and its alternate on the February 11, 2025 election ballot in accordance with applicable law; and providing for the publication of such proposed Initiative Measure and its alternate.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32148.

**The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution (Res):**

**In Favor:** 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Woo

**Opposed:** None

4. [Res 32142](#) **A RESOLUTION regarding Initiative 137 concerning a payroll expense tax to fund the Social Housing Developer; authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable the proposed Initiative Measure to appear on the November 5, 2024, ballot and the local voters' pamphlet; requesting the King County Elections Director to place the proposed Initiative Measure on the November 5, 2024, ballot; and providing for the publication of such proposed Initiative Measure.**

Motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Hollingsworth and duly seconded to postpone indefinitely Resolution 32142.

**The Motion carried, and the Resolution (Res) was postponed indefinitely by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Woo

**Opposed:** None

**Absent(NV):** 1 - Morales

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

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**Emilia M. Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on October 8, 2024.**

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**Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council**