

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

2:00 PM

Public Hearing

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*

*Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member*

*Maritza Rivera, Member*

*Rob Saka, Member*

*Mark Solomon, Member*

*Dan Strauss, Member*

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of the City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in Seattle, Washington, on February 4, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., with Council President Nelson Presiding.

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Hollingsworth was excused from the February 4, 2025 City Council meeting.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Excused:** 1 - Hollingsworth

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Howard Gale  
Alex Tsimerman  
David Haines  
Alberto Alvarez

**E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:**

[IRC 465](#)      **February 4, 2025**

**By unanimous consent, the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted.**

**In Favor:** 8 - Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

By unanimous consent, the City Council Agenda was adopted.

**G. PUBLIC HEARING**

[CB 120937](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to taxes; creating a new sales and use tax deferral for the conversion of underutilized commercial property to housing; and adding a new Chapter 5.75 to the Seattle Municipal Code.**

**Public Hearing on Council Bill 120937**

The Public Hearing on Council Bill 120937 opened at 2:17 p.m.

The following speakers addressed the Council:

- Mark Angelillo
- William Leedom
- Raymond Connell
- Alex Tsimerman
- David Haines
- Carlen Veasey

The Public Hearing closed at 2:28 p.m.

*Councilmember Moore left the Council Chamber at 2:28.*

**H. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

**Journal:**

1. [Min 504](#) **January 27, 2025**

**The Minutes were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):**

**In Favor:** 7 - Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

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

2. [Min 505](#) **January 28, 2025**

**The Minutes were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):**

**In Favor:** 7 - Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

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

**Bills:**

3. [CB 120938](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of January 20, 2025, through January 24, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

**In Favor:** 7 - Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

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

**Appointments:**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

4. [Appt 03066](#) **Appointment of David Benchlouch as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2027.**

**The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**

**In Favor:** 4 - Kettle, Saka, Moore, Nelson

**Opposed:** None

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 7 - Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

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

5. [Appt 03067](#) **Appointment of Arlecier L.N. West as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2026.**

**The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**

**In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Moore, Nelson**

**Opposed: None**

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 7 - Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

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

6. [Appt 03068](#) **Reappointment of Joseph Seia as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2025.**

**The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**

**In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Moore, Nelson**

**Opposed: None**

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 7 - Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

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

- 7. [Appt 03069](#) **Reappointment of Joel C. Merkel as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2027.**

**The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**

**In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Moore, Nelson**

**Opposed: None**

**The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

**In Favor: 7 - Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

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

**I. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Councilmember Moore entered the Council Chamber at 2:31 p.m.*

**CITY COUNCIL:**

- 1. [CB 120927](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to floodplains; eighth extension of interim regulations established by Ordinance 126113, and as amended by Ordinance 126536, for an additional six months, to allow individuals to rely on updated National Flood Insurance Rate Maps to obtain flood insurance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Flood Insurance Program.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120927.

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

**In Favor: 8 - Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

**J. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were none.

**K. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

- 2. [Res 32161](#) **A RESOLUTION designating the monthly President Pro Tem of the City Council of The City of Seattle for 2025; superseding Resolution 32123.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32161.

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

**In Favor:** 8 - Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

- 3. [Res 32162](#) **A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2025; and superseding Resolution 32124.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32162.

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

**In Favor:** 8 - Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

- 4. [Res 32163](#) **A RESOLUTION relating to participation, for 2025, on King County Committees, Regional Committees, State Committees, and City of Seattle Committees; and superseding Resolution 32157.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32163.

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

**In Favor:** 8 - Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**L. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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**Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on February 11, 2025.**

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