

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

Monday, April 26, 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 April 26, 2021, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., with Council President González presiding.

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

**The following Councilmembers were present and participating electronically:**

**Present:** 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Excused:** 1 - Mosqueda

#### **C. PRESENTATIONS**

Councilmember Herbold presented a Proclamation recognizing April 2021 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Herbold to present the Proclamation, and to allow Lesbia Orellana, of Consejo Counseling, and Sophia Lee, of Seattle Women's Commission, to address the Council.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

[Min 328](#)      **April 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:** 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

[Min 329](#)      **April 19, 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:** 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

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

[IRC 300](#)      **April 26, 2021**

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

**In Favor:** 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION 1:

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

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant, duly seconded and carried, to amend the proposed Agenda by adding Resolution 32004, under Order of Business item J., Adoption of Other Resolutions.

Resolution 32004, A RESOLUTION prioritizing people over the profits of pharmaceutical companies; supporting the production of COVID-19 vaccine around the world; urging President Biden to end U.S. opposition to the Waiver from Certain Provisions of the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement for the Prevention, Containment and Treatment of COVID-19 at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

ACTION 3:

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

## 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:

Howard Gale  
Greyson Van Arsdale  
Sujatha Ramni  
Daniel Kavanaugh  
Marina Skumanich  
Madeline Olson  
Xoe Amer  
Margot Stewart  
Bia Lacombe  
Hillary Haden  
Prashant Nema  
Blythe Serrano  
Harry Katz  
Khan Hasan  
Martha Baskin  
Ellen Anderson  
Erika Myers  
Reverend Robert Jeffrey  
Ty Saxon  
Jordan Quinn  
Varshika Srinivasavaradhan  
Mary Anne Mercer  
Matthew Wylder

## H. PAYMENT OF BILLS

[CB 120049](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of April 12, 2021 through April 16, 2021 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120049.

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

**In Favor:** 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**I. COMMITTEE REPORTS****FINANCE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE:**

1.     [CB 120041](#)    **AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2021 Budget; amending Ordinance 126237, which adopted the 2021 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments; creating positions exempt from civil service; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

**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: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

**TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:**

2.     [CB 120043](#)    **AN ORDINANCE relating to cable television; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to approve the transfer of control, subject to conditions, of WaveDivision I, LLC; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to execute a Cable Franchise Transfer of Controlling Interest Consent Agreement for the purpose of implementing and administering the transfer; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

**In Favor: 4 - Pedersen, González , Herbold, Morales**

**Opposed: None**

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

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

**In Favor: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

From the amended Agenda.

## J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

3. [Res 32004](#) **A RESOLUTION prioritizing people over the profits of pharmaceutical companies; supporting the production of COVID-19 vaccine around the world; urging President Biden to end U.S. opposition to the Waiver from Certain Provisions of the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement for the Prevention, Containment and Treatment of COVID-19 at the World Trade Organization (WTO).**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32004.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 32004, by amending the second and thirteenth recitals, and adding three new recitals after the second recital, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

**Amended second Recital:**

WHEREAS, rapid and widespread dissemination of vaccinations in all countries is at the center of the strategy by public health professionals to stop the spread of COVID-19 through the development of herd immunity; and

**New third through fifth Recitals:**

WHEREAS, new COVID-19 variants continue to develop throughout the world, and the sooner vaccines are available in all countries, the greater the likelihood of success in the battle against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, vaccinations are critical to reopening and economic recovery in both developed countries and the Global South; and

WHEREAS, one in five of Seattle's population is born in another county

and they, and many more Seattle residents have family abroad, some living in countries without adequate access to vaccine; and

**Amended thirteenth Recital:**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a life-threatening pandemic, and the Seattle City Council does not agree with the argument made by large pharmaceutical companies in a December 8, 2020, IFPMA press release that “IP enables research and development and ensures that the next generation of inventors and investors will remain engaged”; and

**ACTION 3:**

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32004 as amended.

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

**In Favor:** 7 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** 1 - Pedersen

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to excuse Councilmember Lewis from the May 3, 2021 City Council meeting.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

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**Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on May 3, 2021.**

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**M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council**

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**Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk**