

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



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Monday, April 20, 2020

2:00 PM

Remote Meeting. Call listen line at 206-684-8566 or access 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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In-person attendance is currently prohibited per the Washington Governor's Proclamation No. 20-28 until April 23, 2020. Meeting participation is limited to access by telephone conference line and Seattle Channel online.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met remotely pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28 and guidance provided by the Attorney General's Office, on April 20, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m., with Council President González presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present and participating by electronically:

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

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

[Min 277](#) **April 13, 2020**

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 251](#) **April 20, 2020**

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 extend the Public Comment period for an additional 10 minutes.

Lisa Howard addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Brady Nordstrom addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Megan Kruse addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Alice Lockhart addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Emily McArthur addressed the Council regarding a non-Agenda item.

Nancy Helm addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Suzanne Grant addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Matt Hutchins addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Michael Winkler-Chin addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Colleen McAleer addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Robert Turk addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Erika Johnson addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Freya Johnson addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Eva Metz addressed the Council regarding a non-Agenda item.

Jack McCullough addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Derek Lum addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Patience Malaba addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to extend the Public Comment period to allow the remainder speakers listed below to address the Council.

Ana Bonilla addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

David Moehring addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Tawni Bates addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Sara Patton addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Joe Kunzler addressed the Council regarding a non-Agenda item.

David Garrity addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

David Della addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

Andrew Grant Houston addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119769.

H. PAYMENT OF BILLS

[CB 119777](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of April 6, 2020 through April 10, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119777.

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

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

Opposed: None

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 119769](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to land use review decision and meeting procedures; temporarily modifying and suspending procedures in Titles 23 and 25 of the Seattle Municipal Code and amending Chapters 23.41, 23.49, 23.66, 23.79, 25.12, 25.16, 25.20, 25.21, 25.22, 25.24, and 25.30 of the Seattle Municipal Code, consistent with the Governor's proclamations and the Mayor's proclamation of civil emergency on March 3, 2020; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly second to pass Council Bill 119769.

ACTION 2:

By unanimous consent, Council Rule III.A.7, relating to amendments presented to the City Council at least two hours before the meeting, was suspended to allow consideration of an amendment to Council Bill 119769.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Strauss, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119769, by substituting version 2 for version 1a.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 119769, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In favor: 4 - Herbold, Lewis, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: 5 - González, Juarez, Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant

ACTION 5:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119769 as amended.

The Motion failed and the Council Bill (CB) was not passed by the following vote:

In Favor: 6 - González, Juarez, Lewis, Mosqueda, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: 3 - Herbold, Morales, Pedersen

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold and duly seconded to reconsider passage of Council Bill 119769.

Pursuant to the City Charter, Article IV, Section 10, the Motion was held until the next City Council meeting.

2. [CF 314428](#) **Full unit lot subdivision of Noren Development, LLC to subdivide one parcel into 21 unit lots at 8559 Mary Avenue NW (Project No. 3020999; Type III).**

Motion was made and duly seconded to file Clerk File 314428.

The Motion carried, and the Clerk File (CF) was filed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

3. [CB 119776](#) **AN ORDINANCE approving and confirming the plat of “Verona-Roy” in portions of the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 26 North, Range 3 East, W.M. in King County, Washington.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119776.

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

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 4:25 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on May 4, 2020.

M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Amend Sections 1 and 2 as follows:

Section 1. The City Council finds and declares that:

~~O. The ordinance also provides an exemption from design review for certain affordable housing projects, if they can file a building permit application in the next six months. The Office of Housing is funding a number of affordable housing projects that will serve populations particularly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including seniors and people at risk of or exiting homelessness, and that are far into the permitting process. These projects are currently subject to administrative design review, which allows certain departures to be granted from provisions of the Land Use Code. Exempting these projects from design review and allowing limited departures to be granted outside of the design review process will shorten the time required for these projects to complete the permitting process, advancing the date by which they can be constructed, and the allowed departures seek to increase the number of affordable units created. Finishing these projects as soon as possible and maximizing the ability of vulnerable populations to access affordable housing is critical to the City's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.~~

[Reletter Section 1]

Section 2. Subsection 23.41.004 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 125603, is amended as follows:

23.41.004 Applicability

E. Temporary provisions for affordable housing projects

~~1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of Title 23, a project subject to administrative design review according to subsection 23.41.004.A.5 shall be exempt from design review if the applicant files a complete building permit application while this ordinance is in effect, except that the applicant may elect to have the project be subject to design review notwithstanding the preceding exemption.~~

~~2. Requests for departures. If a project is exempt from design review according to subsection 23.41.004.E.1, the Director may consider requests for departures from the following development standards in Title 23:~~

~~a. Requirements for bike rooms and the quantity of bike parking;~~

~~b. Requirements for the size of parking spaces;~~

~~c. Requirements for overhead weather protection;~~

~~d. Requirements for façade openings, articulation, and modulation and art on the facades of buildings but not including limitations on structure width;~~

~~e. Requirements for the size and design of common recreational areas, amenity areas, community rooms, and similar indoor amenities but not including any required outdoor open space;~~

~~f. Requirements related to residential uses, transparency, blank facades, and floor to floor height at street level, except as otherwise limited in subsection 23.41.012.B; and~~

~~g. Other similar standards as determined by the Director, not including those listed in subsection 23.41.012.B, that pertain to the interior of the building and do not affect the size of the building envelope.~~

~~3. Departures decision. Requests for departures according to subsection 23.41.004.E.2 shall be evaluated by the Director, in consultation with the Office of Housing, in light of the particular population designed to be served by the project, and may be granted by the Director as a Type I decision if the departure would not impact the overall height, bulk, and scale of the proposed building and would result in additional housing units meeting the standards of subsection 23.41.004.A.5 being constructed.~~
