

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

600 Fourth Ave. 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104



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Monday, March 16, 2020

2:00 PM

The Council may participate remotely

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 Fourth Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

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 in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m., with Council President Pro Tem Teresa Mosqueda presiding.

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmembers to participate and vote at today's City Council meeting by phone, and to not include a Public Comment period.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present and participating by phone:

Present: 7 - Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Excused: 1 - González

Late Arrival: 1 - Juarez

Councilmember Juarez joined the phone line at 2:09 p.m.

C. PRESENTATIONS

A Presentation on the current Civil Emergency on COVID-19 was provided by Mike Fong, Sr. Deputy Mayor; Ben Noble, Director of City Budget Office; and Laurel Nelson, Acting Director of Office of Emergency Management.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

[Min 267](#)

February 18, 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: 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

[Min 268](#) **February 24, 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: 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

[Min 269](#) **March 2, 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: 8 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR

[IRC 245](#) **March 16, 2020**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar.

ACTION 2:

By unanimous consent, Council Rule III.A.6., relating to circulation of a Resolution for adoption by 5:00 p.m. on the preceding business day, was suspended to allow consideration of a Resolution for introduction and adoption.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda, duly seconded and carried, to amend the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar by introducing Resolution 31938, and by referring it to the City Council for adoption at today's meeting.

Resolution 31938, A RESOLUTION modifying the March 14, 2020 emergency order relating to residential evictions.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar as amended.

The Motion carried, and the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted as amended by the following vote:

In Favor: 8 - 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. PAYMENT OF BILLS

[CB 119755](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of March 2, 2020 through March 6, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119755.

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

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

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 119754](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to employment in Seattle; amending Sections 14.16.010 and 14.16.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code to strengthen and clarify labor standards requirements for paid sick and paid safe time for employees working in Seattle; 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 seconded to pass Council Bill 119754.

ACTION 2

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119754, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

ACTION 3

Motion was made by Councilmember Pedersen, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119754, Section 1, by adding a new subsection 1.I, as shown in the underlined language below:

I. In addition to the importance of addressing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to families that paid sick and paid safe time be available also when schools and places of care are closed in the future.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119754 as amended.

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

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

Opposed: None

TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

2. [Res 31932](#) A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; acknowledging and approving City Light’s adoption of a biennial energy conservation target for 2020-2021 and ten-year conservation potential.

The Committee recommends that City Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 4 - Pedersen, Strauss, Herbold, Morales

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

I. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

3. [Res 31938](#) **A RESOLUTION modifying the March 14, 2020 emergency order relating to residential evictions.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31938.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31938, Exhibit B, Section 1.B, first sentence, as shown in the underlined language below:

Residential or commercial landlord shall not initiate an unlawful detainer action, issue a notice of termination, or otherwise act on any termination notice, including any action or notice related to a rental agreement that has expired or will expire during the effective date of this Emergency Order, unless the unlawful detainer action or action on a termination notice is due to actions by the tenant constituting an imminent threat to the health or safety of neighbors, the landlord, or the tenant's or landlord's household members.

ACTION 3:

By unanimous consent, the City Council meeting recessed until 4:22 p.m.

The City Council meeting came back to order at 4:22 p.m.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda, duly seconded and carried, to hold Resolution 31938, until after the Executive Session.

When the City Council meeting came back to order at 4:22 p.m., the following Councilmembers present by phone:

Present: 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Excused: 1 - González

Late Arrival: 1 - Morales

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:28 p.m., the City Council moved into a 90-minute Executive Session regarding Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation and Labor Negotiations.

Councilmember Morales rejoined the phone line.

The Executive Session concluded at 5:39 p.m., and the City Council meeting was at ease until 6:00 p.m.

The City Council meeting was called back to order at 6:04 p.m., with the following Councilmembers present by phone:

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

Excused: 1 - González

I. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

3. [Res 31938](#) **A RESOLUTION modifying the March 14, 2020 emergency order relating to residential evictions.**

ACTION 5:

Motion was made by Councilmember Lewis, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31938, Exhibit B, by substituting version 3 for version 2.

ACTION 6:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31938, Section 2.B, as shown in the underlined language below:

B. Issuing orders or taking other actions to provide rent relief, including deferred payment of rent, requiring payment plans, and other strategies to assist small businesses and nonprofit organizations who are unable to pay rent or pay their employees due to economic disruptions caused by COVID-19.

ACTION 7:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31938 as amended.

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

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

Opposed: None

J. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on March 30, 2020.

M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

Attachment:

Att 1 - Action 2 of CB 119754