

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

600 Fourth Ave. 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104



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Tuesday, February 21, 2023

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

City Council

Debora Juarez, Council President

Lisa Herbold, Member

Andrew J. Lewis, Member

Tammy J. Morales, Member

Teresa Mosqueda, Member

Sara Nelson, Member

Alex Pedersen, Member

Kshama Sawant, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8805; Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in Seattle, Washington, on February 21, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., with Council President Pro Tem Morales presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: 2 - Juarez, Lewis

C. PRESENTATIONS

Monisha Harrell, Sr. Deputy Mayor, delivered Mayor Harrell's 2022 State of the City Address to the City Council, and the written message was added to item 1., Clerk File 314514.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Prashant (Nishant) Totla
Neha Singh
Rajeshwari G
Allanah Rolph
Madhav Premanand
Richa Dubey
Radhika Marwaha
Ubby Patel
Satwik N
Shahira Bangar
Kavin Manickaraj
Neena Narumanchi
Oliver Wilson
Trishya Srinivasan
Sarah James
KARTHICK ARUMUGAM
Vaishakhi Mayya
Gayatri Girirajan
Gautam Nagrare
Suresh Krishnamoorthy
Manick Rajendran
Purnima Nath
Amit Kam
Shashi S
Dev Manda
Sonja Thomas
Puneet Singh
Akhil Manda
Iniyan N
Rose Hiemstra
Nikhil Dharmaraj
Monty K
Dalit Bahujan of USA
Raji Manick
Durai Sundarackannan
Sandeep C
Govind Acharya
Khushboo Gulati
Rama Krishna Bhupathi
Bipin L
Ria Chakrabarty

Nitin S
Rita Meher
Sam K.
Rev. Carey Anderson
Tim Henderson
Maya Komble
Joe Sagrue
P Maane
Ramkumar
Dr. Aminul Islam
Takshek
Shomya Tripathy
Jasmit Singh
Prasanna G.
T. Soundarajan
Aneelah Afzali
Prenl Pariyav
Rashpal S. Dhardwad
Alex Foyer
Kamlesh Ahir
Mammit Singh
Nshan Burns
Srikrishna
Shoble
Deepa
Sriniras Khedam
Vaurshi
Naresh B.
Alok K.
Hira Singh Bhullar
Javed Sikindar
Atul/Jondhale
Natalie Bailey
Barbara Phinney
Paramjit Kainth
Prajindl Thoil
Negam Khaki

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to extend the Public Comment period for an additional 15 minutes.

Arul P.
Raghav
Harshed Harshad
Sita Rham Ahir

Yogesh Mane
Ankit Gajbhiye
Sutey Ahir
Inderjit Singh
Harpreet Singh
Khan Hasan
Amer Mohammed
Yenkat S.
Sanket Khobragade
Sidharth Babare

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 381](#) **February 21, 2023**

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

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:

1. [Min 414](#) **February 14, 2023**

The item was adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

Bills:

2. [CB 120513](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of February 6, 2023 through February 10, 2023 and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The item was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

Appointments:

GOVERNANCE, NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS COMMITTEE:

3. [Appt 02431](#) **Reappointment of Jeanie Chunn as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Juarez, Pedersen, Mosqueda, Strauss

Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

4. [Appt 02432](#) **Reappointment of Ilona Lohrey as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Juarez, Pedersen, Mosqueda, Strauss

Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

5. [Appt 02442](#) **Reappointment of Gay Gilmore as member, Labor Standards Advisory Commission, for a term to April 30, 2023.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Juarez, Pedersen, Mosqueda, Strauss

Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

6. [Appt 02443](#) **Reappointment of Susan R. Taylor as member, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, for a term to December 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Juarez, Pedersen, Mosqueda, Strauss

Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

7. [Appt 02444](#) **Reappointment of Zach Jones Pekelis as member, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, for a term to December 31, 2025.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Juarez, Pedersen, Mosqueda, Strauss

Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

NEIGHBORHOODS, EDUCATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:

8. [Appt 02450](#) **Appointment of Jessica Lo as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to April 30, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Morales, Sawant, Lewis, Nelson, Strauss

Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

9. [Appt 02451](#) **Reappointment of Dawn Dailey as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to October 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Morales, Sawant, Lewis, Nelson, Strauss

Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

10. [Appt 02452](#) Reappointment of Kaitlin Skilton as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to October 31, 2024.

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

In Favor: 5 - Morales, Sawant, Lewis, Nelson, Strauss
Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

11. [Appt 02453](#) Reappointment of Taylor Woods as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to October 31, 2024.

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

In Favor: 5 - Morales, Sawant, Lewis, Nelson, Strauss
Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

12. [Appt 02454](#) Appointment of Christina Pizaña as member, Seattle LGBTQ Commission, for a term to October 31, 2023.

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

In Favor: 5 - Morales, Sawant, Lewis, Nelson, Strauss
Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

13. [Appt 02455](#) **Appointment of Atif Osmani as member, Seattle LGBTQ Commission, for a term to October 31, 2024.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Morales, Sawant, Lewis, Nelson, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

14. [Appt 02456](#) **Appointment of Chelsey Wright as member, Seattle LGBTQ Commission, for a term to April 30, 2024.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Morales, Sawant, Lewis, Nelson, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

PUBLIC ASSETS AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE:

15. [Appt 02457](#) **Reappointment of Pasqual Contreras as member, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for a term to March 31, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Lewis, Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Morales

Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

16. [Appt 02458](#) **Appointment of Joshua Seyfried as member, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for a term to March 31, 2025.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Lewis, Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Morales

Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

17. [Appt 02459](#) **Appointment of Andrea A. Stuart-Lehalle as member, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for a term to March 31, 2025.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Lewis, Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Morales

Opposed: None

The item was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CF 314514](#) **2023 State of the City Address delivered by Mayor Bruce Harrell on February 21, 2023.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to accept and file Clerk File 314514.

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

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

2. [CB 120511](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to human rights; including protections against discrimination based on an individual's caste; making technical amendments; and amending Sections 3.14.910, 3.14.931, 3.110.260, 4.80.020, 5.30.020, 6.02.270, 6.202.230, 14.04.020, 14.04.030, 14.04.040, 14.06.020, 14.06.030, 14.08.015, 14.08.020, 14.08.045, 14.08.070, 14.08.190, 14.10.010, 14.10.020, 14.11.020, and 18.12.280 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120511.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120511, by adding a new Section 22, and renumbering the remaining section accordingly, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

Section 22. The City Council makes the following findings:

A. Caste-based discrimination is an international problem affecting more than 250 million people across the world;

B. Although caste is often associated with Hinduism and India, it transcends religious and geographic boundaries, with caste-based discrimination showing up in Christian, Muslim, Sikh, and other religious communities, all over South Asia, and in Southeast Asian and African communities, including Japan, the Middle East, Nigeria, Somalia, and Senegal;

C. The concept of caste and associated discrimination traveled with individuals and communities through these regions and into diasporic communities around the world, including the United States;

D. Washington State and Seattle are home to individuals and communities of immigrants, refugees, and diasporic communities from all around the world;

E. The City of Seattle is committed to recognizing the dignity of all its residents, including the right of all Seattle residents to live in a City that does not subject them to prejudicial treatment or discrimination;

F. Awareness of the experiences of caste-oppressed communities with discrimination has been growing in recent years;

G. Testimony submitted to the Council about these experiences are located in Clerk File 322573 and demonstrate the City's interest in protecting its residents with marginalized identities as caste-oppressed from discrimination;

H. Existing anti-discrimination protections do not fully encompass caste

discrimination.

Section ~~22~~23. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

ACTION 3:

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss, Herbold, Mosqueda, Morales

Opposed: Nelson

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120511 as amended.

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

In Favor: 6 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Nelson

Councilmember Sawant left the Council Chambers.

3. [CB 120512](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to weights and measures; conforming City provisions regarding weights and measures to state law; providing an enforcement process; updating fees; repealing requirements for weighmaster licenses; and amending Chapter 7.04 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120512.

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

In Favor: 6 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Sawant

FINANCE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE:

4. [Res 32083](#) **A RESOLUTION establishing a Watch List of large, complex, discrete capital projects that will require enhanced quarterly monitoring reports for the 2023 calendar year.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res).**
- In Favor: 5 - Mosqueda, Herbold, Pedersen, Nelson, Lewis**
- Opposed: None**
- The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:**
- In Favor: 6 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
- Absent(NV): 1 - Sawant**

PUBLIC ASSETS AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE:

5. [Res 32084](#) **A RESOLUTION relating to Seattle Parks and Recreation; authorizing the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to act as the authorized representative/agent on behalf of The City of Seattle and to legally bind The City of Seattle with respect to certain projects for which the City seeks grant funding assistance managed through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council adopt the Resolution (Res).**
- In Favor: 5 - Lewis, Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Morales**
- Opposed: None**
- The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution (Res):**
- In Favor: 6 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Strauss**
- Opposed: None**
- Absent(NV): 1 - Sawant**

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were 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 4:31 p.m.

Linda Barron, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on February 28, 2023.

Debora Juarez, Council President of the City Council

Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk