

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



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Tuesday, May 10, 2022

2:00 PM

Remote Meeting. Call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 586 416 9164; or
Seattle Channel online.

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

Pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation No. 20-28.15 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 8402, this public meeting will be held remotely. Meeting participation is limited to access by the telephone number provided on the meeting agenda, and the meeting is accessible via telephone 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 20-28.15, and guidance provided by the Attorney General's Office, on May 10, 2022, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m., with Council President Pro Tem Lewis presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present and participating electronically:

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

Excused: 1 - Juarez

C. PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Mosqueda presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 8 to May 14, 2022, to be Affordable Housing Week. The Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Mosqueda to present the Proclamation, and to allow Chad Vaculin, of the Housing Development Consortium, to address the Council.

D. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 348](#)**May 10, 2022**ACTION 1:

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

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Pedersen, duly seconded and carried, to amend the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar by introducing Council Bills 120322 and 120323, and Resolution 32053, and by referring them to the Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities Committee.

Council Bill 120322, AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; authorizing the General Manager/CEO of Seattle Public Utilities to accept a non-exclusive easement within the Shilshole Bay Waterway, previously known as the Salmon Bay Waterway of the Lake Washington Ship Canal, from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources for a City-owned sanitary sewer line; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Council Bill 120323 AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; accepting two deeds for real property acquired for the purpose of installing and operating ground water wells or waterworks to provide potable water in connection with the Highline Well Field project identified in the 1985 Seattle Comprehensive Regional Water Plan and situated in Section 16, Township 23 North, Range 4 East, King County, Washington; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts. Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar as amended.

Resolution 32053, A RESOLUTION granting conceptual approval to construct, maintain, and operate private communication conduit under and across Latona Avenue Northeast, north of Northeast Northlake Way; as proposed by Dunn Lumber Company, as part of the construction of a new lumber warehouse in the Wallingford neighborhood.

ACTION 3:

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, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Journal:

1. [Min 378](#) **May 3, 2022**

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

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

Opposed: None

Bills:

2. [CB 120321](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of April 25, 2022 through April 29, 2022 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: 8 - Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDAACTION 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 32054 for consideration under Adoption of Other Resolutions.

Resolution 32054, A RESOLUTION in support of abortion rights and other reproductive rights, in opposition to the U.S. Supreme Court draft majority opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization; and urging state and federal elected officials to codify abortion rights and other reproductive rights.

ACTION 3:

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

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Howard Gale
Barbara Phinney
Margot Stewart
David Haines
Michael Vitz-Wong
Steve Horvath
Emily McArthur
Sonja Ponath
Logan Swan
Taylor Leatrice Werner
Ellen Anderson
Eva Whited
Kevin Vitz-Wong
Chantele Machado
Leah Rutman
Yvette Maganya

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [Appt 02111](#) **Appointment of Steve Horvath as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to May 31, 2022.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to postpone indefinitely Appointment 02111.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was postponed indefinitely by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

2. [Appt 02146](#) **Reappointment of Steve Horvath as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to May 31, 2024.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to postpone indefinitely Appointment 02146.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was postponed indefinitely by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

I. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

3. [Res 32054](#) **A RESOLUTION in support of abortion rights and other reproductive rights, in opposition to the U.S. Supreme Court draft majority opinion in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization; and urging state and federal elected officials to codify abortion rights and other reproductive rights.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32054.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 32054, by amending the recitals, and Section 5, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32054 as amended.

The Motion carried, and Resolution 32054 was adopted as amended by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

J. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to excuse Councilmember Morales from the June 28, 2022 City Council meeting.

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to excuse Councilmember Strauss from the June 14, 2022 City Council meeting.

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to excuse Councilmember Sawant from the June 7 and 14, 2022 City Council meetings.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on May 17, 2022.

Debora Juarez, Council President of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

Att 1 - Action 2 of RES 32054

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Effect: This amendment would clarify language in the recitals and add an additional recital related to House Bill 1851 (passed in 2022) related to protection of access to abortion care. It would also specify that the Council intends to appropriate funding for organizations that deliver programs and services in support of abortion care and access.

1. Amend the recitals of RES 32054 as follows:

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2022, thousands gathered in cities across the United States, including in Seattle, to protest a leaked draft decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, which would overturn the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision that has protected the freedom to seek an abortion since 1973; and

WHEREAS, laws restricting access to abortion disproportionately impact poor and working-class ~~((women))~~ people and ~~((women))~~ people of color, because ~~((wealthy))~~ wealthier ~~((women))~~ people have the resources to pay a private doctor exorbitant fees or travel to where quality reproductive healthcare is available; and

WHEREAS, historian Ruth Rosen explained in *The World Split Open: How the Modern Women’s Movement Changed America* that “Advocates of abortion reform estimated that close to one million women had illegal abortions annually before the procedure became legal in 1973, and they attributed some five thousand deaths directly to illegal abortions,” showing that throughout history, laws banning abortion do not stop them from happening ~~((, instead making them humiliating, unsafe, and even fatal))~~; and

WHEREAS, patients in Washington state are hampered from accessing the full range of reproductive healthcare due to hospital consolidation, leading to almost 50 percent of Washington's hospital beds being in Catholic or otherwise religiously-affiliated facilities

where reproductive healthcare is limited (~~and limitations are not required to be disclosed to patients~~); and

WHEREAS, by passing SB 5602 in 2019, Washington became the only state in the nation to require hospitals to publicly disclose their reproductive healthcare policies on their websites and submit publicly available forms regarding (~~access to~~) the reproductive healthcare (~~available by posting such information on their websites~~) services available at their facilities; and

WHEREAS, HB 1851, passed in 2022, protected Washingtonians from criminalization for their reproductive healthcare decisions and pregnancy outcomes, confirmed that all qualified licensed providers in Washington can offer abortion care to their patients, and ensured that Washington law protects all Washingtonians' right to abortion care, regardless of gender or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, nonetheless many patients remain unaware that their healthcare provider will not provide them with the full range of healthcare options they may require, especially those in crisis requiring emergent care, and those traveling across state lines who may be unfamiliar with local health systems; and

WHEREAS, health care entities' restrictions, including discriminatory restrictions (~~based in religious doctrine~~), should not hinder patient access to reproductive care; and

WHEREAS, the (~~ACLU of Washington is supporting the~~) Keep Our Care Act (~~(, which)~~) would prevent health entity consolidations from moving forward if they negatively impacted communities' access to affordable quality care, including reproductive, end-of-life, and gender affirming care; and

2. Amend Section 5 of RES 32054 as follows:

Section 5. The Seattle City Council intends to appropriate City funds in a 2022 supplemental budget to fund expanded access to reproductive healthcare. These funds would be allocated to organizations that deliver programs and services in support of abortion care and access, such as the Northwest Abortion Access Fund and independent abortion clinics.