

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

600 Fourth Ave. 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104



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Thursday, March 19, 2020

2:00 PM

Special Meeting - 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 Special Session in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on March 19, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m., with Council President González 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: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

C. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR

[IRC 246](#) **March 19, 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

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Council President González requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the loss of life and everyone impacted by COVID-19.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [CB 119757](#) **AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to the Human Services Department, the Executive Department's Office of Economic Development, and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget, for the purpose of providing financial assistance to small businesses; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119757.

ACTION 2:

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Yolanda Ho, Amy Gore, and Aly Pennucci, Council Central Staff, to address the Council.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Morales, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119757, by adding a new Section 3, and renumbering the remaining section accordingly, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 3. The Council requests that the Office of Economic Development (OED) prioritize racial equity as OED develops a process to award grants from the Small Business Stabilization Fund. Additionally, the Council requests that OED provide a report regarding the distribution of grants from the Small Business Stabilization Fund to the Chair of the Community Economic Development Committee by July 31, 2020. The report should include, but not be limited to: the total number of applicants and, of those applicants, the number that were eligible; the number of eligible applicants and total grant award amounts by City Council district; the number of applications received from and total grant amounts awarded to business owners with limited English proficiency; a description of OED's outreach efforts to businesses owned by immigrants and refugees, including any translated materials; and a description of the process OED used to determine which businesses received grant awards.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119757 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: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

2. [CB 119758](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light and Seattle Public Utilities Departments; temporarily removing the charge of interest on delinquent utility consumption and utilization accounts; superseding several sections under Title 21 that authorize and require the collection of interest on delinquent utility consumption and utilization accounts; 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 119758.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Pedersen, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119758, by substituting version 2 for version 1.

ACTION 3:

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Eric McConaghy and Brian Goodnight, Council Central Staff, to address the Council.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Lewis, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119758, by amending Section 2, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 2. No new interest charges shall be added to utility consumption and utilization accounts for residential customers, customers that are non-profit organizations as defined under Seattle Municipal Code subsection 5.30.040.C, or commercial customers with taxable gross annual receipts of less than \$5 million in 2019 on bills issued from the time this ordinance takes effect until the earlier of:

A. Termination of the civil emergency proclaimed by the Mayor on March 3, 2020; or

B. August 1, 2020.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119758 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: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 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