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CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2016 and 2017, and superseding Resolution 31499.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THAT:

Section 1. Effective immediately and until further notice, the Seattle City Council’s standing committees, membership, and meeting times are as shown below, superseding Resolution 31499.

Standing Committee	Committee Members	Committee Meeting Days and Times*
Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance	Chair: Tim Burgess Vice-Chair: Lisa Herbold Member: Rob Johnson Alternate: Mike O’Brien	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts	Chair: Lisa Herbold Vice-Chair: Kshama Sawant Member: Mike O’Brien Alternate: Bruce Harrell	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
Education, Equity and Governance	Chair: Bruce Harrell Vice-Chair: Lorena González Member: Debora Juarez Alternate: Tim Burgess	1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays 2 p.m.
Energy and Environment	Chair: Kshama Sawant Vice-Chair: Debora Juarez Member: Lorena González Alternate: Sally Bagshaw	2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays 2 p.m.
Gender Equity, Safe Communities and New Americans	Chair: Lorena González Vice-Chair: Tim Burgess Member: Sally Bagshaw Alternate: Debora Juarez	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
Human Services and Public Health	Chair: Sally Bagshaw Vice-Chair: Bruce Harrell Member: Tim Burgess Alternate: Rob Johnson	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays 2 p.m.

Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries and Waterfront	Chair: Debora Juarez Vice-Chair: Sally Bagshaw Member: Bruce Harrell Alternate: Kshama Sawant	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays 9:30 a.m.
Planning, Land Use and Zoning	Chair: Rob Johnson Vice-Chair: Mike O’Brien Member: Lisa Herbold Alternate: Lorena González	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
Sustainability and Transportation	Chair: Mike O’Brien Vice-Chair: Rob Johnson Member: Kshama Sawant Alternate: Lisa Herbold	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays 2 p.m.

*Rule VII.H.3 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council requires that regular standing committee meetings are suspended (canceled) from the time the Council’s Select Budget Committee receives the Mayor’s proposed budget (typically the end of September) to the time the Council adopts a budget (typically the third week of November). Special standing committee meetings may be called: • If review of a legislative action is required within a set time (e.g., quasi-judicial actions with 90-day deadlines for Council review); or • Upon the approval of the President and the Chair of the Select Budget Committee.

Section 2. The duties of the standing committees are as follows:

Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- housing policies and programs, investing and promoting the development and preservation of affordable housing;
- neighborhoods, including neighborhood planning, engagement and outreach, funding opportunities, and historic preservation;
- the financial management and policies of the City and its agents, including the operating and capital budgets, levies, taxes, revenue, audits, and judgments and claims against the City (the Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance Committee is the Finance Committee required by the Seattle City Charter);
- oversight of the City’s public works construction projects except as otherwise specified;

- the City Employees’ Retirement System;
- the City Auditor;
- finance and administrative services of the City, including the Seattle Animal Shelter, the City’s fleets and facilities, the Customer Service Bureau, and other administrative functions; and
- City personnel issues, including labor-management relations, collective bargaining agreements, and other issues related to salary rates, hours, and other conditions of employment.

Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- civil rights issues, including labor standards and improving access to employment and housing;
- water, drainage, wastewater, and solid waste services provided by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), including SPU environmental services and utility rates, regional water resources, endangered species recovery plans, waterway cleanup, and green stormwater infrastructure;
- economic development policies and programs; and
- arts and cultural activities, nightlife issues, and special events.

Education, Equity and Governance Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- education and early learning initiatives, including the City’s Families and Education Levy and the Seattle Preschool Program, with a goal of improving City schools and student success rates and reducing achievement gaps;
- regional, state, federal, and other governmental matters including Charter review, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and rules of the City Council;
- issues related to governance and racial and social equity in underserved communities;

- City information technology planning, implementation, and organization; cable telecommunications services and planning; broadband telecommunications planning and implementation; technology grants; Seattle Channel; seattle.gov; and citizen technology literacy and access; and
- ethics and elections.

Energy and Environment Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- Seattle City Light, including but not limited to City Light finances, energy utility rates, resource matters, energy policy, regional matters, air pollution regulations, and alternative energy sources; and
- urban sustainability, including the Office of Sustainability and Environment, climate protection, stewardship, conservation programs, district energy, green buildings, and food policy.

Gender Equity, Safe Communities and New Americans Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- issues related to gender equity;
- criminal justice and law enforcement, with special emphasis on programs and strategies to reduce crime, domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and youth violence;
- implementation of the Settlement Agreement between the Department of Justice and The City of Seattle regarding the Seattle Police Department;
- coordination with municipal, regional, state, and federal agencies engaged in public safety issues;
- fire prevention and suppression, and emergency medical services;

- emergency preparedness, management, and response; and
- immigrant and refugee rights.

Human Services and Public Health Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- human services, homelessness, child care, aging, and disability services;
- local and regional public health;
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program and the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT); and
- film and music activities.

Parks, Seattle Center, Libraries and Waterfront Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- parks, community centers, and public grounds (including the Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle Aquarium);
- the Seattle Center;
- the Seattle Public Library system; and
- the Office of the Waterfront.

Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- planning and land use, including comprehensive planning, community development, zoning, design, and land use regulations;
- incentive zoning, the Affordable Housing Impact Mitigation Program, and equitable transit oriented development; and

- Major Institution Master Plans and quasi-judicial land use decisions.

Sustainability and Transportation Committee: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- the operations of the Seattle Department of Transportation;
- transportation issues and projects affecting The City of Seattle including transit service, policies, and planning; pedestrian and bicycle programs and planning; transportation system maintenance and repair; traffic control; use of the City right-of-way including permits and vacations; parking policies; neighborhood transportation planning; and freight mobility planning;
- transportation’s contribution to local, regional, state, and national sustainability and livability objectives and reduction of carbon emissions; and
- coordination of transportation issues and representation of the City’s interests on transportation with the federal government, the State of Washington, King County, Sound Transit, and the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Section 3. Each City public development authority (PDA) is assigned to a City Council standing committee, as listed below, for general oversight and review. A committee chair may request that representatives of a PDA periodically appear before the assigned City Council committee to update City Councilmembers on the PDA’s activities and share items of mutual interest. The City Council President or a committee chair may also request periodic briefings by Executive branch staff on PDA issues.

Public Development Authority	City Council Standing Committee
Burke-Gilman Place Public Development Authority	Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance
Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program	Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance
Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority	Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance
Museum Development Authority of Seattle	Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts

Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority	Human Services and Public Health
Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority	Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority	Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance
Seattle Indian Services Commission	Human Services and Public Health

Section 4. Report of the action of a standing committee taken before adoption of this resolution may be made to the full Council at any time consistent with Council Rules and Procedures by any of the following: (a) the Councilmember who chaired or chairs that committee; (b) any Councilmember who was on that committee or who attended that committee’s meeting at the time of the action; or (c) any sponsor of the legislative item on which the action was taken.

Section 5. Absent explicit re-referral, a legislative item referred to a 2014-2015 committee is re-referred to the 2016-2017 committee with oversight responsibility for the subject matter of the legislative item.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2016, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2016.

President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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