

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, September 19, 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 City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on September 19, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m., with Council President Juarez presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

C. PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Herbold presented a Proclamation recognizing Diaper Need Awareness Week. By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Herbold, to present the Proclamation, and to allow Becky Schroeder and Laura Skelton from Westside Baby, to address the Council.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Michael Mellini
- Drew Batchelor
- Alex Fay
- Shomya Tripathy
- Linnea May
- David Gill
- Alice Lockhart
- Mark Epstein
- Rudy Pantoja
- Alexander Mayben
- Bailey Medilo
- Jordan Vanvoast
- Teresa Lamb
- Tanya Wa
- Randy Worang
- Reza Marashi
- Dennis Sills
- Steve Rubstello
- Josh Hou
- Sandy Shettler
- June BlueSpruce
- Samuel Wolff
- Barbara Bernard
- Chairman Robert de los Angeles
- Sean Blackwell
- Kim Butler
- Kathleen Brose
- Taylor Riley
- Meilani Mandery
- Andrea Suarez
- Fe Lopez Gatke
- Peter Condit
- Larry Marshall
- Howard Gale
- Kathleen Kerkof
- Rob Saka
- Mike Stewart
- Scott Ingham
- Nathan Fisher
- Jennifer Godfrey
- Julia Shettler

Wendy Kwan
Alysha Koehler
Joshua Morris
Sara Lidstrom
Denise Hotchkiss
Rose H
Tim Moisio
Jade Weise
Aretha Basu
Erika Rusher
Bradley Dosch
Maggie McKelvy
JM Wong
Shemona Moreno
Lilly Hayward
Aidon Carroll
Soren Smith

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow an additional 10 speakers to address the Council.

Joe Kunzler
Richard Ellison
BJ Last
David Cacanindin
Yin Y
Anita Freeman
Eliana Horn
Kisha K.
Barry Blanton
Shannon Kelley

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 409](#)

September 19, 2023

ACTION 1:

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

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Pedersen and duly seconded to amend the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar by introducing Council Bill 120670, and by referring it to the City Council.

Council Bill 120670, AN ORDINANCE relating to tree protections; adding new provisions related to trees that are part of an archaeological site; and amending Sections 25.11.060 and 25.11.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 5 - Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant

Opposed: 4 - Juarez, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss

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: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, 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 443](#) **September 12, 2023**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

Bills:

2. [CB 120662](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of September 04, 2023 through September 08, 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: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

Appointments:

CITY COUNCIL:

3. [Appt 02636](#) **Appointment of Emma Adkins as member, Seattle Disability Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

4. [Appt 02637](#) **Appointment of Dei'Marlon Scisney as member, Community Technology Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

5. [Appt 02638](#) **Appointment of P Xiomara Alvarez as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

6. [Appt 02639](#) **Appointment of Logan Woodyard as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

7. [Appt 02640](#) **Appointment of Cade Wiger as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

8. [Appt 02641](#) **Appointment of Tyler Hall as member, Pioneer Square Preservation Board, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

9. [Appt 02642](#) **Appointment of Athena Scott as member, Seattle Arts Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

10. [Appt 02643](#) **Appointment of Rachel Lockerbie as member, Seattle Human Rights Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

11. [Appt 02644](#) **Appointment of Amelia Ossorio as member, Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

12. [Appt 02645](#) **Appointment of Ashley E. Ford as member, Seattle LGBTQ Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda,
Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

13. [Appt 02646](#) **Appointment of Veronica La Mont as member, Seattle Women's Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda,
Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

14. [Appt 02647](#) **Appointment of Lauren I. Lanham as member, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda,
Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

15. [Appt 02648](#) **Appointment of Tavo Moline as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda,
Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

16. [Appt 02649](#) **Appointment of Eli Davis as member, Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda,
Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

- 17. [Appt 02650](#) **Appointment of Delaney Lind as member, Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

- 18. [Appt 02651](#) **Appointment Braxton Williams as member, Seattle Transit Advisory Board, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

- 19. [Appt 02652](#) **Appointment of Jay Backman as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

- 20. [Appt 02679](#) **Appointment of Shabazz M. Abdulkadir as member, Design Review Board, for a term to August 31, 2024.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

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- 21. [Appt 02653](#) **Appointment of Kelli Faryar as member, Seattle Music Commission, for a term to August 31, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Juarez, Herbold, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

- 22. [Appt 02654](#) **Appointment of Nick Turner as member, Seattle Music Commission, for a term to August 31, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Juarez, Herbold, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES:

1. [CB 120645](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to controlled substances; adding the crimes of knowing possession of a controlled substance and use of a controlled substance in a public place; amending Section 12A.09.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding a new Section 3.28.141 to the Seattle Municipal Code.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Herbold, Lewis, Nelson, Pedersen

Opposed: 1 - Mosqueda

ACTION 1:

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Asha Venkataraman from Council Central Staff to address the Council.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120645, as presented on Amendment A on the Agenda.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Nelson, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: 3 - Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Nelson and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120645, as presented on Amendment B on the Agenda.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In Favor: 2 - Nelson, Pedersen

Opposed: 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant, Strauss

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Nelson and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120645, as presented on Amendment C on the Agenda.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In Favor: 2 - Nelson, Strauss

Opposed: 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant

ACTION 5:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120645, as presented on Amendment D on the Agenda.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In Favor: 4 - Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant

Opposed: 5 - Juarez, Lewis, Nelson, Pedersen, Strauss

ACTION 6:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120645 as amended, as presented on Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

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 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Nelson, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: 3 - Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant

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2. [CB 120654](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment, commonly referred to as the Third Quarter 2023 Employment Ordinance; returning positions to the Civil Service system; exempting a position from the Civil Service system; administratively adjusting the salary schedule for two titles; and establishing three new titles; all by a 2/3 vote of the City Council.**

Motion was made duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120654.

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

3. [CB 120655](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement between The City of Seattle and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing & Pipe Fitting Industry Local 32; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

Motion was made by and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120655.

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND CITY LIGHT COMMITTEE:

Councilmember Morales left the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

4. [CB 120634](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to Ballard Business Improvement Areas; establishing a new 12-year Business Improvement Area to be known as the Ballard Improvement Area; levying special assessments upon owners of commercial property, multifamily residential property, and mixed-use property within the area; providing for the deposit of revenues in a special account and expenditures therefrom; providing for collection of and penalties for delinquencies; providing for the establishment of a Ratepayers Advisory Board; providing for an implementation agreement with a Program Manager; disestablishing the existing Ballard Business Improvement Area that was established by Ordinance 125151 (“2017 BIA”); suspending the issuance of assessments and providing for the continuity of services under the 2017 BIA; providing for the transfer of any remaining funds from the 2017 BIA Account; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Juarez, Herbold, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Morales

5. [CB 120641](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Tourism Improvement Areas; establishing a new 15-year business improvement area to be known as the Seattle Tourism Improvement Area; levying special assessments upon owners of businesses offering transient accommodations with 60 or more rooms within the area; providing for the deposit of revenues in a special account and expenditures therefrom; providing for collection of and penalties for delinquencies; providing for the establishment of a Ratepayers Advisory Board; providing for an implementation agreement with a Program Manager; disestablishing the existing Seattle Tourism Improvement Area that was established by Ordinance 123714 (“2011 STIA”) and later modified by Ordinance 126552; suspending the issuance of special assessments and providing for the continuity of services under the 2011 STIA; providing for the transfer of any remaining funds from the 2011 STIA Account; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Juarez, Herbold, Strauss

Opposed: None

Councilmember Morales joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

6. [Res 32108](#) **A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; documenting compliance with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Juarez, Herbold, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

FINANCE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE:

7. [Res 32109](#) **A RESOLUTION approving the Seattle Housing Authority’s use of certain excess revenues from the sale, lease, or other disposition of property in the Yesler Terrace Redevelopment Area for the provision of services that benefit the residents of the community.**

The Committee recommends that City Council adopt 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 Resolution (Res):

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

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 5:48 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on September 26, 2023.

Debora Juarez, Council President of the City Council

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

ATT 1 - ACTION 6 OF CB 120645