

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



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Tuesday, August 4, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

City Council

Joy Hollingsworth, Council President

Dionne Foster, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Robert Kettle, Member

Eddie Lin, Member

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member

Maritza Rivera, Member

Rob Saka, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8803; Joy.Hollingsworth@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 August 4, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m., with Council President Hollingsworth presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

C. PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Rinck presented a proclamation for signature recognizing Tuesday, August 4th 2026 to be "Seattle and Tacoma Kiki Ballroom Community Day."

The following Councilmembers affixed their signatures to the proclamation:
9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Rinck to present the proclamation, and to allow Julian Everett and Ivy 007 to address the Council.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Alice Green
Evan McWilliams
Eric Zimmerman
Andrea Suarez
Keith Carpenter
Paul Tomlinson
Sam Kim
Lou
Yvette Dinish
Doug Palmer
Nina Jackson
Scott Dickinson
Craig Walker
Frances Nguyen
Patti Hill
Randy Bannecker
Erin Varriano
Angie Mykel
Aliesha Ruiz
Alberto Alvarez
Joe Kunzler
Lois Martin
Rose Legionaires
Iziac Harvey
Magdalena Ware
Iziac Harvey
Jacqueline Ware
Clive Hayward
Jordan Maxim
David Haines
Jeff Rogers
Chad Winfrey
Paul Wang Gosselin
Audrey Wang Gosselin
Hannah Ziff
Michael Woodward
Melissa Palos Phillips
Sam Wolff
Lexi Goss
Eden Quah
Guinevere Godsdottir
Ashley Nerbovig

Elle M. Cree
Ananda Portal
David Long

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 534](#) **August 4, 2026**

By unanimous consent, the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted.

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:

1. [Min 578](#) **July 28, 2026**

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Bills:

2. [CB 121265](#) **An ordinance appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of July 20, 2026, through July 24, 2026, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 121262](#) **An ordinance relating to City employment; adopting a 2026 Citywide Position List.**

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to pass Council Bill 121262.

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

2. [CB 121264](#) **An ordinance relating to parking payment devices coin revenue collection; amending Section 11.16.480 of the Seattle Municipal Code to transfer responsibility for the physical collection of coin revenue from parking payment devices from the Department of Finance and Administrative Services to the Seattle Department of Transportation.**

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to pass Council Bill 121264.

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

HOUSING, ARTS, AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 121259](#) **An ordinance relating to unfair housing practices; adding new protections for homeowners from unwanted solicitation of residential property by establishing a Do Not Solicit List; providing an enforcement process; prescribing penalties; amending Section 14.08.020 and 14.08.190 of the Seattle Municipal Code; adding a new Section 14.08.042 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding reporting requirements.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 121259, by amending Section 1, revising the definitions of "solicit" and "solicitation," as shown on Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

4. [CB 121248](#) **An ordinance relating to controlled substances; updating City policy for the enforcement of the crimes of knowing possession and use of controlled substances; amending Section 3.28.141 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and repealing Section 4 of Ordinance 126896.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Kettle, Saka, Juarez, Lin, Rivera

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 121248, by amending Section 1, as shown on Attachment 2 to the Minutes.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 8 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Rinck

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

GOVERNANCE AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

5. [CB 121247](#) **An ordinance relating to the City Light Department's emergency bill assistance program; amending Section 21.49.042 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust program terms and conditions and expand eligibility guidelines for emergency bill assistance.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

6. [CB 121245](#) An ordinance relating to rates and charges for water services of Seattle Public Utilities; revising water rates and charges; revising credits to low-income customers; authorizing withdrawal of funds from the Water Fund Revenue Stabilization Subfund; and amending Sections 21.04.430, 21.04.440, and 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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

In Favor: 5 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

7. [CB 121246](#) An ordinance relating to emergency assistance for Seattle Public Utilities customers; amending Section 21.76.065 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust program terms and conditions and expand eligibility guidelines for emergency bill assistance.

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

In Favor: 5 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE:

8. [CB 121243](#) An ordinance relating to land use and zoning; adopting temporary regulations previously in Ordinance 127309 for six months to exempt housing projects that meet Mandatory Housing Affordability requirements using on-site performance units from Design Review, and allowing permit applicants for all housing subject to Full Design Review the option of complying with Design Review pursuant to Administrative Design review; temporarily suspending mandatory, and allowing voluntary, design review of proposed development in Titles 23 and 25 of the Seattle Municipal Code, consistent with Chapter 333, Laws of 2023 and previously in Ordinance 127309; and amending Sections 23.41.002 and 23.41.004 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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

In Favor: 4 - Lin, Strauss, Foster, Rinck

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

TRANSPORTATION, WATERFRONT, AND SEATTLE CENTER COMMITTEE:

9. [CB 121242](#) An ordinance granting FH, LLC d/b/a Skyline permission to construct, maintain, and operate a pedestrian skybridge over and across 8th Avenue, south of Columbia Street and north of Cherry Street, in the First Hill neighborhood; and providing for the acceptance of the permit and conditions.

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

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Rinck, Foster, Kettle, Lin

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

10. [CF 314530](#) **Petition of THE YEW, LLC, for the vacation of a portion the alley lying within Block 2, Wegener's Addition to the City of Seattle, being the block bounded by N 87th Street, 1st Avenue NW, Palatine Avenue N, and N 85th Street, at 8623 Palatine Ave N.**

The Committee recommends that City Council grant as conditioned the Clerk File (CF).

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Rinck, Foster, Kettle, Lin

Opposed: None

The Clerk File (CF) was granted as conditioned by the following vote, and the President signed the Conditions of the City Council:

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

11. [Res 32212](#) **A resolution declaring the intention of the City Council to hold a public hearing relating to clarifying provisions on assessment escalations for the Ballard Business Improvement Area.**

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to adopt Resolution 32212.

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

12. [Res 32211](#) **A resolution of intention to modify the boundaries and assessment structure of the Capitol Hill Business Improvement Area and fix a date and place for a hearing thereon.**

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to adopt Resolution 32211.

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

K. OTHER BUSINESS

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Juarez was excused from the August 18, 2026, City Council meeting.

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Saka was excused from the August 18, 2026, City Council meeting.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION*

At 4:15 p.m., Council President Hollingsworth announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session to discuss pending, potential, or actual litigation with an estimated end time of 5:15 p.m. The Executive Session concluded at 5:06 p.m.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on August 11, 2026.

Joy Hollingsworth, Council President of the City Council

Attachment 1 - Action 1 of CB 121259

Attachment 2 - Action 1 of CB 121248