

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

600 Fourth Ave. 2nd Floor  
Seattle, WA 98104



## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

Tuesday, January 25, 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](mailto: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 January 25, 2022, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m., with Council President Juarez presiding.

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant

**Excused:** 2 - Mosqueda, Strauss

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to excuse Councilmember Strauss from the January 25, 2022 City Council meeting.

#### **C. PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

[Min 362](#)

**January 18, 2022**

**Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Minutes by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes:**

**In Favor:** 7 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant

**Opposed:** None

#### **E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR**

[IRC 333](#)

**January 25, 2022 (Revised 1/24/22 at 2:15 p.m.)**

**Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar (IRC) by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 7 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant

**Opposed:** None

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**G. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Howard Gale
- Rachel Ybarra
- Barbara Phinney
- David Haines
- Julia Buck
- Brent Hayes
- Star Willey
- BJ Last
- Sarah Pappin
- Gianna Reeve
- Sam White
- Casey Moore
- Jonathan Bishofsky-Crews
- Anne Woodford

**H. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

[CB 120261](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of January 10, 2022 through January 14, 2022 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120261.

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

**In Favor:** 7 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant

**Opposed:** None

**I. RECONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL BILL VETOED BY MAYOR:**

- 1.     [CB 120119](#)   **AN ORDINANCE relating to employment in Seattle; amending Sections 100.025 and Section 5 of Ordinance 126274 to establish a new date for ending hazard pay requirements and automatically repealing the ordinance.**

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

**In Favor: 3 - Mosqueda, González , Lewis**

**Opposed: None**

**Abstain: 1 - Herbold**

The Mayor's Veto Letter is provided as Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Motion to reconsider passage of Council Bill 120119 was called up and Councilmembers voted to reconsider passage of Council Bill 120119, with an "Aye" vote to pass the Bill and override the Mayor's Veto, and a "No" vote to not pass the Bill and sustain the Mayor's Veto.

**Council Bill 120119 did not pass, and the Mayor's Veto was sustained by the following vote:**

**In Favor: 2 - Nelson, Pedersen**

**Opposed: 5 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Sawant**

**J. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC ASSETS AND HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE:**

2. [CB 120258](#) **AN ORDINANCE accepting the deed to certain real property located at 5910 Corson Ave South (Parcel A) and 933 S Doris St, (Parcel B), Seattle for general municipal purposes, to be used for consolidation of the Seattle Public Library’s building maintenance, custodial, landscaping, storage, and fleet facilities at one site; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Lewis, Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Morales**

**Opposed: None**

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

**In Favor: 7 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant**

**Opposed: None**

**K. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

There were none.

**L. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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**Linda Barron, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on February 1, 2022.**

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**Debra Juarez, Council President of the City Council**

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**Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk**

**Attachment 1- Mayor's Veto Letter on Council Bill 120119**

Attachment 1 to CB 120119



**City of Seattle**  
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

December 27, 2021

Monica Martinez Simmons  
Seattle City Clerk  
600 4th Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Martinez Simmons:

As our community is facing a new highly contagious COVID-19 variant that is spreading quickly, now is not the time to roll back hazard pay for our frontline grocery workers and therefore, I have vetoed Council Bill 120119.

The significant surge of COVID-19 globally and nationally, fueled by the Omicron variant, has already caused universities to close, global cities to shut down and healthcare systems to become very stressed. When organized labor and the grocery stores worked with City Council to eliminate hazard pay, they could not foresee the coming and rapid rise of Omicron that has taken hold today. I had similar concerns about lifting this bill this past summer during the rise of the Delta variant, and requested that Council not roll back this important benefit for some of our critical frontline workers.

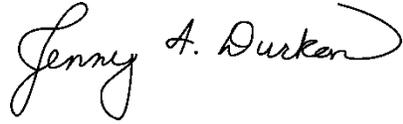
Hazard pay was implemented to acknowledge the increased risk of our frontline grocery workers, increased costs associated with their potential workplace exposures, and to help ensure the continuity of the workforce. As we head into the holidays and face the impacts of this new variant in the coming weeks, it is important to continue to provide our frontline grocery workers hazard pay. We quite literally could not have made it through the pandemic without their work — which ensured all of us had access to food and other essentials throughout the pandemic. We still need them through this next wave.

I too had hoped we could remove the need for this temporary premium — but the virus has not relented. I recognize the burden put on some businesses. But until we know more about Omicron, including its severity, ability to evade vaccines, impact on our healthcare system and its course in our community, it is wise to leave the pay in place.

Letter re Council Bill 120119 – Grocery Worker COVID Pay  
Monica Martinez Simmons  
December 27, 2021  
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In the New Year, the incoming administration and the City Council will have the benefit of much more information regarding Omicron and its impacts, and can work with organized labor, other workers and impacted businesses to evaluate the appropriate next steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny A. Durkan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jenny A. Durkan  
Mayor of Seattle