

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

2:00 PM

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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*

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on November 21, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., with Council President Juarez presiding.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

There was none.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Emily Mcarther  
Natalie Bailey  
Rizwan Samad  
Cliff Cawthorn  
Joan Wright  
Logan Swan  
Shirley Henderson  
Jamil Suleman  
Iskandar  
Sonja Ponath  
James Brumbaugh  
Preston Sahabu  
Maddi Danics  
Lana Blinderman  
Raghav Kaushik  
Tom Barnard  
Joe Sugrue  
Enosh Cohen  
Mohammed Ansari  
Shubun Kukarbun  
Jeremy Voss  
Bobn Barnes  
Eva Metz  
Andrew Menday  
Alex Olsen  
Nshan Burns  
Dominic Wolfgang Wallace  
Karl Dyer  
Mehraj Baig  
Brandon Ang  
Mohammed Khalilia  
Matt Brady  
Hannah Swoboda  
Leah Vu  
Elyan Hammond  
Laila Altazzi  
Randa Tawil  
Yasmeen Erritouni  
Dennis Sills  
Xoe amer  
Brady Nordstrom  
Jennifer Ives

Barbara Phinney  
Sujatha Ramni  
Jared Maddox  
Joe Kunzler  
Linnea May  
Aneelah Afzali  
Greg Smith  
Lindsey Lozoskie  
Ahmed Mustafa  
Noah An  
Khan Hasan  
Ian Warner  
Abby Brockman  
Miri Cypers  
Colin Christopher  
Sarah James  
Endrias  
Zachary Zimmerman  
Sabrene Odeh  
Jesse Roth  
Reza Marashi  
Audrey Covner  
Murtaza Hakimi  
Robert Singleton  
Starr Parker  
Iman Ayyeh  
Deborah Nemens  
Sinsath Shameer  
Hammad Hashmi  
Noah Schwartz  
Anfal Jneidi  
Saliha Hacibektasoglu  
Mohamed Nassar  
Cari Conklin  
McKenna Parnes

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

[IRC 414](#)      **November 21, 2023**

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

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

**Opposed:** None

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION 1:

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

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant to amend the proposed Agenda by moving Agenda item 10, Resolution 32118, before item 1, Council Bill 120635.

Resolution 32118, A RESOLUTION condemning the Israeli military assault on the people of Gaza; urging an immediate ceasefire, humanitarian aid, an exchange of hostages, and an end to the occupation of Palestinian lands; affirming opposition to Islamophobia and anti-Semitism; and urging the U.S. Congress to end all military funding to Israel.

ACTION 3:

The Motion failed for lack of a second.

ACTION 4:

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

At 4:07 p.m., the City Council meeting recessed for five minutes.

At 4:15 p.m., the City Council meeting was called back to order.

**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:

[Min 448](#)      **November 7, 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:**

1.      [CB 120710](#)      **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of October 30, 2023 through November 03, 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

2.      [CB 120711](#)      **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of November 6, 2023 through November 10, 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

3.     [CB 120700](#)     **AN ORDINANCE relating to acceptance of funding from non-City sources; authorizing the heads of various departments to accept and authorize the expenditure of specified grants, private funding, and subsidized loans and to execute, deliver, and perform corresponding agreements; amending Ordinance 126725, which adopted the 2023 Budget, including the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2023-2028 CIP; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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**

4.     [CB 120705](#)   **AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126725, which adopted the 2023 Budget, including the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2023-2028 CIP; creating CIP Projects; creating positions; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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**

5.     [CB 120679](#)   **AN ORDINANCE relating to funding from non-City sources; authorizing department directors to accept grants, enter into revenue-backed service contracts, and carry forward related appropriations.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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**



6.     [CB 120688](#)    **AN ORDINANCE relating to City finances; creating a fund for depositing settlement proceeds related to opioid manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing; creating a Budget Summary Level; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

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**

7.     [CB 120689](#)    **AN ORDINANCE relating to deductions from the payroll expense tax; extending an existing deduction for non-profit healthcare entities and making the deduction subject to increases that account for inflation; and amending Sections 5.38.045 and 5.38.070 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

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**

8. [CB 120704](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to Proposition 1 as approved by Seattle voters in the 2020 general election; authorizing material scope changes to increase the share of Proposition 1 dollars that can be spent on transit capital projects intended to maximize operating efficiency of transit service purchased with Proposition 1 revenues.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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

9. [CB 120707](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the organization of City government; renaming the Community Safety and Communications Center to the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department; requesting that the Code Reviser revise the Seattle Municipal Code accordingly; and amending Sections 3.15.060 and 3.15.062 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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

10.     [CB 120684](#)     **AN ORDINANCE relating to the electric system of The City of Seattle; adopting a system or plan of additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing municipal light and electric power generation, transmission, and distribution system of the City; authorizing the issuance and sale of municipal light and power revenue bonds for the purposes of providing funds to pay part of the cost of carrying out that system or plan, providing for the reserve fund requirement (if necessary), and paying the costs of issuance of the bonds; providing parameters for the Bond Sale Terms including conditions, covenants, and other sale terms; describing the lien of the bonds and authorizing their issuance as either senior lien parity bonds or junior lien bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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**

11. [CB 120685](#) **AN ORDINANCE** relating to the electric system of The City of Seattle; amending Ordinance 125460, as amended by Ordinance 125987, to incorporate, ratify, and confirm certain contingent amendments thereto that were to become effective upon the occurrence of certain events that have since occurred and making certain other technical amendments; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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

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

Opposed: None

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

12. [CB 120702](#) **AN ORDINANCE** relating to taxation; defining the sourcing of gross income arising from the activities of printing, and publishing newspapers, periodicals, or magazines; and modifying, effective January 1, 2024, the definition of printing, and publishing newspapers, periodicals, or magazines in accordance with ESS2B 5199 (2023); and amending Section 5.45.081 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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

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

Opposed: None

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

13. [CB 120686](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the drainage and wastewater system of The City of Seattle; adopting a system or plan of additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing drainage and wastewater system; authorizing the issuance and sale of drainage and wastewater revenue bonds in one or more series for the purposes of paying part of the cost of carrying out that system or plan, providing for the reserve requirement, and paying the costs of issuance of the bonds; providing parameters for the bond sale terms including conditions, covenants, and other sale terms; describing the lien of those bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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**

14. [CB 120687](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the municipal water system of The City of Seattle; amending Ordinance 126716 to increase the authorized principal amount of municipal water system revenue bonds to be issued for the purposes of paying all or part of the cost of carrying out the system or plan of additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing municipal water system; extending the initial authorization date for those bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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**

15. [CB 120703](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to affordable housing; amending Ordinance 126258 to authorize forgiveness of a loan to Community Roots Housing.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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**

16.     [CB 120691](#)     **AN ORDINANCE relating to the financing of the Central Waterfront Improvement Program; amending Ordinance 123761 to extend the duration of the existing interfund loan to the Central Waterfront Improvement Fund; and increasing the amount of the existing interfund loan.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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**

17.     [CB 120680](#)     **AN ORDINANCE relating to fees and charges for permits and activities of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, related fees by other departments, and technical corrections; adding a new Chapter 22.900I to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 22.210.060, 22.900A.010, 22.900A.020, 22.900A.065, 22.900B.010, 22.900B.020, 22.900C.010, 22.900D.010, 22.900D.110, 22.900D.140, 22.900D.160, 22.900E.020, 22.900E.030, 22.900E.050, 22.900F.010, 22.900H.020, 22.900H.050, 22.900H.060, and 22.900H.080 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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

18.     [CB 120681](#)     **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Fire Department’s services and fees; adding, deleting, and revising various Seattle Fire Department permit, inspection, and development-related fees and related provisions; and amending Sections 22.602.045, 22.602.070, and 22.900G.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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

19.     [CB 120682](#)     **AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Parks and Recreation; establishing the 2024 fee schedule for the use of park properties and other park and recreation facilities and services; and superseding previous park and recreation fee schedules.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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



20.     [CB 120690](#)     **AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Parks and Recreation; authorizing an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between The City of Seattle and the Seattle Park District.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

**Resolution:**

21.     [Res 32115](#)     **A RESOLUTION approving interest rates set by the Seattle City Employees' Retirement System (SCERS) Board of Administration for 2024.**

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

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

Opposed: None

This item was adopted on the Consent Calendar 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

**Clerk Files:**

22. [CF 314529](#) **City Council Changes to the 2024 Proposed Budget and the 2024 - 2029 Capital Improvement Program.**

**The Committee recommends that City Council approve the Clerk File (CF).**

**In Favor: 9 - Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss  
Opposed: None**

**This item was approved and filed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

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

**Opposed: None**

23. [CF 314528](#) **2024 - 2029 Proposed Capital Improvement Program.**

**The Committee recommends that City Council file the Clerk File (CF).**

**In Favor: 9 - Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss  
Opposed: None**

**This item was filed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

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

**Opposed: None**

24. [CF 314527](#) **2023 - 2024 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustments.**

**The Committee recommends that City Council file the Clerk File (CF).**

**In Favor: 9 - Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss  
Opposed: None**

**This item was filed 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**

**CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [CB 120635](#) **AN ORDINANCE amending the Seattle Comprehensive Plan to incorporate changes related to a transportation impact fee program proposed as part of the 2022-2023 Comprehensive Plan annual amendment process.**

**The Council Bill (CB) was discussed in Committee.**

**ACTION 1:**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120635.

**ACTION 2:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 120635, Attachment 1, Transportation Funding Policies T10.7, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

Transportation T10.7: (~~Consider use of~~) Use Consider use of transportation impact fees to help fund transportation system improvements needed to serve growth.

**ACTION 3:**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120635 as amended.

**The Motion failed, and the Council Bill (CB) did not pass by the following vote:**

**In Favor:** 4 - Juarez, Herbold, Pedersen, Sawant

**Opposed:** 5 - Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss

**SELECT BUDGET COMMITTEE:**

2. [CB 120706](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the regulation of network companies; imposing license and fee requirements on network companies; adding a new Chapter 6.700 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Section 3.15.007 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

**In Favor: 7 - Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Sawant, Strauss**

**Opposed: 2 - Nelson, Pedersen**

**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, Mosqueda, Sawant, Strauss**

**Opposed: 2 - Nelson, Pedersen**

3. [CB 120701](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; amending Section 11.16.121 of the Seattle Municipal Code to set new limits on parking rates at parking payment devices.**

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

**In Favor: 7 - Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Strauss**

**Opposed: 1 - Sawant**

**Abstain: 1 - Pedersen**

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

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

**Opposed: 1 - Sawant**

4. [CB 120683](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to contracting indebtedness; authorizing and providing for the issuance and sale of limited tax general obligation bonds to pay or reimburse all or part of the costs of various elements of the City's capital improvement program and for other City purposes approved by ordinance and to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds; providing parameters for the bond sale terms including conditions, covenants, and other sale terms; creating the 2024 Multipurpose LTGO Bond Fund; amending Ordinance 123751 (as previously amended by Ordinances 124341 and 124637), Ordinance 124341, Ordinance 124637, Ordinance 124924 (as previously amended by Ordinance 125986), Ordinance 125456, Ordinance 125715 (as previously amended by Ordinance 125986), and Ordinance 126219 (as previously amended by Ordinances 126288 and 126479); and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**Abstain: 2 - Mosqueda, Sawant**

**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**

5. [CB 119950](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to taxation; increasing the tax rates of the payroll expense tax imposed on persons engaging in business in Seattle; and amending Section 5.38.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

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

**Opposed: 3 - Nelson, Pedersen, Strauss**

**Abstain: 1 - Lewis**

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

**In Favor: 6 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant**

**Opposed:** 3 - Nelson, Pedersen, Strauss

6. [Res 32114](#) **A RESOLUTION amending Resolution 31334; establishing the City Council’s intent to fund the Seattle City Employees’ Retirement System as informed by the January 1, 2023 Actuarial Study.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Pedersen**

**Opposed: 2 - Juarez, Strauss**

**Abstain: 2 - Mosqueda, Sawant**

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

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

**Opposed:** 2 - Sawant, Strauss

7. [CB 120708](#) **AN ORDINANCE adopting a budget, including a capital improvement program and position modifications, for The City of Seattle for 2024; and creating positions exempt from civil service; all by a 2/3 vote of the City Council.**

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

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

**Opposed: 1 - Sawant**

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

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

**Opposed:** 1 - Sawant

8. [CB 120693](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the levy of property taxes; fixing the rates and/or amounts of taxes to be levied, and levying the same upon all taxable property, both real and personal, in The City of Seattle, to finance the departments and activities of City government and to provide for the general obligation bond interest and redemption requirements for the year beginning on the first day of January 2024; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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

9. [CB 120695](#) **AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for collection in 2024, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2023; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

**Opposed: None**

**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

**I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

**J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

10. [Res 32118](#) **A RESOLUTION supporting a long-term ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, the return of all hostages, and the delivery of humanitarian aid; and affirming opposition to Antisemitism and Islamophobia.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32118.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 32118 as presented on Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant and duly seconded to further amend Action 2, Section 2, as presented in the underlined and strike through language below:

Section 2. The Seattle City Council requests the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to convey to Seattle's Congressional delegation its support for an immediate long-term ceasefire, the return of all hostages, ~~and~~ delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people, and an end to the Israeli occupation and subjugation of Palestinian lands.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In Favor: 1 - Sawant

Opposed: 6 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Strauss

Abstain: 2 - Mosqueda, Nelson

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant and duly seconded to further amend Action 2, by adding a new Section 4, as presented in the underlined language below:

Section 4. The Seattle City Council opposes all U.S. military aid to Israel, and believes those billions of dollars in military resources are enabling this war and occupation, and greatly increasing the danger of a wider regional war. The Seattle City Council urges the U.S. Congress to oppose further funding for the Israeli military and requests that the Office of Intergovernmental Relations convey this position to Seattle's



Congressional delegation.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In Favor: 1 - Sawant

Opposed: 6 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Strauss

Abstain: 2 - Mosqueda, Nelson

ACTION 5:

The Motion in Action 2 was restated, and the Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Sawant

Abstain: 1 - Nelson

ACTION 6:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32118 as amended.

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

**In Favor:** 6 - Juarez, Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**Abstain:** 3 - Lewis, Nelson, Pedersen

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to excuse Council President Juarez from the December 5, 2023 City Council meeting.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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**Emilia M. Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on December 5, 2023.**

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**Sara Nelson, Council President Pro Tem of the City Council**

**Attachment: Att 1 to Action 2 of Resolution 32118**

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

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A RESOLUTION ~~condemning the Israeli military assault on the people of Gaza; urging an immediate~~ supporting a long-term ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, humanitarian aid, an exchange of the return of all hostages, and the delivery of humanitarian aid; and ~~an end to the occupation of Palestinian lands;~~ affirming opposition to ~~Islamophobia and anti-Semitism~~ Antisemitism and Islamophobia; and ~~urging the U.S. Congress to end all military funding to Israel.~~

..body

WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law; and

~~WHEREAS, the Palestinian people of Gaza are now facing an unimaginable human catastrophe as the Israeli military, the fourth largest in the world, invades and imposes a brutal blockade on Gaza; and~~

WHEREAS, as of November 13 between October 7 and November 21, 2023, the Israeli military has killed more than 11,100 Gazans or one out of every 200 residents of Gaza, with most of the victims being women and children, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry, and with more people across Gaza believed to be buried under the rubble, alive or dead armed violence has claimed the lives of over 14,000 Palestinians (nearly half of whom are children) and over 1,200 Israelis. The death toll has included Americans, and tens of thousands more have been wounded; and

~~WHEREAS, the Associated Press has reported that more than 4,100 of those killed were children, including over 2,000 under the age of 12, and over 600 who were 3 and under; and~~

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1 WHEREAS, as of November 1, the Israeli military admitted to having dropped 10,000 bombs on  
2 Gaza, which averages 72 bombs for every square mile of Gaza, whose entire area is ~~just~~  
3 smaller than the size of Seattle, and with *The Wall Street Journal* reporting at least 45  
4 percent of housing units being destroyed or damaged; and

5 ~~WHEREAS, since October 7, right-wing Israeli settlers supported by the Israeli military have~~  
6 ~~killed at least 197 West Bank Palestinians, including 48 children, and forcibly displacing~~  
7 ~~another 1,100 Palestinians from their homes, as reported by *Al Jazeera* on November 16;~~  
8 ~~and~~

9 ~~WHEREAS, the Israeli state is engaging in collective punishment of ordinary Palestinians in the~~  
10 ~~wake of the brutal October 7 attack where Hamas killed 1,200 Israelis, foreigners, and~~  
11 ~~dual nationals, including children, women, the elderly, and other civilians, as well as~~  
12 ~~Bedouins and other Arab Israelis, injured another 3,500, and took 242 people as~~  
13 ~~hostages; and~~

14 ~~WHEREAS, while the Palestinian people have the right to self-determination, and people living~~  
15 ~~under occupation have the right to resist and to defend themselves with force, attacks on~~  
16 ~~civilians such as Hamas carried out are horrific and do not further the safety or liberation~~  
17 ~~of the Palestinian people, but, instead, undermine it by providing a pretext for~~  
18 ~~disproportionate retaliation by the Israeli state and deepening divisions between ordinary~~  
19 ~~Israelis and Palestinians; and~~

20 ~~WHEREAS, on October 9, before the intensified bombing and attacks on Gaza, Israeli Defense~~  
21 ~~Minister Yoav Gallant declared: “I have ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip.~~

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1 ~~There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel. Everything is closed. We are fighting~~  
2 ~~human animals, and we will act accordingly”;~~ and

3 ~~WHEREAS, while Israeli citizens have the right to defend themselves against all forms of~~  
4 ~~violence, the Israeli state’s violent policies of occupation, annexation, and apartheid are~~  
5 ~~root causes of the current crisis. The Israeli government’s response has been completely~~  
6 ~~disproportionate, racist, and dehumanizing of the Palestinian people;~~ and

7 ~~WHEREAS, Israeli Knesset member Ariel Kallner has called for a second Nakba —“catastrophe”~~  
8 ~~in Arabic — stating, “Right now, one goal: Nakba! A Nakba that will overshadow the~~  
9 ~~Nakba of ’48. Nakba in Gaza and Nakba to anyone who dares to join! Their Nakba,~~  
10 ~~because like then in 1948, the alternative is clear,”~~ and in calling for another Nakba,  
11 ~~Kallner and other Israeli leaders are referring to the ethnic cleansing of Palestinian~~  
12 ~~communities in 1948 by militias, resulting in the killing of thousands of Palestinians, the~~  
13 ~~destruction of their villages, and the forcible expulsion of 80 percent of the Palestinian~~  
14 ~~population from their homeland, with many of the descendants of the Nakba living today~~  
15 ~~in Gaza;~~ and

16 ~~WHEREAS, since the original Nakba in 1948, there has been an expansion into Palestinian lands~~  
17 ~~by the Israeli state, during which time the Israeli state has repeatedly been found by~~  
18 ~~international bodies to have violated the rights of the Palestinian people, including but not~~  
19 ~~limited to United Nations Resolution 242 (1967), United Nations Resolution 446 (1979),~~  
20 ~~and United Nations Resolution 2334 (2016);~~ and

21 ~~WHEREAS, even while mourning the tragic deaths of Jewish Israelis, many Jewish people and~~  
22 ~~others in Israel and around the world are outraged at the Israeli government’s violent~~

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1 ~~retaliation. For example, Noy Katsman, whose brother Hayim Katsman was a former~~  
2 ~~resident of Seattle who had returned to Israel and was killed by Hamas, told CNN that~~  
3 ~~Israeli military retaliation “never brings us better lives, it just brings us more and more~~  
4 ~~terror”;~~ and

5 ~~WHEREAS, the political and military support from the U.S., which has reached more than \$158~~  
6 ~~billion since 1946 according to the Congressional Research Service, along with aid from~~  
7 ~~other Western nations, enables the escalation of violence and the policy of occupation~~  
8 ~~and annexation, undermining the personal security of ordinary people on all sides of the~~  
9 ~~conflict;~~ and

10 ~~WHEREAS, the U.S. government provides Israel over \$3.8 billion in military aid every year, and~~  
11 ~~Congress is currently considering providing the Israeli government an additional~~  
12 ~~\$14 billion in military aid to increase the violence in Gaza;~~ and

13 ~~WHEREAS, since October 7, Jewish and Palestinian community members, along with other~~  
14 ~~community members, in growing numbers have joined in peaceful protests by the~~  
15 ~~thousands in Seattle, joining similar and larger protests in cities nationally and worldwide~~  
16 ~~in calling for an immediate ceasefire, humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza, a halt to~~  
17 ~~U.S. military aid to Israel, and an end to the Israeli occupation of and control over~~  
18 ~~Palestinian territories;~~ and

19 ~~WHEREAS, on November 16, 2023, a broad range of nearly 2,000 Washington State faith~~  
20 ~~leaders and activists, along with elected officials, unveiled a public statement that called~~  
21 ~~for “an immediate ceasefire” and for “an end to the decades long military occupation”;~~  
22 ~~and~~

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1 ~~WHEREAS, on October 14, a six-year-old Palestinian American boy near Chicago, Wade Al~~  
2 ~~Fayoume, was stabbed to death by his family’s landlord in what is being investigated as~~  
3 ~~an Islamophobic hate crime; and~~

4 ~~WHEREAS, Seattle is home to many people whose families have been impacted by this~~  
5 ~~violence, with victims in Israel, Gaza, and the occupied West Bank; and~~

6 ~~WHEREAS, a 2021 report by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or~~  
7 ~~Belief found that discrimination and hatred towards Muslims has risen to “epidemic~~  
8 ~~proportions”; and~~

9 ~~WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council has long gone on record as opposing both Islamophobia~~  
10 ~~and anti-Semitism;~~

11 ~~WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk without an immediate long-term~~  
12 ~~ceasefire, restoration of basic necessities, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid~~  
13 ~~without delay to the Palestinian people; and~~

14 ~~WHEREAS, the United States government and our elected leaders hold immense diplomatic~~  
15 ~~power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives; and~~

16 ~~WHEREAS, the majority of the world and the majority of Americans support an immediate~~  
17 ~~long-term ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, and millions of people worldwide~~  
18 ~~including thousands of people in Seattle have joined in peaceful protests since October 7~~  
19 ~~to amplify this call; and~~

20 ~~WHEREAS, the City Council of The City of Seattle has the ability to influence Washington~~  
21 ~~State’s federal delegation to call for an immediate long-term ceasefire to stop the~~  
22 ~~violence, the safe return of all hostages, and the delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to~~

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1 the Palestinian people without delay in order to prevent the loss of hundreds of thousands  
2 more lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry have risen  
4 significantly in Seattle, across the United States, and around the world in the past six  
5 weeks, with direct impacts on our local communities – from synagogues and mosques to  
6 schools, homes, offices, and places where communities gather, as well as at protests and  
7 rallies; and

8 WHEREAS, all of these forms of bigotry, violence, and oppression serve to divide our  
9 communities and weaken our efforts to achieve collective safety, justice, and true multi-  
10 ethnic, multi-racial democracy here and everywhere; NOW, THEREFORE,

11 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

12 Section 1. The Seattle City Council condemns violations of international law, including  
13 both the attack on October 7, 2023 by Hamas, and the Israeli military’s response on the 2.3  
14 million Palestinian people living in Gaza (nearly half of whom are children) since then~~joins with~~  
15 ~~others worldwide in condemning the Israeli military assault on the Palestinian people in Gaza~~  
16 ~~and demanding an immediate ceasefire, humanitarian aid to help the Palestinian people recover,~~  
17 ~~the release of all hostages on both sides, and an end to the Israeli occupation and subjugation of~~  
18 ~~Palestinian lands. The Seattle City Council condemns both the methods of terror used by Hamas~~  
19 ~~and the state terrorism of the Israeli government. The Seattle City Council affirms the right of all~~  
20 ~~people to engage in peaceful protest without threats or intimidation.~~



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1 Section 2. The Seattle City Council requests the Office of Intergovernmental Relations to  
2 convey to Seattle’s Congressional delegation its support for an immediate long-term ceasefire,  
3 the return of all hostages, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people.

4 Section 3. The Seattle City Council affirms its commitment to combat ~~Islamophobia and~~  
5 ~~anti-Semitism, Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab bigotry, in all their~~  
6 ~~forms. The Seattle City Council affirms~~ its support for the people of both Israel and Palestine to  
7 live in peace and security, and the right of all people to live, learn, work, play, pray, and engage  
8 in peaceful protest, all without threats, intimidation, or death.

9 ~~Section 3. The Seattle City Council opposes all U.S. military aid to Israel, and believes~~  
10 ~~those billions of dollars in military resources are enabling this war and occupation, and greatly~~  
11 ~~exacerbating the violence in the region. The Seattle City Council urges the U.S. Congress to~~  
12 ~~oppose further funding for the Israeli military and requests that the Office of Intergovernmental~~  
13 ~~Relations convey this position to Seattle’s Congressional delegation.~~

