

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

600 Fourth Ave. 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104



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Monday, March 30, 2020

2:00 PM

Remote Meeting. Call listen line at 206-684-8566 or access Seattle Channel online.

City Council

M. Lorena González, President

Lisa Herbold, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Andrew J. Lewis, Member

Tammy J. Morales, Member

Teresa Mosqueda, Member

Alex Pedersen, Member

Kshama Sawant, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; Lorena.González@seattle.gov

In-person attendance is currently prohibited per the Washington Governor's Proclamation No. 20-28 until April 23, 2020. Meeting participation is limited to access by telephone conference line 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 No. 20-28 and guidance provided by the Attorney General's Office, on March 30, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m., with Council President González presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present and participating electronically:

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

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

[Min 272](#)

March 16, 2020

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

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

Opposed: None

[Min 273](#)

March 19, 2020

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

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

Opposed: None

[Min 274](#) **March 23, 2020**

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

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

Opposed: None

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR

[IRC 248](#) **March 30, 2020**

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

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

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

G. PAYMENT OF BILLS

[CB 119765](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of March 16, 2020 through March 20, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119765.

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

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

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 119763](#) **AN ORDINANCE related to City finances; creating a fund for depositing donations, gifts, and grants related to The City of Seattle's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; creating a Budget Summary Level; amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119763.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 119763, by adding a new Section 10, and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 10. The Council requests that the Mayor provide a weekly report on the sources and uses of funds deposited in the COVID-19 Donation Fund created by Section 2 of this ordinance. The report shall include, at a minimum, information on the names of private donors, restrictions or covenants applied to the City's use of donated funds, information on City planning and outreach processes for the use of funds, and information about residents and businesses receiving distributions from the fund. The weekly report may be combined with information provided in the weekly reports requested in Resolution 31937.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to further amend the amendment in Action 2, Section 10, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 10. The Council requests that the Mayor provide a weekly report on the sources and uses of funds deposited in the COVID-19 Donation Fund created by Section 2 of this ordinance. The report shall include, at a minimum, information on the names of private donors, restrictions or covenants applied to the City's use of donated funds, information on City planning and outreach processes for the use of funds, the categories of use as described in Section 3, permissible uses, and information about residents and businesses receiving distributions from the fund. The weekly report may be combined with information provided in the weekly reports

requested in Resolution 31937.

ACTION 4:

The Motion in Action 2 was restated as amended and the Motion carried.

ACTION 5:

Motion was made by Councilmember Mosqueda, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119763, by amending Section 3, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 3. The purpose of the COVID-19 Donation Fund is to address impacts of the COVID-19 civil emergency in the City of Seattle by providing resources to external organizations and individuals.

Permissible uses include:

- Food assistance for persons in need
- Financial assistance to small businesses
- Assistance with child care costs
- Loan guarantees for small businesses or individuals
- Rent assistance for small businesses or individuals
- Operating assistance to cultural and non profit organizations
- Emergency housing and homelessness supports

ACTION 6:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119763 as amended.

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

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

Opposed: None

2. [CB 119764](#) **AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to the Executive Department's Office of Sustainability and Environment, the Department of Neighborhoods, the Department of Education and Early Learning, Seattle Parks and Recreation, and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget, for the purpose of providing food support to individuals in Seattle; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119764.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Morales, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119764, by adding a new Section 5, and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 5. The Council requests that the Office of Sustainability and Environment prioritize supporting the following categories of Seattle residents, should the City fund additional food assistance in the future:

A. Immigrants and refugees, regardless of immigration status, and including recipients of the State-Funded Food Assistance Program;

B. Individuals aged 60 years or older;

C. Individuals with disabilities;

D. Workers dislocated due to the COVID-19 civil and state emergency; and

E. Individuals enrolled in City assistance programs, such as Fresh Bucks and the Utility Discount Program.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119764, by adding a new Section 6, and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 6. The Council requests that the Office of Sustainability and

Environment continue to pursue partnerships with additional retailers, with a preference for those with unionized employees, for its emergency grocery voucher program so that program participants have a wider range of options for purchasing their groceries and other eligible household items.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119764 as amended.

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

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

Opposed: None

3. [Res 31939](#) **A RESOLUTION in support of the bid by The City of Seattle to host the National League of Cities 2025 City Summit conference.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31939.

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

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

Opposed: None

I. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

4. [Res 31940](#) **A RESOLUTION calling on Governor Inslee to impose an immediate moratorium on rent payments and urging the Governor to call on federal legislators and the Trump administration to impose an immediate moratorium on rent and mortgage payments; and calling on federal legislators and the Trump administration to impose an immediate moratorium on rent and mortgage payments.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31940.

ACTION 2:

By unanimous consent, Council Rule III.A.7, relating to amendments presented to the City Council at least two hours before the meeting, was suspended to allow consideration of an amendment to Resolution 31940.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Strauss, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31940, as shown on Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

Councilmember Sawant left the phone line at 3:20 p.m.

ACTION 4:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31940 as amended.

The Motion carried, and the Resolution was adopted as amended by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - González, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: 0

Absent: 1 - Sawant

ACTION 5:

Motion was made by Councilmember González, duly seconded and carried, to reconsider the vote adopting Resolution 31940 as amended.

MOTION 6:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31940 as amended.

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

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

Opposed: None

5. [Res 31942](#) **A RESOLUTION adding the West Seattle Bridge emergency closure and repairs to the Watch List of capital projects for enhanced quarterly monitoring established in Resolution 31931.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31942.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31942, by adding a new second recital, as shown in the underlined language below:

WHEREAS, under normal conditions, the West Seattle Bridge is the busiest roadway in the City of Seattle, handling some 100,000 vehicle per weekday along with 17,000 transit riders, and ferry traffic from Vashon Island and Kitsap County; and

ACTION 3:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31942 as amended.

The Motion carried, and the Resolution was adopted as amended by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - González, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: 0

Absent: 1 - Sawant

ACTION 4:

Councilmember Sawant rejoined the phone line at 3:33 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember González, duly seconded and carried, to reconsider the vote adopting Resolution 31942 as amended.

MOTION 5:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31942 as amended.

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

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

Opposed: None

J. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on April 6, 2020.

M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Section 1. The Seattle City Council calls on Governor Inslee:

A. To use emergency powers to impose an immediate moratorium on residential and commercial rent payments, including associated residential rental costs, such as renters' insurance, such that no Seattleite should be required to pay rent during this health emergency or accumulate debt for unpaid rent; and

B. To call on federal legislators and President Trump's administration to impose an immediate moratorium on residential and commercial mortgage payments, including associated residential ownership costs, such as property taxes and mortgage insurance, such that no owner of Seattle property should be required to pay mortgage during this health emergency or accumulate additional debt for unpaid mortgage payments.

Section 2. The Seattle City Council calls on members of the United States Congress, specifically Representatives Pramila Jayapal, Adam Smith, and Financial Services Committee Chair Maxine Waters, and Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, to impose an immediate moratorium on residential and commercial mortgage payments and rents, including associated residential real property rental and ownership costs, such as property tax, renters' insurance, and mortgage insurance, such that no owner of property in the nation should be required to pay mortgage during this health emergency or accumulate additional debt for unpaid mortgage payments, and no renter in the nation should be required to pay rent during this health emergency or accumulate debt for unpaid rent.

Section 3. The Seattle City Council calls on President Trump to issue an executive order to impose an immediate moratorium on residential and commercial mortgage payments and rents, including associated residential real property rental and ownership costs, such as property tax, renters insurance, and mortgage insurance, such that no owner of property in the nation

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should be required to pay mortgage during this health emergency or accumulate additional debt for unpaid mortgage payments, and no renter in the nation should be required to pay rent during this health emergency or accumulate debt for unpaid rent.