

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

City Council

Sara Nelson, Council President

Joy Hollingsworth, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Robert Kettle, Member

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member

Maritza Rivera, Member

Rob Saka, Member

Mark Solomon, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; Sara.Nelson@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 October 14, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

C. PRESENTATIONS

Council President Juarez presented a Proclamation proclaiming October 2025 to be "Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Seattle," and recognizing Thursday, October 16, 2025, as "Purple Thursday."

The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamations:
9 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Juarez to present the Proclamations, and to allow Judith Panlasigui, Manager for the Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and Naseem Ghazanfari, Seattle Women's Commission, to address the Council.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Dean Kubota
Patrick Foley
Emily Thompson
Lisandro Vela
Matt Davies
Moana Hao-Wohlwend
Matt Kurvink
Daniel Gallagher
Norris Cooper
Miriam Roskin
Eric Kennedy
Bennett Haselton
Nathan Wall
Lilly Hayward
Carter Nelson
Gabriel Jones
Howard Gale
Meredith Holzemer
Irene Wall
William Schneider
Sam Wolff
Rosalie Merks
Alex Martin
Scott Lien
Joe Kunzler
Shreyasi Paudel
Hali Willis
Carolanne Sanders

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 498](#)

October 14, 2025

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, 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 Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:**1. [Min 541](#) September 23, 2025**

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

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

Bills:**2. [CB 121085](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of September 15, 2025, through September 19, 2025, 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: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

3. [CB 121086](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of September 22, 2025, through September 26, 2025, 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: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

4. [CB 121087](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of September 29, 2025, through October 3, 2025, 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: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

Appointments:

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

5. [Appt 03238](#) **Reappointment of Twyla Minor as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to September 30, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon
Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

6. [Appt 03239](#) **Reappointment of Robert D. Crutchfield as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to December 1, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

7. [Appt 03240](#) **Reappointment of Paul Purcell as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to December 1, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

8. [Appt 03241](#) **Appointment of Kristin Ryan as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to March 19, 2027.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon**
- Opposed: None**
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**
- In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon**
- Opposed: None**
- Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss**
9. [Appt 03242](#) **Reappointment of Rita Howard as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to March 20, 2027.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon**
- Opposed: None**
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**
- In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon**
- Opposed: None**
- Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss**
10. [Appt 03243](#) **Reappointment of Paula L. Houston as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to March 20, 2028.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).**
- In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon**
- Opposed: None**
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:**

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

11. [Appt 03303](#) **Appointment of Jennifer Carl as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2025.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

12. [Appt 03304](#) **Appointment of Jeremy Holmes as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

13. [Appt 03322](#) **Appointment of Rick Williams as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2027.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 121077](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; adopting a 2025 Citywide Position List.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to pass Council Bill 121077.

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

2. [CB 121055](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption Program; renewing and modifying the Program, including to make changes in conformity with state law; repealing Chapter 5.72 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Chapter 5.73 and Sections 5.75.090 and 23.50A.062 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Solomon and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 121055, Section 2, Chapter 5.73 of the Seattle Municipal Code, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 9 - Juarez, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Solomon and duly seconded to further amend Council Bill 121055, Section 2, Chapter 5.73 of the Seattle Municipal Code, as shown in Attachment 2 to the Minutes.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 9 - Juarez, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, 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 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

SELECT BUDGET COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 121083](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to taxation; imposing a local sales and use tax to fund investments in criminal justice; repealing obsolete sales and use tax provisions; adding a new Section 5.60.029 to the Seattle Municipal Code; renumbering Sections 5.60.030 and 5.60.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code as Section 5.60.065 and further amending the section; repealing Section 5.60.050 and 5.60.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

In Favor: 8 - Strauss, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: 1 - Rivera

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

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Rivera

PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

4. [CB 121051](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the solid waste system of Seattle Public Utilities; revising rates and charges for solid waste services; revising credits to low-income customers for solid waste services; adding solid waste service categories; and amending Sections 21.36.010, 21.36.012, 21.36.016, 21.40.050, 21.40.060, 21.40.070, 21.40.080, 21.40.085, and 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Rivera

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

In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Rivera

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

5. [CB 121079](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City's civil infraction code; conforming the Seattle Municipal Code with changes in state law and making technical corrections; and amending Sections 16.64.040 and 21.36.922 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

6. [CB 121080](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City's criminal code; conforming the Seattle Municipal Code with changes in state law and making technical corrections; adding a new Section 12A.06.095 to the Seattle Municipal Code; amending Sections 3.33.020, 12A.06.187, 12A.06.195, 12A.09.020, 12A.12.040, 12A.14.075, and 12A.14.170 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and repealing Sections 12A.06.045, 12A.08.120, and 12A.08.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

7. [CB 121081](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City's traffic code; conforming the Seattle Municipal Code with changes in state law and making technical corrections; and amending Sections 11.22.080, 11.31.050, and 11.58.005 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

8. [CB 121064](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to removing the City residency requirement for judges pro tempore in Seattle; amending Section 3.33.140 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION*

At 4:02 p.m., Council President Nelson announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session regarding Pending, Potential or Actual Litigation, with an estimated end time of 5:15 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded at 5:01 p.m.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on October 28, 2025.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council

Attachment 1: Att 1 - Action 1 of CB 121055

Attachment 2: Att 2 - Action 2 of CB 121055

Att 1 - Action 1 of CB 121055

Amendment A Version 1 to CB 121055 – Multifamily Tax Exemption Program (MFTE)
Reauthorization Ordinance

Sponsor: Councilmember Solomon

Add a policy regarding demolition of units, eliminate the later extension application deadline for 2025 expiring projects, and eliminate provision allowing units in extending properties to maintain their original unit designation.

Effect: This amendment would make the following changes:

- Bring CB 121055 in compliance with RCW 84.14.040(5)(c), which requires that local governments utilizing MFTE must establish requirements addressing demolition of existing structures.
- Eliminates the provision establishing a later application deadline for 2025 expiring projects to apply for an extension, since that deadline is moot.
- Eliminates a provision allowing extending project to opt to maintain their unit designation, in order to achieve compliance with the RCW authorizing MFTE.

1. Amend Section 2, 5.73.040.A of CB 121055 to create a new subsection 5.73.040.A.11 as follows:

5.73.040 Eligibility

...

A. General requirements

...

11. If the construction of a new residential building results in the demolition of an existing residential building that is subject to the City's tenant relocation assistance requirements under Chapter 22.210, the owner must demonstrate compliance with Chapter 22.210.

2. Amend Section 2, 5.73.090.C.1 of CB 121055 as follows:

5.73.090 Exemption—Duration—Limits

A. . . .

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~~((D-))~~ C. Extended property tax exemption

1. ~~((As authorized by RCW 84.14.020(6), the Director may approve))~~ The owner may apply for an extended exemption of the value of ((renter-occupied)) qualifying multifamily rental housing ((qualifying under this Chapter 5.73)) from ad valorem property taxation for up to a total of 12 successive years beginning January 1 of the year immediately following the calendar year that the original 12-year exemption expires according to subsection 5.73.090.A ((if the owner is in compliance with the MFTE agreement for the property's initial 12-year exemption from property taxes for the multifamily housing according to subsection 5.73.090.A and that exemption expires on December 31, 2025, provided that:)) if the Office of Housing receives an application to extend MFTE for an additional 12 years, on a form provided by the Office of Housing, no later than May 1 of the scheduled expiration year, ~~except owners with exemptions expiring in 2025 may apply to extend MFTE by November 1, 2025 under the requirements of this ordinance. Property owners with exemptions expiring in 2025 must achieve full compliance with the requirements of this ordinance by June 30, 2027.~~

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3. Amend Section 2, 5.73.090.C.5 of CB 121055 as follows:

5.73.090 Exemption—Duration—Limits

A. . . .

...

~~((D-))~~ C. Extended property tax exemption

...

~~((2-A))~~ 5. If the MFTE extension application is approved, a new ((contract)) MFTE agreement shall be executed and recorded on the title of the property that includes the multifamily housing committing the owner to requirements according to this Chapter 5.73, except that:

a. MFTE units shall be ~~((promptly))~~ leased at affordable rents to eligible households with annual incomes ~~((at or below 30 percent of median income for compact units in multifamily housing that also includes units larger than compact units, at or below 40 percent of median income for compact units in multifamily housing with no units larger than compact units, at or below 50 percent of median income for studio units, at or below 60 percent of median income for one-bedroom units, at or below 75 percent of median income for two-bedroom units, and at or below 80 percent of median income for three-bedroom and larger units.))~~ five percentage points lower than the limits according to subsection 5.73.040.B.4, except that the limits may not exceed 80 percent of median income per RCW 84.14.020 and studios greater than 320 square feet are regulated at 60 percent of median income; and

b. The ~~((contract))~~ MFTE agreement shall ~~((allow multifamily housing to transition to compliance with subsection 5.73.090.D.2.a))~~ consider current MFTE unit tenants income eligible as determined according to subsection 5.73.090.C.6.b, consistent with ~~((subsection 5.73.090.D.6))~~ subsection 5.73.090.C.9.

~~c. The owner or owner representative may elect to retain the existing MFTE units and unit classification. If an existing tenant is found to be no longer an eligible household per Section 5.73.105, the requirements in Section 5.73.105 regarding identification of another comparable unit apply.~~

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Att 2 – Action 2 of CB 121055

Amendment B Version 1 to CB 121055 – Multifamily Tax Exemption Program (MFTE)
Reauthorization Ordinance

Sponsor: Councilmember Solomon

Establish conversion procedures and clarify start date of 12 year exemption for converting projects

Effect: This amendment would establish application and conversion procedures for projects converting from Program 6 to Program 7 while also clarifying that the “start date” for the 12 year exemption does not reset upon conversion.

2. Amend Section 2, 5.73.060.H of CB 121055 as follows:

**5.73.060 Application review—Issuance of Conditional Certificate—Denial—Appeal—
(~~Recording of contract~~) MFTE agreement**

A. The Director shall provide written notice of approval or denial of an MFTE application according to this Chapter 5.73 (~~within 90~~) no more than 60 days (~~of~~) after receipt of (~~the~~) a complete MFTE application (~~in accordance with~~) according to Section 5.73.050.

...

H.

1. If, on the effective date of this ordinance, an owner has submitted a valid MFTE application under a prior version of the MFTE program and has not yet received a Final Certificate, the owner may opt to convert the application to the most current MFTE program at any point before issuance of the Final Certificate.

2. An owner who in 2025 receives, or has received, a Final Certificate under Ordinance 125932 may opt to convert to the most current MFTE program. ~~The procedures to apply for a conversion, including any required fee, may be established by the Director. Property owners must submit an application for a conversion by December 31, 2025. OH has until June 30, 2026 to convert any projects approved under Ordinance 125932 to the most current MFTE program. The project shall operate under its existing MFTE agreement with terms established under Ordinance 125932 until a new contract with the most current MFTE program terms is executed. The start date for the 12-year tax exemption shall continue to be January 1 of the year immediately following the calendar year of the date of the Final Certificate issued under Ordinance 125932.~~ If that project has already leased some or all MFTE units, the affordable rents under Ordinance 125932 shall remain in effect for any eligible household in an MFTE unit

until the household vacates the unit, provided the household's lease was in effect prior to the effective date of this ordinance.