

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, July 7, 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 July 7, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m., with Council President Hollingsworth presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Saka

Excused: 2 - Juarez, Strauss

Late Arrival: 1 - Rivera

C. PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Saka presented a proclamation for signature recognizing July 2026 as "Disability Pride Month."

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Saka to present the proclamation, and to allow Cecelia Black from the Nondrivers Alliance, and Colin Wong, Seattle Chapter President of the National Federation of the Blind, to address the Council.

Councilmember Rivera joined the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

The following Councilmembers affixed their signatures to the proclamation: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Kendall Connolly
Scott Buzzard
Ivana Jovanovic
Clive Hayward
Mantay
Matt Bakke
Terry Jones
John Smith
Yvette Dinish
Howard Gale
Bennett Haselton
Camille Baldwin-Boney
Erica Bryce Cannatelli
Naomi Litwack
Andrelyn Izquierdo
Rose Legionaires
David Haines
Joe Kunzler
Phil Mocek

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 530](#)

July 7, 2026

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

In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

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 574](#) June 30, 2026

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

In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: None

Bills:

2. [CB 121244](#) An ordinance appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of June 22, 2026, through June 26, 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: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: None

PARKS AND CITY LIGHT COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 121241](#) An ordinance relating to the City Light Department; authorizing the Department to enter into long-term agreements for the acquisition of electric power, including attributes, transmission, or ancillary services; and amending Section 21.49.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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

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

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: None

Resolutions:**PARKS AND CITY LIGHT COMMITTEE:**

4. [Res 32210](#) **A resolution relating to the City Light Department; adopting a 2027-2032 Strategic Plan for the City Light Department and endorsing the associated rate path.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: None

Appointments:**LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE:**

5. [Appt 03536](#) **Appointment of T.J. Stutman as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Lin, Strauss, Foster, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: None

6. [Appt 03537](#) **Appointment of Amir Ehsaei as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2029.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).
- In Favor: 5 - Lin, Strauss, Foster, Hollingsworth, Rinck
- Opposed: None
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:
- In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka
- Opposed: None
7. [Appt 03538](#) **Appointment of Hailey P. Karcher as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2029.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).
- In Favor: 5 - Lin, Strauss, Foster, Hollingsworth, Rinck
- Opposed: None
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:
- In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka
- Opposed: None
8. [Appt 03539](#) **Appointment of Patrick W. Taylor as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2029.**
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).
- In Favor: 5 - Lin, Strauss, Foster, Hollingsworth, Rinck
- Opposed: None
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:
- In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: None

9. [Appt 03540](#) **Reappointment of P Xiomara Alvarez as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2029.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Lin, Strauss, Foster, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: None

10. [Appt 03541](#) **Reappointment of Andrew L. Dannenberg as member, Seattle Planning Commission, for a term to April 15, 2029.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Lin, Strauss, Foster, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

HUMAN SERVICES, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

1. [Res 32207](#) **A resolution adopting updated policies regarding the establishment and management of Parking and Business Improvement Areas for The City of Seattle; and superseding Resolution 31657.**

The Committee recommends that City Council adopt the Resolution.

In Favor: 3 - Rinck, Foster, Saka

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 32207, Attachment 1, Policy 7, of the Citywide Business Improvement Area Policies, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

Policy 7. BIA Programs and Services

The City intends to maintain the level of municipal services in areas where BIAs have been established and not supplant existing municipal services with those funded through BIA assessments. However, this policy does not limit the discretion of the City to determine whether, and at what level, municipal services will be provided as community needs, economic conditions, and other factors warrant.

Washington State law outlines a number of purposes for the use of BIA-generated funds (see RCW 35.87A.010(1)). The work plan, programs and activities proposed by BIA proponents and Boards shall reflect the allowable purposes listed under RCW 35.87A.010(1). Below are general descriptions of programs and services for which BIA funds can be used. This list is meant to be illustrative and does not encompass every allowable service or program for which BIA funds may be used:

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- **Advocacy:** To address economic development and neighborhood revitalization issues within the BIA boundaries.
- **Other Services:** The services described above are not an exhaustive list. BIAs can provide a wide range of services and programs within those described in State law that benefit the ratepayers and district overall. These can include projects in the public realm or improvements to a private property that serve as a common public area, and that positively impact a district as a whole.

BIA funds may not be used for the following:

- a. Contributions to, and/or endorsements of, candidates for elected public office,
- b. Improvements to private property that do not benefit all ratepayers, or
- c. ~~Advocacy~~ Lobbying on issues that do not benefit the district as a whole.

The BIA proposal shall include a description of the proposed programs and services for which BIA revenues are to be used and how these activities will aid in economic development and neighborhood revitalization.

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The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

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. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on July 14, 2026.

Joy Hollingsworth, Council President of the City Council