

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



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Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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 September 23, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. PRESENTATIONS

Andrew Myerberg, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, presented Mayor Harrell's 2026 Budget Message to the City Council, and the written message was added to item 1, Clerk File 314543.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Rachael Snell
Leah Martin
Daniel Ovando
Rick Polintan
Chettie McAfee
Eric Kennedy
Steve Rubstello
Donald King
Elena Arakaki
Bennett Haselton
Howard Gale
Brady Nordstrom
June BlueSpruce
Jennifer Godfrey
Megan Kruse
Julie Holland
Shirley Beresford
Ruby Holland
Ryan Makinster
Slayman
Garrett Plescow Moore
Jesse Simpson
Patrick McKee

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 497](#) **September 23, 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 540](#) September 16, 2025**

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

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

Opposed: None

Bills:

2. [CB 121084](#) AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of September 8, 2025, through September 12, 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: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [CF 314543](#) Mayor Bruce Harrell's Budget Address on the 2026 Proposed Budget.

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to accept and file Clerk File 314543.

The Clerk File was accepted and filed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

2. [CB 121071](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Fire Code; clarifying provisions relating to preventable alarms and securing of premises, and amending Sections 112, 202, 311, and 901 of the 2021 Seattle Fire Code as adopted by Section 22.600.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code and as regulated and allowed by the State Building Code Act, chapter 19.27 of the Revised Code of Washington.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 121071.

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

3. [CB 121082](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to unsworn declarations; updating references to state law on unsworn declarations by amending all references to RCW 9A.72.085 to chapter 5.50 RCW; and amending Sections 6.430.040, 6.500.170, 6.600.120, 7.24.130, 8.37.220, 8.38.220, 10.52.035, 14.16.050, 14.16.070, 14.16.105, 14.17.045, 14.17.080, 14.19.050, 14.19.070, 14.19.105, 14.20.030, 14.20.050, 14.20.085, 14.21.050, 14.22.065, 14.22.085, 14.22.120, 14.23.085, 14.23.120, 14.26.150, 14.26.220, 14.27.150, 14.27.220, 14.28.150, 14.28.220, 14.29.150, 14.29.220, 14.30.120, 14.30.190, 14.33.110, 14.33.150, 14.33.220, 14.34.150, 14.34.220, 15.91.004, 15.91.012, 18.12.278, 22.212.110, 23.91.012, 25.08.900, and 25.08.940 of the Seattle Municipal Code and Section 112 of the Seattle Fire Code.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 121082.

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

FINANCE, NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS COMMITTEE:

4. [CB 121068](#) **AN ORDINANCE** amending Ordinance 127156, which adopted the 2025 Budget, including the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget to support the City's efforts to expeditiously deliver the Sound Transit 3 program permit review and other oversight; creating exempt and nonexempt 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: 4 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Saka

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

GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

5. [CB 121072](#) **AN ORDINANCE** relating to updating the structure and processes of the Office of City Auditor; amending Chapter 3.40 and Sections 14.08.040 and 14.08.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and repealing Section 15.52.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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

In Favor: 5 - Nelson, Kettle, Hollingsworth, Rivera, Solomon

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 121060](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the West Seattle Junction Parking and Business Improvement Area; modifying the exemptions to the Levy of Special Assessment; and amending Ordinance 113326, as previously amended by Ordinances 115997, 119539, 120570, 121758, 125152, and 127103.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Nelson, Kettle, Hollingsworth, Rivera, Solomon

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 121076](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the University District Parking and Business Improvement Area; modifying the process for selecting a program manager; modifying the requirements governing the composition of the BIA Advisory Board; and amending Ordinance 126093.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Nelson, Kettle, Hollingsworth, Rivera, Solomon

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

LAND USE COMMITTEE:

8. [CB 121011](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; establishing the Roots to Roofs Bonus Pilot Program; and adding new Sections 23.40.090 through 23.40.097 to the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Solomon, Strauss, Juarez, Rinck

Opposed: 1 - Rivera

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 121011 as presented on the recently distributed Amendment B, amending Section 2, Sub-section 23.40.092.B.5, Enrollment Period and Eligibility Requirements, as shown in the underlined language below:

23.40.092 Enrollment Period and Eligibility Requirements

A. The enrollment period for the Roots to Roofs Bonus Pilot Program expires on the earlier of: when applications meeting the requirements of Section 23.40.092 have been submitted for 35 projects; or December 31, 2035. The Director shall not accept applications for more than five projects for each Council district.

B. To qualify for the Roots to Roofs Bonus Pilot Program, development must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be a qualifying development;
2. Be located in a Neighborhood Residential; Multifamily, except Highrise; Commercial; or Seattle Mixed zone;
3. In commercial zones, have at least 75 percent of gross floor area in residential or equitable development use;
4. Not be located in a designated historic district, unless it is on a site with historical racially restrictive covenants; and
5. Have at least 25 percent of dwelling units as moderate- income units, each with two or more bedrooms.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 121011 as presented on the recently distributed Amendment C, amending Section 2, Sub-section 23.40.093, Alternative Development Standards, adding a new Section E., as shown in the underlined language below:

23.40.093 Alternative Development Standards

A. In lieu of otherwise applicable development standards contained in Chapters 23.44, 23.45, 23.47A, and 23.48, a proposed development that meets the requirements of Section 23.40.092 may meet the applicable alternative development standards of Sections 23.40.094 through 23.40.097. A determination by the Director that development meets the alternative development standards of Section 23.40.094 through 23.40.097 is a Type I decision.

B. Split-zoned lots

1. On lots located in two or more zones, the FAR limit for the entire lot shall be the highest FAR limit of all zones in which the lot is located, provided that at least 51 percent of the total lot area is in the zone with the highest FAR limit.

2. On lots located in two or more zones, the height limit for the entire lot shall be the highest height limit of all zones in which the lot is located, provided that at least 51 percent of the total lot area is in the zone with the highest height limit.

3. For the purposes of subsections 23.40.090 through 23.40.097, the calculation of the percentage of a lot or lots located in two or more zones may include lots that abut and are in the same ownership at the time of the permit application.

C. Eligible projects are exempt from the requirements of Chapter 23.41 and Section 23.54.015.

D. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection 25.11.070, no Tier 2 trees may be removed for development on sites in neighborhood residential zones located in environmental justice priority areas identified by the Director's rule promulgated pursuant to this ordinance.

E. Gross floor area for enclosed or covered motor vehicle parking for moderate-income units provided to meet the requirements of subsection 23.40.092.B.5 is exempt from otherwise applicable FAR limits.

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

9. [CB 121048](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; adopting temporary regulations to exempt housing projects that meet Mandatory Housing Affordability requirements using on-site performance units from Design Review, and allowing permit applicants for all housing subject to Full Design Review the option of complying with Design Review pursuant to Administrative Design review; temporarily suspending and allowing voluntary design review of proposed development in Titles 23 and 25 of the Seattle Municipal Code, consistent with Chapter 333, Laws of 2023; and amending Section 23.41 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Solomon, Strauss, Juarez, Rinck, Rivera

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

10. [CF 314534](#) **Application of Scott Carr for a contract rezone of a site located at 352 Roy Street from Seattle Mixed Uptown with a 65-foot height limit and Mandatory Housing Affordability overlay (SM-UP 65 (M)) to Seattle Mixed Uptown with an 85-foot height limit and Mandatory Housing Affordability overlay (SM-UP 85 (M)) (Project No. 3041336-LU; Type IV).**

The Committee recommends that City Council grant as conditioned the Clerk File (CF).

In Favor: 5 - Solomon, Strauss, Juarez, Rinck, Rivera

Opposed: None

The Clerk File (CF) was granted as conditioned by the following vote, and the President signed the Findings, Conclusions, and Decision of the City Council:

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

Opposed: None

11. [CB 121074](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; amending Chapter 23.32 of the Seattle Municipal Code at page 100 of the Official Land Use Map to rezone parcels located at 352 Roy Street from Seattle Mixed Uptown with a 65 foot height limit and M Mandatory Housing Affordability suffix (SM-UP 65 (M)) to Seattle Mixed Uptown with an 85 foot height limit and M Mandatory Housing Affordability suffix (SM-UP 85 (M)); and accepting a Property Use and Development Agreements as a condition of rezone approval. (Application of Kamiak Real Estate LLC, C.F. 314534, SDCI Project 3041336-LU)**

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

In Favor: 5 - Solomon, Strauss, Juarez, Rinck, Rivera

Opposed: None

Motion was made by Councilmember Solomon, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 121074, Exhibit B, by substituting the unexecuted Property Use and Development Agreement with the executed Property Use and Development Agreement.

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

PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

Councilmember Solomon left the Council Chamber at 3:34 p.m.

12. [CB 121050](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; authorizing the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of Seattle Public Utilities to execute the First Amended and Restated Contract between The City of Seattle and its long-term, full and partial requirements contract holders for the supply of water; authorizing the withdrawal of funds from the Water Fund Revenue Stabilization Subfund; providing budget authority to use such funds to provide payments to Water Utilities as required under the proposed contracts; amending Ordinance 127156, which adopted the 2025 Budget, including the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; imposing a proviso; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss

Opposed: None

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, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Solomon

Councilmember Solomon entered the Council Chamber at 3:37 p.m.

13. [CB 121069](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; authorizing the acquisition of certain real property rights by negotiation or eminent domain (condemnation) of ten separate permanent easements located on parcels identified as King County Parcel Number 2487201221 located at 4500 & 4502 SW Wildwood Place, King County Parcel Number 2487201215 located at 4518 SW Wildwood Place, King County Parcel Number 2485500000 located at 9165 45th Avenue SW, King County Parcel Number 2487201365, King County Parcel Number 2488200480 located at 9144 45th Avenue SW, King County Parcel Number 3524039040 located at 9131 California Avenue SW, King County Parcel Number 2488200505, King County Parcel Number 2488200500, King County Parcel Number 2488200495, King County Parcel Number 2488200490; and authorizing the acquisition of temporary construction easements by negotiation or eminent domain (condemnation) located on eighteen separate parcels of land identified as King County Parcel Number 2487201221 located at 4502 SW Wildwood Place, King County Parcel Number 2346700000 located at 9212 45th Avenue SW, King County Parcel Number 2485500000 located at 9165 45th Avenue SW, King County Parcel Number 2487200035 located at 4402 SW Brace Point Drive, King County Parcel Number 2487200050 located at 4330 SW Brace Point Drive, King County Parcel Number 2487201210 located at 4604 SW Wildwood Place, King County Parcel Number 2487201215 located at 4518 SW Wildwood Place, King County Parcel Number 2487201365, King County Parcel Number 2488200480 located at 9144 45th Avenue SW, King County Parcel Number 3524039040 located at 9131 California Avenue SW, King County Parcel Number 2488200530, King County Parcel Number 2488200525, King County Parcel Number 2488200520, King County Parcel Number 2488200515 located at 4401 SW Director Street; King County Parcel Number 2488200505; King County Parcel Number 2488200500; King County Parcel Number 2488200495; and King County Parcel Number 2488200490; authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Seattle Public Utilities or designee to execute all documents and take other necessary actions to complete the Properties' permanent easement acquisitions and temporary construction easement acquisitions; authorizing payment of all costs associated with the acquisitions; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Councilmember Rinck left the Council Chamber at 3:40 p.m.

- 14. [CB 121023](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to railroad franchises; amending Sections 1 and 3 of Ordinances 126969 and 126970 to correct an error in the name of a franchisee.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Rinck

Councilmember Rinck entered the Council Chamber at 3:45 p.m.

15. [CB 121040](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to new vehicle types and curb allowances for e-cargo bicycle delivery; establishing a new vehicle type for e-cargo bikes; establishing rules for operations, parking, and loading for e-cargo bicycle delivery; clarifying new curb allowances for e-cargo bike delivery; and adding new Sections 11.23.430 and 11.44.300 to, and amending Sections 11.14.055, 11.23.120, 11.31.121, and 11.76.015 of, the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

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

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

16. [CB 121058](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; amending Ordinance 127156, which adopted the 2025 Budget, including the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); renaming the Council District Fund CIP project to the District Project Fund CIP project; and lifting a proviso.**

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

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

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

17. [Res 32179](#) **A RESOLUTION regarding the operation of a Council District Fund/District Project Fund as provided in the 2025 Adopted Budget and 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program through Council Budget Action SDOT 003-A-1.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on October 14, 2025.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council