

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Briefing

December 4, 2023 - 2:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Council Chamber, City Hall, 600 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Committee Website:

<http://www.seattle.gov/council/>

Please Note: Times listed are estimated. Submit written comments to all Councilmembers at Council@seattle.gov

1. Approval of the Minutes

Council Briefing Minutes (2023)

[November 27, 2023](#)

2. President's Report

2:00 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.

3. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

2:05 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

4. Federal Legislative Update

Presenters: Gael Tarleton, Director, Sierra Howlett Browne, Deputy Director, Michelle Nance, Federal Relations Director, Office of Intergovernmental Relations; and Leslie Pollner, Holland and Knight

2:10 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

[Presentation](#)

5. Preview of City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

2:40 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Council Briefing Minutes (2023)



Council Chamber, City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Seattle Council Committee Report Council Briefing

Monday, November 27, 2023, 2:00 PM

Meeting Start Time: 2:02 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Council President Juarez

Present: 6 - Debora Juarez, Lisa Herbold, Tammy Morales, Sara Nelson, Alex Pedersen, Dan Strauss

Excused: 1 - Teresa Mosqueda

Absent: 1 - Kshama Sawant

Late Arrival: 1 - Andrew Lewis

1. Approval of the Minutes

Inf 2215 Council Briefing Minutes (2023)

The September 18, 2023 Council Briefing Minutes were approved.

2. President's Report

3. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

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5. Executive Session I on Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation*

6. Executive Session II on Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation*

7. Executive Session III on Pending, Potential, or Actual Litigation*

**Executive Sessions are closed to the public*

At 2:40 p.m., the City Council moved into Executive Sessions to discuss pending, potential, or actual litigation for an estimated length of 65 minutes. The Executive Session concluded at 3:26 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment Time: 3:26 p.m.

Prepared by: Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk



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Federal Legislative Update



City of Seattle

Federal Update

December 4, 2023

Holland & Knight

Agenda

- FY 2024 Appropriations Update: Debt Ceiling Impact, Status of Appropriations Bills
- Additional Pending Items
- Federal Funding
 - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
 - Inflation Reduction Act
 - Earmarks
- Federal Engagement
- 2024 Federal Landscape and Political Overview
- Questions

FY24 Appropriations Update

- **Outcome of Debt Ceiling Negotiations:** In June, President Biden signed legislation into law to avert a U.S. debt default. The law limits federal spending for two years and suspends the debt ceiling through the 2024 election. ***If all 12 appropriations bills are not enacted by January 1, all discretionary spending will receive a 1% cut across the board.***
- Despite the spending levels set by the debt ceiling agreement, the House is marking up their bills below the threshold.
- On November 16, President Biden signed a continuing resolution establishing two key deadlines for the passage of funding bills.
- The Agriculture, Energy and Water, MilCon-VA, and Transportation-HUD bills must be passed before **January 19**. The remaining eight appropriations bills must be passed by **February 2**.

FY24 Appropriations Update

- **Status of FY24 Appropriations:** As of November 30, 2023, few appropriations bills have passed either the House or Senate:
 - **House:** Defense, Energy & Water, Homeland Security, **Military Construction-Veterans Affairs**, Legislative Branch, Interior-Environment, State-Foreign Operations.
 - **Senate:** Agriculture-FDA, **Military Construction-Veterans Affairs**, Transportation-HUD.
 - Only the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs bill has passed both chambers.

Additional Pending Items

- **FAA Reauthorization:** The short-term CR passed on September 30 extends the FAA's authorization until December 31.
- **Farm Bill:** Reauthorization of key nutrition programs, rural development, and conservation programs. The November 16th CR extended the deadline through September 2024.
- **National Defense Authorization Act:** Annual defense policy bill traditionally passed on a bipartisan basis.
- **President's Supplemental Requests:** President Biden submitted two supplemental requests to Congress for urgent domestic and security needs, including funding for Ukraine and Israel. The requests combined would also allocate \$2.7 billion to address the fentanyl crisis and \$6 billion for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Federal Funding

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/Inflation Reduction Act:**
 - Awards through November 2023: ~\$95,000,000 (several awards spread over multiple years)
 - Total # awards since May 2022: 21 awards
- **Earmarks (Congressionally Directed Spending / Community Project Funding)**
 - FY23 awards: \$5,058,000
 - FY24 applications: ~\$7,200,000

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law & Inflation Reduction Act Implementation

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (also known as Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act)**
 - Signed into law on November 15, 2021
 - Provides \$1.2 trillion over 5 years in infrastructure spending, including \$550 billion in new spending
- **Inflation Reduction Act**
 - Signed into law on August 16, 2022
 - Authorizes \$400 billion in spending on climate investments, while also lowering health care and energy costs
 - Expands preexisting clean energy tax credits so local governments are now eligible
 - Credits cover solar, wind, and batteries

BIL Grants Awarded

| Lead Department | Partner Departments | Grant Name | Project Description | Amount of Award | Date Awarded |
|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------|--------------|
| SDOT | NA | Bridge Formula Program (2022) | The grants will help revive three bridges: S Spokane Street Viaduct, Jose Rizal Bridge, and 15th Ave NW and Leary Way NW Bridge. | \$15,000,000 | 7/19/22 |
| SDOT | NA | Bridge Investment Program Planning Grant | Plan for 4th/Argo Railyard crossing replacement | \$2,400,000 | 10/12/22 |
| SDOT | NA | Safe Streets for All | Ped/bike safety improvements | \$25,600,000 | 1/30/23 |
| SDOT | NA | SMART | We submitted an application for an automated curb space management system, while Sound Transit submitted an application that includes pass-through funds for safety-oriented video analytics on our light rail corridors. | \$1,996,000 | 3/20/23 |
| SDOT | NA | Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) | Strengthen areaways on 1st Ave to support Culture Connector (award is for design) | \$2,450,000 | 5/23 |
| SDOT | NA | Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality | Improve signals on N 80th & 85th St (award is for design – construction is still on a contingency list) | \$4,225,000 | 5/23 |

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| Lead Department | Partner Departments | Grant Name | Project Description | Amount of Award | Date Awarded |
|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------|--------------|
| SDOT | NA | Surface Transportation Block Grant | Denny Way Overlay | \$1,450,000 | 11/10/22 |
| SDOT | NA | Surface Transportation Block Grant | Harrison St Transit Corridor | \$4,200,000 | 11/10/22 |
| SDOT | NA | Surface Transportation Block Grant | Georgetown to Downtown Bike Lane | \$1,090,000 | 11/10/22 |
| SDOT | NA | Surface Transportation Block Grant | Beacon Ave Bike Lane | \$2,370,000 | 11/10/22 |
| SDOT | NA | Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality | 130th St Transit Corridor | \$5,480,000 | 11/10/22 |
| ITD | NA | Affordable Connectivity Program - Outreach Grants | Grant will pay for a partial FTE, ACP enrollment clinics, and a small amount for marketing. | \$400,000 | 4/4/23 |

BIL Grants Awarded

| Lead Department | Partner Departments | Grant Name | Project Description | Amount of Award | Date Awarded |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|---|---------------------|--------------|
| OH | NA | Weatherization Assistance Program | Funding for energy efficiency improvements for low-income homeowners and apartments with low-income tenants | \$417K (first tier) | |
| CEN | SDOT | All Stations Accessibility Program | Renovation of SC Monorail Station | \$15,000,000 | 12/22/22 |
| OPCD | SDOT | Reconnecting Communities Grant | The Reconnect South Park project is focused on a 1.5 mile stretch of highway with only one crossing point that cuts through a majority BIPOC area | \$1,600,000 | 2/1/23 |
| SDOT | OSE | Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE) | Planning grant for low-pollution neighborhood transportation projects | \$1,200,000 | 6/28/23 |
| SDOT | NA | Railroad Crossing Elimination | Plan for Holgate St closure, safety upgrades, or alternative crossings | \$2,000,000 | 6/16/23 |
| SCL | OED | Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub | USDOE will identify 6-10 H2Hubs for a combined total of \$6-7B in federal funding | NA | |

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| OEM | SCL, OPCD, SDOT, Historic Seattle | Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (2021) | Hazard mitigation. Applications submitted for: SCL Duwamish Substation Project Scoping; SDOT Northlake Way Retaining Wall Project; OPCD Lower Duwamish Valley Sea Level Rise Project Scoping; and Historic Seattle Good Shepherd Center Seismic Retrofit | OPCD: \$400 K; Historic Seattle \$483 K. | Pending due to FEMA funding pause |
| SPU | | Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) | This federal grant will support Seattle's circular wood economy by developing a new salvaged wood warehouse to process, store, organize, and distribute salvaged wood, aligning with SPU's goal to achieve zero waste | \$4,000,000 | 11/16/23 |
| OSE/Parks/SDOT | | Urban and Community Forestry Program | Funding for community-driven urban forestry and job training, and to enhance the Delridge Native Forest Garden | \$12,900,000 | 9/14/23 |



Earmarks

- Earmarks are federal funding for a governmental entity or nonprofit to carry out a specific community project.
- Earmarks are requested by members of Congress.
- After a decade-long ban, earmarks were reinstated back in 2021 with new restrictions under these new names:
 - In the Senate: Congressionally Directed Spending
 - In the House: Community Project Funding

Earmarks

| Potential Earmarks for Fiscal Year 2024 | |
|---|--|
| CARE Department Pilot Program (\$1.9M) | Rep. Adam Smith, Rep. Pramila Jayapal |
| South Park Stormwater Improvements (\$3M) | Sen. Patty Murray, Sen. Maria Cantwell |
| South Park Passive House Multifamily Development (\$1M) | Rep. Pramila Jayapal |
| University Branch Library Seismic Upgrades (\$1.3M) | Rep. Pramila Jayapal |

Note: These earmarks are not final, since Congress has not yet passed the FY24 appropriations package.

Federal Engagement in Seattle

| Tours/Briefings | Department |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Beacon Hill Small Business Tour | OED |
| CARE Pilot Program | CARE |
| CiviForm Briefing | IT |
| DESC Hobson Place | OH |
| Lander Street Bridge | SDOT |
| Recovery Place at Beacon Hill | HSD |
| Seattle Restored | OED |
| Streetcar/Cultural Connector | SDOT |
| University Bridge | SDOT |
| Unreinforced Masonry Briefing | SDCI |
| Waterfront | Waterfront/SDOT |

2024 Political Landscape: Congress

- **House:** Elections for representatives of **all 435 congressional districts**, as well as 6 non-voting delegates from the District of Columbia and the inhabited U.S. territories, will take place in 2024.
 - 31 Reps. (20 Ds, 11 Rs) have announced their retirements. 13 of the 31 are retiring to run for other offices.
- **Senate: 34 of the 100 seats** in the U.S. Senate are up for election and will be contested in in 2024.
 - As of December 1, 2023, 21 Senators (14 Democrats, 6 Republicans, and 1 Independent) have announced their plans to run for re-election.

Competitive House Races

| Likely Democrat | Lean Democrat | Democrat-held toss up | Republican-held toss up | Lean Republican | Likely Republican |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| AL-02 Moore CA-09 Harder CA-49 Levin FL-09 Soto FL-23 Moskowitz KS-03 Davids MD-06 Open (Trone) MI-03 Scholten MI-08 Kildee MN-02 Craig NH-01 Pappas NH-02 Kuster NJ-03 Open (Kim) NV-01 Titus NV-04 Horsford OR-04 Hoyle TX-28 Cuellar VA-07 Spanberger VA-10 Open (Wexton) WA-08 Schrier | AK-At Large Peltola CA-47 Open (Porter) CT-05 Hayes IL-17 Sorensen IN-01 Mrvan ME-02 Golden NC-01 Davis NV-03 Lee NY-03 Santos NY-18 Ryan OH-01 Landsman OH-09 Kaptur OR-06 Salinas PA-17 Deluzio TX-34 Gonzalez | CO-08 Caraveo MI-07 Open (Slotkin) NC-06 Manning NC-13 Nickel NC-14 Jackson NM-02 Vasquez OH-13 Sykes PA-07 Wild PA-08 Cartwright WA-03 Perez | AZ-01 Schweikert AZ-06 Ciscomani CA-13 Duarte CA-27 Garcia CA-41 Calvert CO-03 Boebert FL-05 Rutherford LA-05 Letlow NJ-07 Kean Jr. NY-04 D'Esposito NY-17 Lawler NY-19 Molinaro NY-22 Williams OR-05 Chavez-DeRemer | CA-22 Valadao CA-45 Steel IA-03 Nunn MI-10 James NE-02 Bacon VA-02 Kiggans | CA-03 Kiley CA-40 Kim FL-13 Luna IA-01 Miller-Meeks LA-06 Graves MT-01 Zinke NY-01 LaLota PA-01 Fitzpatrick PA-10 Perry SC-01 Mace TX-15 De La Cruz WI-03 Van Orden |



Competitive Senate Races

| Likely Democrat | Lean Democrat | Democrat-held toss up | Republican-held toss up | Lean Republican | Likely Republican |
|-----------------|--|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|
| NJ-Menendez | MI-Open MT-Tester NV-Rosen PA-Casey WI-Baldwin | AZ-Sinema (I) OH-Brown WV-Manchin | | FL-Scott TX-Cruz | IN-Open MO-Hawley MS-Wicker ND-Cramer NE-Fischer NE-Ricketts TN-Blackburn UT-Open WY-Barrasso |



Questions?





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City Council Agenda (2023)



CITY OF SEATTLE

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Tuesday, December 5, 2023

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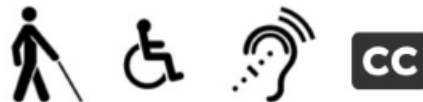
Debora Juarez, Council President
Lisa Herbold, Member
Andrew J. Lewis, Member
Tammy J. Morales, Member
Teresa Mosqueda, Member
Sara Nelson, Member
Alex Pedersen, Member
Kshama Sawant, Member
Dan Strauss, Member

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Members of the public may register for remote or in-person Public Comment to address the Council. Details on how to provide Public Comment are listed below:

Remote Public Comment - Register online to speak during the Public Comment period at <http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>. Online registration to speak will begin two hours before the meeting start time, and registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting. Speakers must be registered in order to be recognized by the Chair.

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Submit written comments to all Councilmembers at Council@seattle.gov

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may sign up to address the Council for up to 2 minutes on matters on this agenda; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes.

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

Introduction and referral to Council committees of Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF) for committee recommendation.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consists of routine items. A Councilmember may request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the regular agenda.

Journal:**Bills:****Appointments:**[Appt 02692](#)

Reappointment of Lydia Felty as member, Seattle Renters' Commission, for a term to February 28, 2025.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion and vote on Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF).

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

1. [Appt 02655](#) Appointment of Cali Mortenson Ellis, as Executive Director of the Seattle Community Police Commission.

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

In Favor: 4 - Herbold, Lewis, Nelson, Pedersen

Opposed: None

2. [CB 120714](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the transfer of City real property for housing development; amending Ordinance 124917 to transfer jurisdiction of the former Dumar Substation, 1605 SW Holden Street, to the Office of Housing for the purpose of developing permanently affordable homeownership; authorizing the Director of the Office of Housing or the Director's designee ("Director") to issue a request for proposals and to select a developer and thereafter to execute and deliver a contract for transfer of land, deed, and related documents; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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

In Favor: 4 - Herbold, Lewis, Nelson, Pedersen

Opposed: None

CITY COUNCIL:

3. [CB 120709](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment, commonly referred to as the Fourth Quarter 2023 Employment Ordinance; returning positions to the Civil Service system; exempting a position from the Civil Service system; retitling existing titles; establishing new titles; and abrogating positions; all by a 2/3 vote of the City Council.
4. [CB 120720](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between The City of Seattle and the Seattle Police Officers' Guild; establishing a premium pay for staffing special events and allowing additional flexibility in the City's use of non-commissioned employees to staff special events; commencing a Dual Dispatch Alternative Response Pilot Project; removing the geographical limitation of park rangers to Downtown parks; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.
5. [Res 32117](#) A RESOLUTION relating to the 2023 Housing Levy Oversight Committee; setting the terms of office of the members of the Oversight Committee and authorizing it to consider issues regarding programs funded by earlier housing levies.
6. [Appt 02705](#) Appointment of Noah Fay as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2026.
7. [Appt 02706](#) Appointment of Febben Fekadu as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2025.

8. [Appt 02707](#) Appointment of Joel C. Ing as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2026.
9. [Appt 02708](#) Appointment of James W. Lovell as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2026.
10. [Appt 02709](#) Appointment of Patience M. Malaba as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2026.
11. [Appt 02710](#) Appointment of Sunaree Marshall as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2025.
12. [Appt 02711](#) Appointment of Ann T. Melone as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2025.
13. [Appt 02712](#) Appointment of Paul H. Park as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2026.
14. [Appt 02713](#) Appointment of Traci A. Ratzliff as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2030.
15. [Appt 02714](#) Appointment of Denise Rodriguez as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2025.
16. [Appt 02715](#) Appointment of Andrea Caupain Sanderson as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2026.
17. [Appt 02716](#) Appointment of Cara Kadoshima Vallier as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2030.
18. [Appt 02717](#) Appointment of Dan Wise as member, Housing Levy Oversight Committee, for a term to December 31, 2025.

SELECT BUDGET COMMITTEE

19. [Res 32116](#) A RESOLUTION relating to the City's annual budget process; updating modified biennial budgeting processes; establishing guidelines for mid-year budget changes; establishing data sharing and reporting requirements; and superseding Resolutions 28885 and 31954.

The Committee recommends that City Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res).
In Favor: 8 - Mosqueda, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Nelson, Pedersen, Strauss
Opposed: None

20. [CB 120716](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the establishment of a Fiscal Transparency Program; requiring periodic and consistent reporting and monitoring of City budgetary, financial, and fiscal policy information to the City Council and the public; adding a new Chapter 3.140 to, and amending Sections 3.14.100 and 5.08.020 of, the Seattle Municipal Code; and requesting that the Code Reviser recodify Chapter 5.08 of the Seattle Municipal Code in Subchapter I of Chapter 3.14.

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

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

Opposed: None

21. [CB 120717](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to human services contracts that include appropriated money expressly reserved for the purpose of human services provider pay; requiring that such appropriated money be used only for wage increases for human services workers that are in addition to inflationary adjustments; establishing contracting and reporting requirements regarding use of such appropriated money; and adding a new Chapter 20.61 and Section 20.61.010 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

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

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

Opposed: None

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT