

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



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Monday, April 26, 2021

2:00 PM

Remote Meeting. Call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 586 416 9164; or
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

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In-person attendance is currently prohibited per Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28.15, until the COVID-19 State of Emergency is terminated or Proclamation 20-28 is rescinded by the Governor or State legislature. Meeting participation is limited to access by telephone conference line and online by the Seattle Channel.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met remotely pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28.15, and guidance provided by the Attorney General's Office, on April 26, 2021, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., with Council President González presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present and participating electronically:

Present: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Excused: 1 - Mosqueda

C. PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Herbold presented a Proclamation recognizing April 2021 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Herbold to present the Proclamation, and to allow Lesbia Orellana, of Consejo Counseling, and Sophia Lee, of Seattle Women's Commission, to address the Council.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

[Min 328](#)

April 12, 2021

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

In Favor: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

[Min 329](#)

April 19, 2021

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

In Favor: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR

[IRC 300](#)

April 26, 2021

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

In Favor: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDAACTION 1:

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

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant, duly seconded and carried, to amend the proposed Agenda by adding Resolution 32004, under Order of Business item J., Adoption of Other Resolutions.

Resolution 32004, A RESOLUTION prioritizing people over the profits of pharmaceutical companies; supporting the production of COVID-19 vaccine around the world; urging President Biden to end U.S. opposition to the Waiver from Certain Provisions of the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement for the Prevention, Containment and Treatment of COVID-19 at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

ACTION 3:

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

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to provide a 30-minute Public Comment period.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Howard Gale
Greyson Van Arsdale
Sujatha Ramni
Daniel Kavanaugh
Marina Skumanich
Madeline Olson
Xoe Amer
Margot Stewart
Bia Lacombe
Hillary Haden
Prashant Nema
Blythe Serrano
Harry Katz
Khan Hasan
Martha Baskin
Ellen Anderson
Erika Myers
Reverend Robert Jeffrey
Ty Saxon
Jordan Quinn
Varshika Srinivasavaradhan
Mary Anne Mercer
Matthew Wylder

H. PAYMENT OF BILLS

[CB 120049](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of April 12, 2021 through April 16, 2021 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120049.

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

In Favor: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS**FINANCE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE:**

1. [CB 120041](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2021 Budget; amending Ordinance 126237, which adopted the 2021 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments; creating positions exempt from civil service; 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 - Mosqueda, Herbold, González , Lewis

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

2. [CB 120043](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to cable television; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to approve the transfer of control, subject to conditions, of WaveDivision I, LLC; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to execute a Cable Franchise Transfer of Controlling Interest Consent Agreement for the purpose of implementing and administering the transfer; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Pedersen, González , Herbold, Morales

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Juarez

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

In Favor: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

From the amended Agenda.

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

3. [Res 32004](#) **A RESOLUTION prioritizing people over the profits of pharmaceutical companies; supporting the production of COVID-19 vaccine around the world; urging President Biden to end U.S. opposition to the Waiver from Certain Provisions of the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement for the Prevention, Containment and Treatment of COVID-19 at the World Trade Organization (WTO).**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32004.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 32004, by amending the second and thirteenth recitals, and adding three new recitals after the second recital, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

Amended second Recital:

WHEREAS, rapid and widespread dissemination of vaccinations in all countries is at the center of the strategy by public health professionals to stop the spread of COVID-19 through the development of herd immunity; and

New third through fifth Recitals:

WHEREAS, new COVID-19 variants continue to develop throughout the world, and the sooner vaccines are available in all countries, the greater the likelihood of success in the battle against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, vaccinations are critical to reopening and economic recovery in both developed countries and the Global South; and

WHEREAS, one in five of Seattle's population is born in another county and they, and many more Seattle residents have family abroad, some living in countries without adequate access to vaccine; and

Amended thirteenth Recital:

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a life-threatening pandemic, and the Seattle City Council does not agree with the argument made by large pharmaceutical companies in a December 8, 2020, IFPMA press release that “IP enables research and development and ensures that the next generation of inventors and investors will remain engaged”; and

ACTION 3:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32004 as amended.

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

In Favor: 7 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Pedersen

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to excuse Councilmember Lewis from the May 3, 2021 City Council meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on May 3, 2021.

M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk