



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Governance and Utilities Committee

Agenda

Special Meeting

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

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Committee Website:

<https://seattle.gov/council/governance-and-utilities>

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

Members of the public may address items on the agenda and matters within the purview of the committee. Please register in advance to be recognized by the Chair.

D. Items of Business

1. [CB 121246](#) **An ordinance relating to emergency assistance for Seattle Public Utilities customers; amending Section 21.76.065 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust program terms and conditions and expand eligibility guidelines for emergency bill assistance.**

Supporting
Documents:

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

[Presentation](#)

[Amendment 1](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote (5 minutes)

Presenters: Leslie Brinson, Seattle Public Utilities; Melissa Bookwalter, Seattle City Light

2. [CB 121247](#) **An ordinance relating to the City Light Department's emergency bill assistance program; amending Section 21.49.042 of the Seattle Municipal Code to adjust program terms and conditions and expand eligibility guidelines for emergency bill assistance.**

*Supporting
Documents:*

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3. [CB 121245](#) **An ordinance relating to rates and charges for water services of Seattle Public Utilities; revising water rates and charges; revising qualification requirements for the utility discount program; revising credits to low-income customers; and amending Sections 21.04.430, 21.04.440, 21.76.030, and 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

*Supporting
Documents:*

[Summary and Fiscal Note](#)
[Summary Ex A - 2027-2029 Water Rate Study](#)
[Central Staff Memo](#)
[Comparison Slide](#)
[Presentation \(7/29/26\)](#)
[Amendment 1](#)

Briefing, Discussion, and Possible Vote (20 minutes)

Presenter: Maria Coe, Seattle Public Utilities

4. **Response to Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) ITD-010S-A-2:
Artificial Intelligence Investment and Usage Reports**

Supporting
Documents:

[SLI ITD-010S-A-2](#)

[SLI Response](#)

[Presentation \(5/14/26\)](#)

[Presentation \(7/29/26\)](#)

Briefing and Discussion (35 minutes)

Presenters: Shannon Smith, Acting Chief Technology Officer, Lisa Qian, and Will Smith, Seattle Information Technology Department

5. **Technology Matching Fund Program Overview**

Supporting
Documents:

[Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (15 minutes)

Presenters: Shannon Smith, Acting Chief Technology Officer, and Meira Jough, Seattle Information Technology Department; Jenny Crooks, Department of Neighborhoods; Katherine VanHenley, Digital Equity Learning Network; Phillip Meng, Community Technology Advisory Board Chair; and Technology Matching Fund Grantees

E. Adjournment