

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

Tuesday, July 15, 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](mailto: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 July 15, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Solomon, Strauss

**Late Arrival:** 1 - Saka

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

*Councilmember Saka joined the meeting at 2:06 p.m.*

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Paul Glumaz  
Carolyn Malone  
William L. Jennings  
Saint Rat  
Connor Nash  
Connor Easton  
Matt Offenbacher  
Rose Legionaires  
Katrina Stephens  
Hali Willis  
Arianna Riley  
Alberto Alvarez  
Dennis Sills  
Kate Rubin  
David Haines  
Joe Kunzler

**E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:**

[IRC 488](#)      **July 15, 2025**

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

**In Favor:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, 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 528](#)      **July 8, 2025**

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

**In Favor:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**Bills:**

2.      [CB 121027](#)      **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of June 30, 2025, through July 4, 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:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

#### **H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

1. [CB 121006](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to chronic nuisance properties; allowing, under certain circumstances, an off-property nuisance activity to count toward determining that a property is a chronic nuisance; increasing penalties; clarifying the City's remedies relating to chronic nuisance properties; amending Sections 10.09.010, 10.09.030, 10.09.050, 10.09.060, and 10.09.080 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

**In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Nelson**

**Opposed: None**

**ACTION 1:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Kettle and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 121006, Section 5, subsection 10.09.080.A of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), first sentence, and SMC 10.09.080.B, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

A. If the Court determines a property is a chronic nuisance property pursuant to this Chapter 10.09 the court may order any of the following: (1) order the person in charge to immediately abate nuisance activity from occurring on the property, (2) order that the Chief of Police shall have the right to inspect the property to determine if the court's orders have been complied with, (3) impose a penalty of up to ~~\$500~~ \$750 per day against the person in charge for each day from the date the notice pursuant to subsection 10.09.030.A was issued until the Chief of Police confirms that the property is no longer a chronic nuisance property, (4) make any other order that will reasonably abate nuisance activities from occurring on the property, including authorizing the City to take action to abate nuisance activities from occurring upon the property if other court orders are not complied with or do not abate nuisance activity on the property and providing that the costs of such City action are to be paid for by the person in charge of the property.

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B. If the court finds that an owner failed to take all reasonable steps requested in writing pursuant to Section 10.09.035, the court may impose a civil penalty up to ~~\$25,000~~ \$37,500.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

**ACTION 2:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded to amend

Council Bill 121006, Sections 2, 3, and 5, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

**ACTION 3:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Hollingsworth and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 121006, Section 2, as shown in Attachment 2 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

**ACTION 4:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Strauss and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 121006, Section 2, as shown in Attachment 3 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: 2 - Nelson, Rivera

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

**In Favor:** 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** 1 - Rinck

2. [CB 120995](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to a new civil cause of action against graffiti taggers for illegal graffiti on public and private property and requiring restitution; adding a new Section 10.07.055 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Section 10.07.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

**In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Nelson**

**Opposed: None**

**ACTION 1:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 120995, Section 2, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

Section 2. A new Section 10.07.055 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

**10.07.055 Civil actions against graffiti taggers**

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D. Monetary penalties and restitution imposed pursuant to this Section 10.07.055 are payable immediately. ~~On motion of the graffiti tagger supported by a showing of financial hardship, the A~~ court may convert some or all of the monetary penalty to community restitution pursuant to the procedure established in RCW 7.80.130(2), provided that the community restitution is performed for the purposes of graffiti abatement. Any penalties, restitution, and other costs ordered pursuant to this Section 10.07.055 that go unpaid may be referred to a collection agency, or the City Attorney may pursue collection in any other manner allowed by law.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

**ACTION 2:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 120995, Section 2, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 2. A new Section 10.07.055 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

**10.07.055 Civil actions against graffiti taggers**

A. In addition to any other civil or criminal penalties or other remedies authorized by law or equity, a graffiti tagger shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,500 per illegal graffiti violation, and shall further be liable to the City for restitution of costs incurred by the City or a private property

owner, including but not limited to all labor and materials costs of removing the illegal graffiti. This Section 10.07.055 does not prohibit a private property owner from pursuing legal action and seeking restitution from the graffiti tagger.

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E. The City Attorney shall endeavor to request that any judgment reflect restitution due to the City and/or private property owners for abatement costs they have incurred due to an illegal graffiti violation.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hollingsworth and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 120995, Section 2, by adding a new subsection B and relettering the remaining subsections accordingly, as shown in the underlined language below:

B. The City Attorney may consider whether community service may deter a tagger from reoffending, and if so, the City Attorney may request that a court convert a portion of the monetary penalty to community restitution pursuant to the procedure established in RCW 7.80.130(2), and that the community restitution is performed for the purposes of graffiti abatement.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Kettle and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 120995, Section 2, as shown in the underlined language below:

C. The City Attorney is authorized to enforce this Section 10.07.055 through a civil action commenced in the Seattle Municipal Court within three years of the graffiti violation. This Section 10.07.055 applies to all civil actions commenced after the effective date of this ordinance, including those that are based on graffiti violations that occurred before the effective date of this ordinance. The City has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that a graffiti violation was committed.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Solomon



Opposed: 2 - Rinck, Strauss

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

**In Favor:** 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** 1 - Rinck

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

3.     [CB 121003](#)     **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit); authorizing the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation to execute an amendment to the "Agreement between the City of Seattle and Sound Transit for Grant of Non-Exclusive Use of a Light Rail Transit Way as related to the Link Light Rail Transit Project" to reflect the approved alignment and light rail transit facilities for the Link Light Rail Transit Project, including addition of the West Seattle Link Extension; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 121003, Attachment 1, by substituting version 2 of Exhibit B for version 1.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

**In Favor:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

4. [Res 32172](#) **A RESOLUTION approving the alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location for Sound Transit's Link light rail lines in The City of Seattle, including the West Seattle Link Extension; and superseding the alignment, station locations, and maintenance base location approved in Resolution 31784.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Saka, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded to amend Resolution 32172, Exhibit B, by substituting version 2 for version 1.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

**In Favor:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

**PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:**

5. [CB 121008](#) **AN ORDINANCE amending the Landscape Conservation and Infrastructure Program Funding Plan for South Lake Union and Downtown as adopted by Ordinance 124286.**

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

**In Favor: 4 - Hollingsworth, Nelson, Kettle, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

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

**In Favor:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

**Opposed:** None

6. [CB 121014](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; authorizing a direct sale of real property identified in King County records as parcel 162206-9049-04, a portion of Lake Youngs Aqueduct Right-of-Way in King County, Washington to Sherrell Development LLC, establishing the fair market value for said parcel; and authorizing the General Manager/CEO of Seattle Public Utilities to execute all documents and take other necessary actions to complete the sale of the property; designating the proceeds from the sale; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

7. [CB 121015](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; authorizing the acceptance of an easement granted to the City of Seattle and recorded as King County document number 20220817000046 for the installation and operation of a drainage facility on property commonly known as 14100 Westwood PI NE, King County parcel number 812410-0031; placing the property rights and interests conveyed by the easement under the jurisdiction of Seattle Public Utilities; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION\***

At 3:58 p.m., Council President Nelson announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session to evaluate the qualifications of candidates for appointment to elective office with an estimated end time of 5:15 p.m. The Executive Session concluded at 4:34 p.m.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

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Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on July 29, 2025.

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Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council

**Attachments:**

Att 1 – Action 2 of CB 121006

Att 2 – Action 3 of CB 121006

Att 3 – Action 4 of CB 121006