

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



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Tuesday, May 31, 2022

2:00 PM

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

City Council

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

Chair Info: 206-684-8805; Debora.Juarez@seattle.gov

Pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation No. 20-28.15 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 8402, this public meeting will be held remotely. Meeting participation is limited to access by the telephone number provided on the meeting agenda, and the meeting is accessible via telephone and Seattle Channel online.

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 May 31, 2022, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m., with Council President Juarez presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present and participating electronically:

Present: 8 - Juarez, Herbold, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Late Arrival: 1 - Lewis

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 351](#) **May 31, 2022**

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

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

Opposed: None

E. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:

[Min 381](#) **May 24, 2022**

The item was adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes:

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

Opposed: None

Bills:

[CB 120333](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of May 16, 2022 through May 20, 2022 and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The item was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill:

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

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Howard Gale
Angie Gerrald
Bryan Rodriguez
Justin Hyer
Anna Powell
Richard Columbare
Talisha Herald
Charlotte Thistle
Brittany Jarnot
Brett Frank-Looney
Jennifer Lekisch
Magnolia Klee
Tiffani Alvidrez
Michelle Balzer
Dee Johnson
Bruce Becker
Shelby Hansen

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow the remaining speakers to address the Council.

Elizabeth Jackson
Kate Martin
Kimberly Wolfe
Joelle Craft
James Thomas
Daniel Bannon
Leif Giering
David Oldham
Ma Hernandez
Kyle Mitchell
Wei Lin
Davis Obenga
Carmen Figueroa
Jake Lindsay
Brogan Thomsen
Rich Morris
Michael Wolfe
Aaron Toso

Gordon Haggerty
Devin Glaser
Ryan Georgi
Kate Rubin
BJ Last
Tiffani McCoy
Doug Bambrick
David Haines

Councilmember Lewis joined the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUSTAINABILITY AND RENTERS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE:

1. [CB 120325](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to housing and displacement mitigation; expanding the information required for submission under the Rental Registration Inspection Ordinance for rental housing units; requiring submission of rental housing-related information; and amending Chapter 22.214 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Sawant, Lewis, Morales

Opposed: 2 - Nelson, Juarez

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Morales and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120325 by adding a new sixth Recital as shown below:

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the rent and rental housing information property owners will submit to the research university should be made available to the public for transparency purposes; and

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 6 - Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: 3 - Juarez, Nelson, Pedersen

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Morales and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120325, Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.214.040, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 5 - Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: 4 - Herbold, Juarez, Nelson, Pedersen

ACTION 3:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120325 as amended.

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

In Favor: 5 - Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant

Opposed: 4 - Juarez, Mosqueda, Nelson, Strauss

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

2. [CB 120294](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to app-based worker labor standards; establishing a compensation scheme for app-based workers with minimum pay requirements and related standards for transparency and flexibility; amending Sections 3.02.125, 3.15.000, and 6.208.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding a new Title 8 and Chapter 8.37 to the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

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

Opposed: None

Abstain: 1 - Pedersen

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Morales and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120294, by adding a new Section 8, and renumbering the remaining section numbers accordingly, as shown below:

Section 8. The City Council intends to consider regulations for minimum payment, transparency, and flexibility for marketplace network companies no later than August 1, 2023.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: 2 - Nelson, Pedersen

ACTION 2:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120294 as amended.

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

In Favor: 9 - Juarez, Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Nelson, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

I. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

J. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:02 p.m., Council President Juarez announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session to discuss pending, potential, or actual litigation for an estimated length of 20 minutes. The Executive Session was extended for an additional 10 minutes. The Executive Session concluded at 4:32 p.m.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Linda Barron, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on June 7, 2022.

Debora Juarez, Council President of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

Attachment: Attachment 1 - Action 2 of Council Bill 120325

Attachment 1- Action 2 of Council Bill 12325

Amend Section 2 of CB 120325 as shown in double underline and double strike through language below:

22.214.040 Rental housing registration, compliance declaration, and renewals

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G. An application for a rental housing registration shall be made to the Department on forms provided by the Director. The application shall include, but is not limited to:

1. The address of the property;
2. The name, address, and telephone number of the property owners;
3. The name, address, and telephone number of the registration applicant if different from the property owners;
4. The name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity the tenant is to contact when requesting repairs be made to their rental housing unit, and the contact person's business relationship to the owner;
5. A list of all rental housing units on the property, identified by a means unique to each unit, that are or may be available for rent at any time;

6. ~~Effective three months from the date the contract described in subsection 22.214.055.C is executed, a~~ declaration of compliance from the owner or owner's agent, declaring that the owner or owner's agent has provided to the research university selected by the Office of Planning and Community Development or other office within the Executive Department, pursuant to Chapter 20.50, the information required for submission by Section 22.214.055. ~~This subsection 22.214.040.G.6 shall expire on the date the next City of Seattle~~

comprehensive plan update required by chapter 36.70A RCW is adopted, or on December 31, 2025, whichever is later.

((6.)) 7. A declaration of compliance from the owner or owner's agent, declaring that all housing units that are or may be available for rent are listed in the registration application and meet or will meet the standards in this Chapter 22.214 before the units are rented; and

((7.)) 8. A statement identifying whether the conditions of the housing units available for rent and listed on the application were established by declaration of the owner or owner's agent, or by physical inspection by a qualified rental housing inspector.

H. A rental housing registration must be renewed according to the following procedures:

1. A registration renewal application and the renewal fee shall be submitted before the current registration expires;

2. All information required by subsection 22.214.040.G shall be updated as needed, except that, effective three months from the date the contract described in subsection 22.214.055.C is executed, the information described in Section 22.214.055 shall be submitted by the owner at least twice annually by April 15 and by October 15 each year for information on the months of March and September of that same year, respectively. The requirement to submit information described in Section 22.214.055 shall expire on the date the next City of Seattle comprehensive plan update required by chapter 36.70A RCW is adopted, or on December 31, 2025, whichever is later; and ((,))

3. A new declaration as required by subsection 22.214.040.G.6 shall be submitted.

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22.214.055 Submission of rental housing information

A. Effective three months from the date the contract described in subsection

22.214.055.C is executed, the ~~The~~ property owner or owner's agent shall submit the following information to a research university selected by the Office of Planning and Community Development or other office within the Executive Department on the schedule set out in subsection 22.214.040.H.2:

1. The name of the property owner provided in subsection 22.214.040.G.2;

2. The address of the property containing the rental housing units provided in subsection 22.214.040.G.1;

3. The list of all rental housing units on the property required by subsection 22.214.040.G.5; and

4. For each rental housing unit:

a. Whether it is vacant or occupied;

b. The estimated net rentable square footage;

c. The number of bedrooms;

d. The number of bathrooms;

e. Information sufficient to ascertain the current housing costs, as defined in Section 22.204.090, charged monthly;

f. The amount and identity of utilities paid by the owner;

g. The prospective housing costs if the unit is physically vacant; and

h. If subject to a rental agreement, the current term of the rental agreement.

B. The information submitted to the research university or under this Section 22.214.055 shall not include the name(s) of the tenant(s).

C. The Office of Planning and Community Development or other office within the Executive Department will enter into a contract with the research university, directing it to use its unique expertise, including but not limited to its diverse array of academic resources, to sort, analyze, and report on this data to identify relevant displacement risks and rental housing market conditions for the City to use in policy and decision-making regarding housing.

D. This Section 22.214.055 shall expire on the date the next City of Seattle comprehensive plan update required by chapter 36.70A RCW is adopted, or on December 31, 2025, whichever is later.