

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, October 14, 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

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on October 14, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

C. PRESENTATIONS

Council President Juarez presented a Proclamation proclaiming October 2025 to be "Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Seattle," and recognizing Thursday, October 16, 2025, as "Purple Thursday."

The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamations:

9 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Juarez to present the Proclamations, and to allow Judith Panlasigui, Manager for the Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, and Naseem Ghazanfari, Seattle Women's Commission, to address the Council.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Dean Kubota
Patrick Foley
Emily Thompson
Lisandro Vela
Matt Davies
Moana Hao-Wohlwend
Matt Kurvink
Daniel Gallagher
Norris Cooper
Miriam Roskin
Eric Kennedy
Bennett Haselton
Nathan Wall
Lilly Hayward
Carter Nelson
Gabriel Jones
Howard Gale
Meredith Holzemer
Irene Wall
William Schneider
Sam Wolff
Rosalie Merks
Alex Martin
Scott Lien
Joe Kunzler
Shreyasi Paudel
Hali Willis
Carolanne Sanders

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 498](#)

October 14, 2025

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, 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 541](#) September 23, 2025**

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

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

Bills:**2. [CB 121085](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of September 15, 2025, through September 19, 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 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

3. [CB 121086](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of September 22, 2025, through September 26, 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 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

4. [CB 121087](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of September 29, 2025, through October 3, 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 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

Appointments:

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

5. [Appt 03238](#) Reappointment of Twyla Minor as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to September 30, 2026.

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

In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

6. [Appt 03239](#) Reappointment of Robert D. Crutchfield as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to December 1, 2026.

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

In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

7. [Appt 03240](#) Reappointment of Paul Purcell as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to December 1, 2026.

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

In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

8. [Appt 03241](#) **Appointment of Kristin Ryan as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to March 19, 2027.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

9. [Appt 03242](#) **Reappointment of Rita Howard as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to March 20, 2027.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

10. [Appt 03243](#) Reappointment of Paula L. Houston as member, Seattle Housing Authority Board, for a term to March 20, 2028.
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).
- In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon
- Opposed: None
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:
- In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon
- Opposed: None
- Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

11. [Appt 03303](#) Appointment of Jennifer Carl as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2025.
- The Committee recommends that City Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).
- In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez
- Opposed: None
- The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:
- In Favor: 8 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon
- Opposed: None
- Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

12. [Appt 03304](#) **Appointment of Jeremy Holmes as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

13. [Appt 03322](#) **Appointment of Rick Williams as member, Community Police Commission, for a term to December 31, 2027.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Strauss

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 121077](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; adopting a 2025 Citywide Position List.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to pass Council Bill 121077.

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

2. [CB 121055](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption Program; renewing and modifying the Program, including to make changes in conformity with state law; repealing Chapter 5.72 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Chapter 5.73 and Sections 5.75.090 and 23.50A.062 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Solomon and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 121055, Section 2, Chapter 5.73 of the Seattle Municipal Code, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 9 - Juarez, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Solomon and duly seconded to further amend Council Bill 121055, Section 2, Chapter 5.73 of the Seattle Municipal Code, as shown in Attachment 2 to the Minutes.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 9 - Juarez, 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: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

SELECT BUDGET COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 121083](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to taxation; imposing a local sales and use tax to fund investments in criminal justice; repealing obsolete sales and use tax provisions; adding a new Section 5.60.029 to the Seattle Municipal Code; renumbering Sections 5.60.030 and 5.60.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code as Section 5.60.065 and further amending the section; repealing Section 5.60.050 and 5.60.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

Opposed: 1 - Rivera

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

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

Opposed: 1 - Rivera

PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

4. [CB 121051](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the solid waste system of Seattle Public Utilities; revising rates and charges for solid waste services; revising credits to low-income customers for solid waste services; adding solid waste service categories; and amending Sections 21.36.010, 21.36.012, 21.36.016, 21.40.050, 21.40.060, 21.40.070, 21.40.080, 21.40.085, and 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Rivera

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

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

Opposed: 1 - Rivera

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

5. [CB 121079](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City's civil infraction code; conforming the Seattle Municipal Code with changes in state law and making technical corrections; and amending Sections 16.64.040 and 21.36.922 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

6. [CB 121080](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City's criminal code; conforming the Seattle Municipal Code with changes in state law and making technical corrections; adding a new Section 12A.06.095 to the Seattle Municipal Code; amending Sections 3.33.020, 12A.06.187, 12A.06.195, 12A.09.020, 12A.12.040, 12A.14.075, and 12A.14.170 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and repealing Sections 12A.06.045, 12A.08.120, and 12A.08.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

7. [CB 121081](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City's traffic code; conforming the Seattle Municipal Code with changes in state law and making technical corrections; and amending Sections 11.22.080, 11.31.050, and 11.58.005 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

8. [CB 121064](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to removing the City residency requirement for judges pro tempore in Seattle; amending Section 3.33.140 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Kettle, Saka, Hollingsworth, Juarez

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, 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 4:02 p.m., Council President Nelson announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session regarding Pending, Potential or Actual Litigation, with an estimated end time of 5:15 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded at 5:01 p.m.

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on October 28, 2025.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council

Attachment 1: Att 1 - Action 1 of CB 121055

Attachment 2: Att 2 - Action 2 of CB 121055