



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
CENTRAL STAFF

Resolution 32049

Updating Regular Payment of Claims Bill

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Background & Summary

- Charter requires presentation of payments of claims to the City Council (*Charter Article IV, § 24*)
- City Council considers a “payment of claims” bill regularly at Council meetings
- The payment of claims bill uses a standard format that has not been updated since at least 1999
- RES 32049: Proposed Changes to the Template
 - Add language stating that the payments and claims presented by the Executive to the City Council are consistent with current adopted budget authority as amended
 - Making explicit reference to RCW 35.32.090(1) - Budget mandatory—Other expenditures void—Liability of public officials—Penalty
 - Remove references related to outdated auditing committee

Proposed Changes to Template – Section 1

Section 1. Payment of the sum of \$[AMOUNT] on PeopleSoft 9.2 mechanical warrants numbered [NUMBER] – [NUMBER] plus manual or cancellation issues for claims, E-Payables of \$[AMOUNT] on PeopleSoft 9.2 [NUMBER] – [NUMBER] and Electronic Financial Transactions (EFT) in the amount of \$[AMOUNT] are presented ~~for ratification by the City Council per RCW 42.24.180 to~~ the City Council under RCW 42.24.180 and approved consistent with remaining appropriations in the current Budget as amended.

Proposed Changes to Template – Section 2

Section 2. Payment of the sum of \$[AMOUNT] on City General Salary Fund mechanical warrants numbered [NUMBER] – [NUMBER] plus manual warrants, agencies warrants, and direct deposits numbered [NUMBER] – [NUMBER] representing Gross Payrolls for payroll ending date [DATE], as detailed in the Payroll Summary Report for claims against the City ~~which were audited by the Auditing Committee and reported by said committee to the City Council March 24, 2022 consistent with appropriations heretofore made for such purpose from the appropriate Funds, is hereby approved~~ that were reported to the City Council [DATE], is approved consistent with remaining appropriations in the current budget as amended.

Proposed Changes to Template – NEW Section 3

Section 3. RCW 35.32A.090(1) states, “There shall be no orders, authorizations, allowances, contracts or payments made or attempted to be made in excess of the expenditure allowances authorized in the final budget as adopted or modified as provided in this chapter, and any such attempted excess expenditure shall be void and shall never be the foundation of a claim against the city.”

Questions?