

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, May 13, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

City Council

Sara Nelson, Council President

Joy Hollingsworth, Member

Robert Kettle, Member

Cathy Moore, Member

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member

Maritza Rivera, Member

Rob Saka, Member

Mark Solomon, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on May 13, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Strauss

Late Arrival: 2 - Rivera, Solomon

Councilmember Rivera entered the Council Chamber at 2:02 p.m.

C. PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Moore presented a Proclamation proclaiming May to be Older Americans Month. By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Moore to present the Proclamation, and to allow Pamela Williams, Chair of the Mayor's Council on African American Elders, to address the Council.

Councilmember Saka presented a Proclamation proclaiming May to be Foster Care Month. By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Saka to present the Proclamation, and to allow Bobbe Bridge, of the Center for Children and Youth Justice, to address the Council.

Councilmember Solomon joined the meeting remotely at 2:29 p.m.

Councilmember Rinck presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 13 to be Frank Chopp Day of Action. By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Rinck to present the Proclamation, and to allow Nancy Long and State Representative Nicole Macri to address the Council.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Patrick Gibson
Long Nguyen
Violet Lavatai
Calvin Priest
Jason Thiel
Meagan Murphy
Bennett Haselton
Shirley Henderson
Kshama Sawant
Gwendolyn Hart
Diedre Haines
Alberto Alvarez
Charlotte Starck
David Haines
Clara Cantor
Howard Gale
Summer Miller
Em Smith

Without objection, the City Council meeting recessed from 3:10 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

At 3:19 p.m., the May 13, 2025, City Council meeting came back to order.

Present: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Solomon, Saka, Strauss
Late Arrival: 2 - Rinck, Rivera

Public Comment continued, and the following individual addressed the Council:

Karen M. Kinch

Councilmembers Rinck and Rivera joined the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Motion was made and duly seconded to extend the public comment period.
The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss
Opposed: 1 - Moore
Abstained: 1 - Kettle

Public Comment continued, and the following individuals addressed the Council:

Jim Kinch
Dominic Wolfgang Wallace

At 3:30 p.m., the City Council meeting was at ease.

By unanimous consent, the City Council meeting was in recess from 3:33 p.m. until 3:38 p.m. to allow Councilmembers to continue participation at the meeting remotely, and provide members of the media access to the meeting remotely in the Sam Smith room.

At 3:38 p.m., the May 13, 2025, City Council meeting came back to order with Councilmembers participating remotely.

Present: 5 - Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Absent: 1 - Moore

Late Arrival: 3 - Hollingsworth, Rinck, Solomon

Councilmember Hollingsworth joined the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 479](#) **May 13, 2025**

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

In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, 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 519](#) May 6, 2025

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

In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Bills:

2. [CB 120980](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of April 28, 2025, through May 2, 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: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Appointments:**SUSTAINABILITY, CITY LIGHT, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:**

3. [Appt 03130](#) **Appointment of Louis Ernst as member, City Light Review Panel, for a term to April 11, 2026.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Rinck, Moore, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Councilmembers Rinck and Solomon joined the meeting.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

1. [CB 120971](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to automated traffic safety cameras; establishing additional uses for automated traffic safety cameras to increase safety; authorizing qualified civilian employees to review violations detected by traffic cameras; updating finance and fund policies related to the use of camera revenues; amending Ordinance 124230; amending Sections 5.82.010, 11.31.020, 11.31.090, 11.31.121, and 11.50.570 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and repealing Section 11.50.580 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

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

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hollingsworth and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120971, Section 1.C., as shown in the underlined and strike-through language below:

C. The Executive will propose appropriations for the items in subsections 5.82.010.A and 5.82.010.B in its annual budget submittal to the City Council based on the amount of automated traffic safety camera fines and civil penalties projected to be received in the prior budget year. The City Council anticipates that proposed appropriations will support traffic safety, accessibility, and Vision Zero Investments in the communities and locations where automated traffic safety cameras are deployed.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: 1 - Rinck

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120971, Section 1.B., as shown on Attachment 1, to the Minutes.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 5 - Hollingsworth, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Solomon,

Opposed: 3 - Kettle, Rinck, Strauss

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

2. [CB 120945](#) **AN ORDINANCE vacating the alley in Block 52, A. A. Denny's Extension to the Terry's 1st Addition, in the First Hill neighborhood, and accepting a Property Use and Development Agreement and acknowledging the Seattle City Light Easement, on the petition of North Block Spring Street Development LLC (Clerk File 314364).**

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

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

3. [CB 120972](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to appropriations for the Seattle Department of Transportation; modifying a proviso; and amending Ordinance 127156, which adopted the 2025 Budget.**

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

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

FINANCE, NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS COMMITTEE:

4. [CB 120970](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to acceptance of funding from non-City sources; authorizing the heads of various departments to accept and authorize the expenditure of specified grants, private funding, and subsidized loans and to execute, deliver, and perform corresponding agreements; amending Ordinance 127156, which adopted the 2025 Budget, including the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2025-2030 CIP; creating positions; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Strauss, Rivera, Kettle, Nelson, Saka

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. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on June 3, 2025.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council

Attachment: Att 1 - Action 2 of CB 120971

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Amendment B to CB 120971 – Automated Camera Code Updates

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Revise financial policies to direct camera funds to support sidewalk construction and repair;
reduce Red Light Camera contribution to the General Fund

Effect: This amendment would revise financial policies to direct 15 percent of all automated traffic safety camera revenue to the construction and repair of sidewalks. The amendment would also have the effect of reducing the contribution of Red Light Camera revenue to the General Fund from 80 percent to 70 percent.

Amend Section 1 to revise proposed language in SMC 5.82.010.B as follows:

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B. Of the net proceeds generated annually by automated traffic safety camera fines and civil penalties that are available to the City after ~~((required contributions to the Washington State Cooper Jones account pursuant to RCW 46.63.170,))~~ covering the cost to administer, install, operate, expand, remove, relocate, and maintain automated traffic safety cameras, the following spending restrictions apply:

~~((1. School zone camera revenue: Funding in an amount equal to the revenue generated annually by school zone fixed automated camera fines and civil penalties will be spent for school traffic and pedestrian safety and directly related infrastructure projects; pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver education campaigns; and installation, administrative, enforcement, operations, and maintenance costs associated with the school zone fixed automated cameras.~~

~~2. Red))~~ 1. For red light camera revenue:

a. Funding~~((: Funding))~~~~((= funding))~~ in an amount equal to 15 percent ~~((20 percent))~~ of the revenue generated annually by fines and civil penalties for red light camera violations and red arrow camera violations will be spent for ~~((school))~~ safety, including traffic, student, bicycle, and pedestrian safety and directly related infrastructure projects; operational and

maintenance investments that support traffic safety and Vision Zero; transportation improvements that support equitable access and mobility for persons with disabilities; transportation projects designed to reduce vehicle speeds, as well as pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver education campaigns ((and installation, administrative, enforcement, operations, and maintenance costs associated with the red light and red arrow automated cameras)).

b. Funding in an amount equal to 15 percent of the revenue generated annually by fines and civil penalties for red light camera violations and red arrow camera violations will be spent on the construction of new sidewalks, sidewalk alternatives, and the repair of existing sidewalks. This funding shall not supplant other transportation funding for sidewalk construction, sidewalk alternatives, and sidewalk repair.

((3-)) 2. For all other automated traffic safety camera types authorized under subsection 11.50.570.A((1)):

a. Funding in an amount equal to 85 percent of the net revenues will be spent for safety, including traffic, student, bicycle, and pedestrian safety and directly related infrastructure projects; operational and maintenance investments that support traffic safety and Vision Zero; transportation improvements that support equitable access and mobility for persons with disabilities; transportation projects designed to reduce vehicle speeds, as well as pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver education campaigns.

b. Funding in an amount equal to 15 percent of the net revenues will be spent on construction of new sidewalks, sidewalk alternatives, and the repair of existing sidewalks. This funding shall not supplant other transportation funding for sidewalk construction, sidewalk alternatives, and sidewalk repair.

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