

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, September 16, 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 September 16, 2025 pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m., with Council President Nelson presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Saka

Excused: 3 - Juarez, Solomon, Strauss

Late Arrival: 1 - Rivera

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Yvette Dinish

Eddie Rye, Jr.

Omer Qureshi

Paul Glumaz

Victoria Palmer

Robyn Balcom

Bennett Haselton

Nathan Wall

Councilmember Rivera joined the meeting.

David Haines

Joe Kunzler

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 496](#)**September 16, 2025 (Revised 9/15/25 at 4:40 p.m.)****ACTION 1:**

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to amend the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar by introducing Resolution 32183, and by referring it to the Select Committee on the Comprehensive Plan.

Resolution 32183, A RESOLUTION relating to the One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan update; calling for additional measures by City departments to further advance the goals of the One Seattle Plan; and requesting that the Office of Planning and Community Development and other City departments develop additional amendments to the Comprehensive Plan in 2026.

By unanimous consent, the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted as amended by the following vote:

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

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 539](#) September 9, 2025**

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

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

Opposed: None

Bills:

2. [CB 121078](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of September 1, 2025, through September 5, 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 - Nelson, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rinck, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: None

Appointments:

LIBRARIES, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE:

3. [Appt 03320](#) **Appointment of VJ Kopacki as member, Landmarks Preservation Board, for a term to August 14, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Rivera, Rinck, Hollingsworth, Solomon

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

4. [Appt 03321](#) **Appointment of Erica J. Thomas as member, Landmarks Preservation Board, for a term to August 14, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Rivera, Rinck, Hollingsworth, Solomon

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

5. [Appt 03218](#) **Reappointment of Mark F. Dederer as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

6. [Appt 03295](#) **Appointment of Jane C. Stonecipher as member, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for a term to 3 years from Council confirmation.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

7. [Appt 03296](#) **Appointment of Kevin Werner as member, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for a term to 3 years from Council confirmation.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

8. [Appt 03297](#) **Appointment of Daya Zhang as member, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for a term to 3 years from Council confirmation.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

9. [Appt 03298](#) **Reappointment of Sally Bagshaw as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

10. [Appt 03299](#) **Reappointment of Michael George as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

11. [Appt 03300](#) **Appointment of Adriane Musuneggi as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

12. [Appt 03301](#) **Appointment of Eric Pettigrew as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2027.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

13. [Appt 03302](#) **Appointment of Matt Roewe as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [Res 32182](#) **A RESOLUTION of intention to change the assessment rate and exemptions for the SODO Parking and Business Improvement Area and fix a date and place for a hearing thereon.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to adopt Resolution 32182.

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

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

Opposed: None

HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:

2. [CB 121039](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to residential property transactions; requiring certain disclosures to owners before presenting an offer to purchase a residential property; establishing consumer protections for owners of solicited residential property; and adding a new Chapter 6.610 to 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

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

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

Opposed: None

LIBRARIES, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 121075](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to historic preservation; imposing controls upon Tolliver Temple Church of God in Christ, a landmark designated by the Landmarks Preservation Board under Chapter 25.12 of the Seattle Municipal Code, and adding it to the Table of Historical Landmarks contained in Chapter 25.32 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Rivera, Rinck, Hollingsworth, Solomon

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

4. [CB 121037](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; updating side sewer regulations to conform to current standards, clarify existing requirements, allow side sewer fees to be created by Director's Rule, and update definitions; renumbering existing subsections 21.16.240.B and 21.16.240.C of the Seattle Municipal Code as Section 21.16.241 and further amending the section; amending Sections 21.16.030, 21.16.040, 21.16.070, 21.16.077, 21.16.140, 21.16.240, and 21.16.270 of the Seattle Municipal Code; renumbering existing and repealing Sections 21.16.071 and 21.16.350 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: 4 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

5. [Res 32175](#) A RESOLUTION relating to Seattle Public Utilities (SPU); amending Resolution 31800, as later amended by Resolution 31825; and updating the ongoing Customer Review Panel to provide additional opportunities for young adult engagement and clarify panel eligibility for optional stipends, as SPU implements the six-year Strategic Business Plan (Plan) and conducts future Plan updates.

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

SUSTAINABILITY, CITY LIGHT, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:

6. [CB 121062](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; authorizing the execution of a 16-year power purchase agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration and related agreements.

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

7. [CB 121063](#) **AN ORDINANCE** relating to the City Light Department; authorizing the Department to develop programs, enter into agreements with customers and other parties, and provide incentives for modifications to customer electricity consumption; and amending Section 21.49.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

8. [Res 32176](#) **A RESOLUTION** relating to the City Light Department; acknowledging and approving the City Light Department's adoption of a biennial energy conservation target for 2026-2027 and ten-year conservation potential.

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

9. [Res 32181](#) **A RESOLUTION** relating to the City Light Department; approving the City Light Department's 2026-2029 Clean Energy Implementation Plan as required by Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), chapter 19.405 RCW.

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

LAND USE COMMITTEE:

10. [CB 121047](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle’s construction codes; limiting the areas for which substantial alterations are required to spaces or buildings greater than 7,000 square feet in gross area; amending existing substantial alteration requirements; and amending Section 311 of the Seattle Existing Building Code, adopted by Ordinance 127108.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Solomon, Strauss, Juarez, Rinck, Rivera

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

11. [CB 121045](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; updating timelines for City review of land use permits; amending Sections 23.76.005 and 23.76.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Resolution 31602 to update the City Council Rules for Quasi-Judicial Proceedings.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Solomon, Strauss, Juarez, Rinck, Rivera

Opposed: None

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

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

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 3:01 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on September 23, 2025.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council