

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, March 25, 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 Seattle, Washington, on March 25, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m., with Council President Nelson Presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Malik
Charlotte Kayne-Amoureux
Ashley Ford
David Haines

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 472](#)

March 25, 2025

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

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

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the City Council Agenda was adopted.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council President Nelson, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Bills:

1. [CB 120959](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of March 10, 2025, through March 14, 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:

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

Opposed: None

Appointments:

**GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE:**

2. [Appt 03080](#) **Appointment of Joy R. Shigaki as member, Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, for a term to July 30, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Kettle, Rivera, Solomon

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

LAND USE COMMITTEE:

3. [Appt 03102](#) **Appointment of Tristan Fields as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2027.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Solomon, Strauss, Moore, Rinck, Rivera
Opposed: None**

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

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

Opposed: None

4. [Appt 03103](#) **Appointment of Andrea Starbird as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2027.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Solomon, Strauss, Moore, Rinck, Rivera
Opposed: None**

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

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

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 120955](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to federal funding; authorizing department directors to accept certain grants and passthrough funding in 2025; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120955.

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

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

Opposed: None

FINANCE, NATIVE COMMUNITIES, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS COMMITTEE:

2. [Appt 03094](#) **Appointment of Kiersten Grove as Director of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, for a term to March 1, 2029.**

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

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

The Council President invited Kiersten Grove to address the Council

GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 120950](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to reaffirming The City of Seattle as a Welcoming City; supporting access to reproductive health care services and gender-affirming treatment in Seattle; extending the responsibility of City employees to protect the provision of reproductive health care services and gender-affirming treatment; and adding a new Chapter 14.115 to the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Nelson, Kettle, Rivera, Solomon

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Moore, duly seconded and carried, to amend Section 1 of Council Bill 120950, Seattle Municipal Code subsection 14.115.010, Definitions, by adding an additional definition of “Assistance, and by amending Seattle Municipal Code subsection 14.15.020.C.2, as shown in the underlined language below:

14.115.010 Definitions.

The definitions in this Section 14.115.010 apply throughout this Chapter 14.115 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

“Assistance” means any action to help, aid, or support the provision of receipt of protected health services including, but not limited to, providing financial, logistical, informational, or travel support to facilitate access to protected health services.

14.115.020 Declaration of public policy - Cooperation to enforce other state’s laws:

C.2. A City agency, commission, board, or department, or any employee or agent thereof, acting in their official capacity, shall not cooperate with or provide information to any individual, agency, commission, board, or department from another state or, to the extent permitted by federal law, to a federal law enforcement agency, for the purpose of enforcing another state’s law or an investigation related to another state’s law that asserts criminal or civil liability for the provision, receipt, attempted provision or

receipt, assistance in the provision or receipt, or attempted assistance in the provision or receipt of protected health care services that are lawful in the state of Washington.

ACTION 2:

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Tamaso Johnson, Council Central Staff, to address the Council.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120950, Section 2, as shown on the strike-through and underlined language below:

Section 2. ~~This Section 1 of this ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070 on the date that a~~ repeal of chapter 7.115 RCW becomes effective.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In Favor: 2 - Rinck, Strauss

Opposed: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Solomon

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Solomon, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 120950, Section 1, by adding a new Seattle Municipal Code subsection 14.115.902, as shown in the underlined language below:

14.115.902 Notice of future modifications to State law.

The Office of Intergovernmental Relations shall monitor and keep the Council apprised of any proposed changes to Chapter 7.115 RCW and notify the Council in writing within 21 days of any enacted changes to Chapter 7.115 RCW that may occur following the enactment of this Chapter 14.115.

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

In Favor: 9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, 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

Councilmember Rinck presented a Letter in support of Washington State Legislature House Bill 1296 and Senate Bill 5181.

The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Letter:
7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon, Strauss

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Solomon was excused from the April 8, 2025 City Council meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on April 1, 2025.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council