

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



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Monday, December 14, 2020

2:00 PM

Remote Meeting. Call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 586 416 9164; or
Seattle Channel online.

City Council

M. Lorena González, President

Lisa Herbold, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Andrew J. Lewis, Member

Tammy J. Morales, Member

Teresa Mosqueda, Member

Alex Pedersen, Member

Kshama Sawant, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; Lorena.González@seattle.gov

In-person attendance is currently prohibited per Washington State Governor's Proclamation No. 20-28.14, through January 19, 2021. Meeting participation is limited to access by telephone conference line and Seattle Channel online.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met remotely pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28.14, and guidance provided by the Attorney General's Office, on December 14, 2020 pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m., with Council President González presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present and participating electronically:

Present: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmembers to participate and vote at City Council and Committee meetings by electronic means through January 19, 2021.

C. PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Herbold read a Proclamation in recognition of the Seattle Fire Department. By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Chief Scoggins, Seattle Fire Department, to address the Council.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

[Min 312](#)

December 7, 2020

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Minutes by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes:

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR

[IRC 283](#)

December 14, 2020

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar (IRC) by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Agenda.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to provide a 30 minute Public Comment period.

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Howard Gale
Castill Hightower
Daniel Kavanaugh
Preston Sahabu
Satwinder Kaur
Laura Lee Sturm
Daniel Wang
Tejas Devanur
Amanjot Kang
Xoe Amer
Kayla Newcomer
Prashant Nema
Manpreet Kalra
Emily McArthur
Hattie Rhodes
Star Willey
Sriyan A
Sujatha Ramni
Joe Wall
Stacy Johnson
Sinsath Shameer
Khan Hasan
Chris McDaniel
Amarjit Singh
Reena Sekhon
Farzana Anjum
Novejot Choat
Sachin Mosale
Barbara Phinney
Sumit Kaur
Riba Bakshi
Peggy Hotes
Neelam Khaki
Alice Lockhart
Gurinder Athwal
Sonia Sarai
Gagan Thind

H. PAYMENT OF BILLS

[CB 119979](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of November 30, 2020 through December 4, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119979.

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

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [CB 119966](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the legal representation of Mayor Jenny Durkan in judicial proceedings concerning a recall charge; paying expenses necessary to defend Mayor Jenny Durkan in those proceedings; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119966.

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

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

2. [CB 119969](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light and Seattle Public Utilities Departments; temporarily removing the charge of interest on delinquent utility consumption and utilization accounts; superseding several sections under Title 21 that authorize and require the collection of interest on delinquent utility consumption and utilization accounts; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119969.

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

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

FINANCE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 119977](#) **AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; making appropriations from the General Fund for public assistance during the COVID-19 civil emergency; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Mosqueda, Herbold, González , Lewis, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

4. [CB 119971](#) **AN ORDINANCE authorizing, in 2020, acceptance of funding from non-City sources; authorizing the Mayor or Mayor’s designee to accept specified grants, private funding, and subsidized loans and to execute, deliver, and perform corresponding agreements; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Mosqueda, Herbold, González , Lewis, Strauss
Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

5. [CB 119970](#) **AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget, including the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; adding new CIP projects and revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2020-2025 CIP; creating positions; modifying positions; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Mosqueda, Herbold, González , Lewis, Strauss
Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Sawant

6. [CB 119973](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to affordable housing; authorizing a loan of up to \$1,000,000 in General Fund funds to Community Roots Housing, a Washington public corporation, to mitigate the financial impacts of COVID-19; and authorizing certain new agreements to be developed relating to the lending of General Fund funds to Community Roots Housing.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Mosqueda, Herbold, González , Lewis, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

GOVERNANCE AND EDUCATION:

7. [CB 119967](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2018 Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy; amending the levy implementation and evaluation plan adopted by Ordinance 125807 to grant the Department of Education and Early Learning temporary authority to modify the implementation and evaluation plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

In Favor: 4 - González , Juarez, Mosqueda, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

8. [CB 119968](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to lobbying regulations; expanding lobbying regulations to cover grassroots lobbying campaigns; correcting typographical errors, correcting section references, clarifying regulations, and making minor amendments; and amending Chapter 2.06 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 3 - González , Juarez, Strauss

Opposed: None

Abstain: 1 - Mosqueda

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 119968, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In Favor: 1 - Sawant

Opposed: 8 - Gonzalez, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Strauss

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember González, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119968, Section 1, Seattle Municipal Code 2.06.010, Lobby and lobbying definition, by adding a new subsection 4, as shown in the underlined language below:

4. An association's or other organization's act of communicating with the members of that association or organization.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119968 as amended.

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

In Favor: 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: 1 - Sawant

Councilmember Pedersen left the meeting.

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

- 9. [Res 31983](#) **A RESOLUTION expressing the Seattle City Council’s solidarity with farmers protesting the passage of farming bills in India and in support of affected members of Seattle’s South Asian community.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31983.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 31983, by adding a new Section 3, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 3. The Seattle City Council stands in solidarity with the farmers organizations, trade union federations, and student unions in India organizing for a general strike on January 8, 2021 to unite the movements of oppressed peoples, demanding the restoration of protections for small farmers, increasing the minimum wage, ending privatizations, and defending the rights of religious and ethnic minorities.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

- In Favor: 1 - Sawant
- Opposed: 7 - Gonzalez, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales,
 Mosqueda, Strauss
- Absent(NV): 1 - Pedersen

ACTION 3:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31983.

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

- In Favor:** 8 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Pedersen

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to excuse Councilmember Mosqueda from the January 4, 2021 City Council meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Emilia M. Sanchez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on January 4, 2021.

M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Amended language is shown in double underline and double strike through.

1. Cut the body of Section 2.06.115 on pages 12 and 13 of Council Bill 119968, as follows:

2.06.115 Grassroots lobbying campaigns

[RESERVED]

~~A. Any person who has made expenditures, not otherwise reported by a registered lobbyist under this Chapter 2.06, or a candidate or political committee under Section 2.04.230 or 2.04.260, exceeding \$1,500 in the aggregate within any three-month period or exceeding \$750 in the aggregate within any one-month period in presenting a program to the public, a substantial portion of which is intended, designed, or calculated primarily to influence legislation shall register and report, as provided in subsection 2.06.115.B.2, as a sponsor of a grassroots lobbying campaign.~~

~~B. Within 30 days after becoming a sponsor of a grassroots lobbying campaign, the sponsor shall register by filing with the Executive Director a registration statement, in such detail as the Commission shall prescribe, showing:~~

~~1. The sponsor's name, address, and business or occupation, and, if the sponsor is not an individual, the names, addresses, and titles of the controlling persons responsible for managing the sponsor's affairs;~~

~~2. The names, addresses, and business or occupation of all persons organizing and managing the campaign, or hired to assist the campaign, including any public relations or advertising firms participating in the campaign, and the terms of compensation for all such persons;~~

~~3. The names and addresses of each person contributing \$25 or more to the campaign, and the aggregate amount contributed;~~

~~4. The purpose of the campaign, including the specific legislation, rates, standards, or proposals that are the subject matter of the campaign;~~

~~5. The totals of all expenditures made or incurred to date on behalf of the campaign segregated according to financial category, including but not limited to: advertising, segregated by media, and in the case of large expenditures (as provided by rule of the Commission), by outlet; contributions; entertainment, including food and refreshments; office expenses including rent and the salaries and wages paid for staff and secretarial assistance, or the proportionate amount paid or incurred for lobbying campaign activities; consultants; and printing and mailing expenses;~~

~~C. Every sponsor who has registered under this Section 2.06.115 shall file monthly reports with the Commission by the tenth day of the month for the activity during the preceding month. The reports shall update the information contained in the sponsor's registration statement and in prior reports and shall show contributions received and totals of expenditures made during the month, in the same manner as provided for in the registration statement.~~

~~D. When the campaign has been terminated, the sponsor shall file a notice of termination with the final monthly report.~~

2. Cut references to Section 2.06.115 in Section 2.06.070 on page 10 of Council Bill 119968, as follows:

2.06.070 Registration and ((Reporting)) reporting—Request for ((Exemption-)) exemption

A. An exemption from the registration requirement of ((Section 2.06.020A(2)(g))) subsection 2.06.020.A.2.g ~~or 2.06.115.B~~ shall be granted by the Commission to a lobbyist's employer ~~or sponsor of a grassroots lobbying campaign~~ if such lobbyist's employer ~~or sponsor of a grassroots lobbying campaign~~ has applied in writing to the Commission for such exemption and has demonstrated by a reasonable probability that the compelled disclosure of identifying information under ((Section 2.06.020A(2)(g))) subsection 2.06.020.A.2.g ~~or 2.06.115.B~~ will subject those persons to threats, harassment, or reprisals from either government officials or private parties.

B. The decision to grant or deny an exemption from disclosure, with the reason or reasons therefor((e)), shall be set out in writing with a copy kept on file with the Executive Director.