SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

600 Fourth Ave. 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

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Thursday, September 19, 2024

2:00 PM

Special Meeting

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
Tammy J. Morales, Member
Maritza Rivera, Member
Rob Saka, Member
Dan Strauss, Member
Tanya Woo, Member

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in special session in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on September 19, 2024, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., with Council President Pro Tem Hollingsworth presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Woo

Excused: 2 - Moore, Strauss

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Eric L.
Ryan Driscoll
Matt Paskin
Lars Erickson
Lauren McGowan
Travis DePrato
Jesse Simpson
Sarah Dickmeyer
Suresh Chanmugam
Anitra Freeman
Kathleen Brose
Alberto Alvarez
Regen Langholz
Aidan Carroll
Alex McGuire
Howard Gale
Jon Scholes
David Tamas-Parris
Matt Hutchins
Sydney Provence
Jeff Paul
Tom Barnard
Cat Munsen
Ben Ferlo
Jon Grant
Brandon der Blatter
Gabriel Jones
Tiffani McCoy
David Moser
Shannon N.
Ellie Robertshaw
Rachel Kay
David Haines

C. PRESENTATIONS

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Jen LaBrecque, Council Central Staff, to address the Council.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL:

1. CF 314535 **City Council motion and declaration of City Council intent to not adopt Initiative 137, and placing Initiative No. 137 on the February 11, 2025, ballot in conjunction with the measure to fund the Seattle Social Housing Developer by allocating funds from Seattle's existing Payroll Expense Tax (Council Bill 120864), a proposed alternative measure on the same matter.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded to approve and file Clerk File 314535.

The Motion carried, and the Clerk File (CF) was approved and filed by the following vote, and the President signed the declaration and intent of the Council:

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Woo

Opposed: None

2. CB 120864 **AN ORDINANCE relating to funding the Seattle Social Housing Developer; requesting that a special election be held on February 11, 2025 for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition to fund the Seattle Social Housing Developer through the City's existing Payroll Expense Tax; amending Section 5.38.055 of the Seattle Municipal Code; proposing a ballot title; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120864.

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

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

Opposed: 1 - Morales

3. Res 32148 **A RESOLUTION regarding Initiative 137 concerning excess compensation payroll taxes to fund the Social Housing Developer (which the City Council determined not to enact on September 19, 2024); authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable proposed Initiative 137 to appear on the February 11, 2025 ballot and the local voters' pamphlet in conjunction with the Payroll Expense Tax proposal (City Council Bill 120864), which is a proposed alternative measure dealing with the same subject matter in accordance with Charter Article IV; requesting the King County Elections Director to place the proposed Initiative 137 and its alternate on the February 11, 2025 election ballot in accordance with applicable law; and providing for the publication of such proposed Initiative Measure and its alternate.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32148.

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

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Woo

Opposed: None

4. Res 32142 **A RESOLUTION regarding Initiative 137 concerning a payroll expense tax to fund the Social Housing Developer; authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable the proposed Initiative Measure to appear on the November 5, 2024, ballot and the local voters' pamphlet; requesting the King County Elections Director to place the proposed Initiative Measure on the November 5, 2024, ballot; and providing for the publication of such proposed Initiative Measure.**

Motion was made by Council President Pro Tem Hollingsworth and duly seconded to postpone indefinitely Resolution 32142.

The Motion carried, amd the Resolution (Res) was postponed indefinitely by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Morales

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Emilia M. Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on October 8, 2024.

Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council