

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Monday, January 13, 2020

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 Fourth Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

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

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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 January 13, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m., with Council President Pro Tem Herbold presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Excused: 2 - González , Mosqueda

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

There were no Minutes presented for approval.

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR

[IRC 236](#)**January 13, 2020**ACTION 1:

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

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant, duly seconded and carried, to amend the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar by introducing Resolution 31926, and by referring it to the City Council for consideration on January 21, 2020.

Resolution 31926, A RESOLUTION reaffirming Seattle as a welcoming city, expressing the Seattle City Council's solidarity with Seattle's South Asian community regardless of religion and caste, and opposing India's National Register of Citizens and Citizenship Amendment Act.

ACTION 3:

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

The Motion carried and the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted as amended by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, 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

Robert Canamar addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119731.

Mark Taylor-Canfield addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 3, Resolution 31925.

Rebecca Laszlo addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119731.

Dan Gilman addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 3, Resolution 31925.

Cynthia Whetsell addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 3, Resolution 31925.

David Haines addressed the Council regarding a non-Agenda item.

Javed Skander addressed the Council regarding Introduction and Referral Calendar item, Resolution 31926.

Prashant Nema addressed the Council regarding Introduction and Referral Calendar item, Resolution 31926.

Hassan Khan addressed the Council regarding Introduction and Referral Calendar item, Resolution 31926.

Ibrahm Mogal addressed the Council regarding Introduction and Referral Calendar item, Resolution 31926.

Raghav addressed the Council regarding Introduction and Referral Calendar item, Resolution 31926.

McKenna Lux addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 3, Resolution 31925.

Cindy Black addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119731.

Ken Dammand addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119731.

Linda Brewster addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119731.

Brittney Bush Bollay addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Council Bill 119731.

H. PAYMENT OF BILLS

[CB 119734](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of December 30, 2019 through January 3, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119734.

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

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM:

1. [CB 119731](#) **AN ORDINANCE related to elections; prohibiting foreign-influenced corporations from making independent expenditures or contributing to campaigns and independent expenditure committees; amending Sections 2.04.010, 2.04.260, 2.04.270, 2.04.360, and 2.04.370 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC); and adding a new Section 2.04.400 to the SMC.**

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

In Favor: 6 - González , Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119731, Section 2, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 119731, Section 7, as shown in Attachment 2 to the Minutes.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119731 as amended.

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

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

2. [CB 119732](#) **AN ORDINANCE related to political advertising and qualified public communications; expanding commercial advertisers' duty to maintain and provide records regarding political advertising and qualified public communications; amending Sections 2.04.010 and 2.04.280 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC).**

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

In Favor: 6 - González , Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

3. [Res 31925](#) **A RESOLUTION affirming The City of Seattle's support for its local Iranian-American and Iranian-immigrant communities, recognizing the importance of people-to-people diplomacy at the local level, calling for a de-escalation in the conflict and damaging rhetoric between the U.S. and Iran and an end to the attacks on the democratic rights of people with Iranian heritage in Washington State and requesting the Office of Intergovernmental Relations communicate these positions to the Washington State congressional delegation.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawant and duly seconded, to hold Resolution 31925, until January 21, 2020.

The Motion carried, and the Resolution (Res) was held until January 21, 2020 by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

Opposed: None

K. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on January 27, 2020.

Lisa Herbold, President President Pro Tem of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

Att 1 - Action 1 of CB 119731

Att 2 - Action 2 of CB 119731

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Language to be removed from the SMC is shown struck out and surrounded by double parentheses.

Section 2. Section 2.04.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124694, is amended as follows:

2.04.010 Definitions

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“In-kind labor” means services provided by a person who volunteers all, or a portion, of ~~((his/her))~~ the person’s time to a candidate’s election campaign, and who is not paid by any person for such services.

“Independent expenditure” means an expenditure on behalf of ~~((;))~~ or opposing any election campaign, when such expenditure:

1. ~~((is))~~ Is made independently of the candidate, ~~((his/her))~~ the candidate’s political committee ~~((;))~~ or agent, or ~~((of))~~ any ballot proposition committee or its officers or agents; ~~((;))~~

2. ~~((and when such expenditure is))~~ Is made without the prior consent, or the collusion ~~((;))~~ or ~~((the))~~ cooperation, of the candidate, ~~((or his/her))~~ the candidate’s agent or political committee, or the ballot proposition committee or its officers or agents; ~~((;))~~ and

3. ~~((when such expenditure is))~~ Is not a contribution as defined in this Section 2.04.010.

An independent expenditure is made by a person on the earliest of the following events:
(a) the person agrees with a vendor or provider of services to make an independent expenditure;
or (b) the person incurs the obligation to make an independent expenditure; or (c) the person pays for an independent expenditure.

“Independent expenditure committee” means any political committee that makes an independent expenditure, or makes contributions to other independent expenditure committees, totaling \$1,000 or more in an election cycle for a City election.

“Knowledge.” A person knows or acts knowingly or with knowledge when:

1. ~~((the))~~ The person is aware of a fact, facts, or circumstances or result described by an offense in this ~~((title))~~ Title 2; or

2. ~~((he or she))~~ The person has information that would lead a reasonable person to believe that facts exist, which facts are described by an ordinance defining the offense, in violation of this ~~((title))~~ Title 2.

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Att 2 – Action 2 of CB 119731

Language added to CB 119731 is shown in red below. New language to be added to the bill is shown with a double underline. Language to be removed from the bill is shown with a ~~double-strikeout~~.

Section 7. A new Section 2.04.400 of the Seattle Municipal Code is added to Subchapter IV of Chapter 2.04 as follows:

2.04.400 ~~Limits on contributions to independent expenditure committees~~ Independent expenditures

A. No foreign-influenced corporation shall make an independent expenditure in elections for or against candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Council, or City Attorney of The City of Seattle, nor a contribution to an independent expenditure committee that has conveyed, implicitly or explicitly, that contributions to the committee may be used in elections for or against candidates for the offices of Mayor, City Council, or City Attorney of The City of Seattle.

B. An independent expenditure committee may dedicate any contributions that do not comply with the restrictions of Section 2.04.400 for use in elections outside Seattle or for other lawful purposes.