

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Seattle, WA 98104



## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

**Monday, April 6, 2020**

**2:00 PM**

**Remote Meeting. Call listen line at 206-684-8566 or access 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*

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*In-person attendance is currently prohibited per the Washington Governor's Proclamation No. 20-28 until April 23, 2020. 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 and guidance provided by the Attorney General's Office, on April 6, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m., with Council President González presiding.

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

**The following Councilmembers were present and participating by phone:**

**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 May 4, 2020.

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to not require a Public Comment period at City Council and Committee meetings where the Council is participating through electronic means through April 17, 2020.

#### **C. PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

[Min 275](#)

**March 30, 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 249](#)**April 6, 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 to amend the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar, by introducing Council Bills 119772, 119773, and 119774, and by referring the Bills to the Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee.

Council Bill 119772, AN ORDINANCE relating to taxation; imposing a payroll expense tax on persons engaging in business in Seattle; adding a new Chapter 5.38 to the Seattle Municipal Code; amending Sections 5.30.010, 5.30.060, 5.55.010, 5.55.040, 5.55.060, 5.55.150, 5.55.165, 5.55.220, 5.55.230, and 6.208.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Council Bill 119773, AN ORDINANCE relating to the financing of responses to the civil emergency; authorizing the loan of funds from the Low Income Housing Fund to the General Fund; authorizing the loan of funds from the Housing Incentive Fund to the General Fund; authorizing the loan of funds from the Families Education and Preschool Promise Levy Fund to the General Fund; authorizing the loan of funds from the Move Seattle Levy Fund to the General Fund; authorizing the loan of funds from the Seattle Parks District Fund to the General Fund; authorizing the loan of funds from the 2019 Library Levy Fund to the General Fund; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Council Bill 119774, AN ORDINANCE establishing a spending plan for the proceeds generated from the payroll expense tax authorized by the ordinance introduced as Council Bill 119772 to fund immediate cash assistance for low-income households impacted by the COVID-19 crisis in 2020 and the development of social housing that is permanently affordable, high-quality, and energy-efficient, to fund housing-related components of Seattle's Green New Deal as articulated in Resolution 31895, and to fund other investments; establishing a Social Housing Board and amending the duties of the Green New Deal Oversight Board to make funding recommendations; establishing a requirement for an Implementation Plan; adding a new Section 3.14.750 to, and amending Section 3.14.979 of, the

Seattle Municipal Code; amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the 2020 Budget; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

The Motion was not considered due to the lack of a second.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Morales and duly seconded, to reconsider the Motion in Action 2.

The Motion to reconsider carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: 1 - Lewis

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Morales, duly seconded and carried, to amend the Motion as stated in Action 2, by amending the referral of the Bills from the Sustainability and Renters' Rights Committee to the Select Budget Committee.

Amended Motion in Action 2:

Motion to amend the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar, by introducing Council Bills 119772, 119773, and 119774, and by referring the Bills to the Select Budget Committee.

ACTION 5:

The Motion in Action 2 was restated as amended and the Motion carried.

ACTION 6:

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:** 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. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

[CB 119767](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of March 23, 2020 through March 27, 2020 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119767.

**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

#### **H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [Res 31941](#) **A RESOLUTION establishing a committee to develop recommendations to enhance the capacity of the Office of City Auditor to conduct performance audits.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31941.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Lewis, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 31941, by substituting Section 1.A, as shown in the underlined language below:

Section 1.A. The Working Group for Performance Auditing shall consist of nine voting members appointed by the City Council, comprised as follows:

1. Two individuals with direct experience conducting performance audits of local government;
2. One individual from a company that provides performance audit, financial management, and/or government performance analytics services;
3. One representative of a labor union;
4. One faculty member from an institution of higher education with expertise in government performance analytics;
5. One Seattle community leader with experience promoting good government practices;
6. The Inspector General for Public Safety or designee;
7. The City Auditor or designee; and
8. The Chair of the Working Group, who shall be a member of the Seattle City Council nominated by the Chair of the Governance and Education Committee.

**ACTION 3:**

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31941 as amended.

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

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

**Opposed:** None

**I. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

There were none.

**J. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

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Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on April 13, 2020.

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M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk