

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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## Journal of the Proceedings of the Seattle City Council

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

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*

*Tammy J. Morales, Member*

*Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member*

*Maritza Rivera, Member*

*Rob Saka, Member*

*Dan Strauss, Member*

*Chair Info: 206-684-8809; [Sara.Nelson@seattle.gov](mailto:Sara.Nelson@seattle.gov)*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on December 3, 2024, 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, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Rinck

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected Councilmember Alexis Mercedes Rinck by Sharon Maeda, and then Councilmember Rinck addressed the Council.

Councilmember Saka read a Proclamation proclaiming December 3, 2024 to be "Patrick Sand Day."

The following Councilmembers affixed their signature to the Proclamation:  
9 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Demetrias Ann Redwine
- Carolyn Malone
- Shannon Woodman
- Ashley Barber
- Bethany Burton
- Bennett Haselton
- Howard Gale
- Alex Tsimerman
- Kathleen Brose
- Gabriel Jones
- Bailey Medilo
- Alberto Alvarez
- Oliver Miska

**E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:**

[IRC 458](#)      **December 3, 2024**

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

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

**Opposed:** None

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**Journal:**

[Min 494](#)      **November 12, 2024**

**The Minutes (Min) were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):**

**In Favor:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Saka, Strauss, Rinck

**Opposed:** None

**Absent(NV):** 1 - Rivera

[Min 495](#)      **November 21, 2024**

**The Minutes (Min) were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):**

**In Favor:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Saka, Strauss, Rinck

**Opposed:** None

**Absent(NV):** 1 - Rivera

**Bills:**

[CB 120914](#)      **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of November 11, 2024, through November 15, 2024, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

**The Council Bill (CB) was adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):**

**In Favor:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Saka, Strauss, Rinck

**Opposed:** None

**Absent(NV):** 1 - Rivera

[CB 120915](#)      **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of November 18 through November 22, 2024, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

**The Council Bill (CB) was adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):**

**In Favor:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Nelson, Saka, Strauss, Rinck

**Opposed:** None

**Absent(NV):** 1 - Rivera

**H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports presented.

**I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were none.

**J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

1. [Res 32155](#) **A RESOLUTION setting forth The City of Seattle’s 2025 State Legislative Agenda.**

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32155.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 32155, by adding the following language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of Resolution 32155, as shown in the underlined language below:

- Clarify applicability of exceptions to statutory requirements for juvenile access to attorneys when contacted by law enforcement for juveniles who may be a victim of a crime or witness to a crime.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss,  
Opposed: 2 - Morales, Rinck

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Kettle and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 32155, by amending the language under the heading “Adequate Funding for Services & Local Governments” in Exhibit 1 of Resolution 32155, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

- Increase funding for mental health supports for students and invest in a wide range of programs and projects including, but not limited to, Red Barn Ranch, ~~which supports~~ and other programs that support the mental and physical health of youth;

And, by amending the following language as shown in the underlined language below:

- Fully fund K-12 education and support Seattle Public Schools

families through investments in basic education, mental health, student transportation, universal free school meals, special education, technical assistance for districts, and other operational costs.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 32155, by amending the following language under the heading “Adequate Funding for Services & Local Governments” in Exhibit 1 of Resolution 32155, as shown in the underlined language below:

- Fully fund early childhood/preschool and K-12 education and support Seattle Public Schools families through investments in basic education, student transportation, universal free school meals, special education, technical assistance for districts, and other operational costs.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

ACTION 5:

Motion was made by Councilmember Strauss and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 32155, by adding the following language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of Resolution 32155, as shown in underlined language below:

- Support continued efforts to address the high rate of disappearances and murders of indigenous women and people;

And, by adding the following underlined language under the heading

“BEHAVIORAL HEALTH” in Exhibit 1 of Resolution 32155, and as shown in the underlined language below:

**PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

- Support safe access to abortion and other reproductive healthcare services for all.

And, by amending the following language under the heading “Economic Development & Small Business” in Exhibit 1 of Resolution 32155, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

- ~~Support special events and World Cup activations by allowing flexible movement of food and drink.~~ Support special events and World Cup activations regarding food and drink;

And, by adding the following language under the heading “Climate & Environment” in Exhibit 1 of Resolution 32155, as shown in the underlined language below:

- Support policies and investments to fight climate change, support climate adaptation, and assist local government removal of fish passage barriers.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Morales, Rinck, Saka, Strauss,

Opposed: None

Abstained: 2 - Nelson, Rivera

**ACTION 6:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 32155, by adding the following language under the heading “Adequate Funding for Services and Local Governments” in Exhibit 1 of Resolution 32155, as shown in the underlined language below:

- Explore progressive revenue options first, before considering options that put a higher tax burden on low-income and middle-income households.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 5 - Moore, Morales, Rinck, Saka, Strauss,

Opposed: 1 - Kettle

Abstained: 3 - Hollingsworth, Nelson, Rivera

**ACTION 7:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck and duly seconded, to amend Resolution 32155, by adding the following language under the heading "Housing & Homelessness" in Exhibit 1 of Resolution 32155, as shown in the underlined language below:

- Increase funding for the Housing Trust Fund and other housing programs to maximize state leverage for local housing priorities, including the development of permanent supportive housing, homeownership, workforce housing, and operating support for new and existing affordable buildings.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6 - Kettle, Moore, Morales, Rinck, Saka, Strauss,

Opposed: None

Abstained: 3 - Hollingsworth, Nelson, Rivera

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

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

**Opposed:** None

2. [Res 32157](#) **A RESOLUTION relating to participation, for 2024 and 2025, on King County Committees, Regional Committees, State Committees, and City of Seattle Committees; and superseding Resolution 32127.**

Motion was made by Council President Nelson and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 32157.

Councilmember Moore was excused from the remainder of the City Council meeting and left the council chamber at 4:00 p.m.

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

**In Favor:** 8 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Morales, Nelson, Rivera, Saka, Strauss, Rinck

**Opposed:** None

**Absent(NV):** 1 - Moore

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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**Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk**

**Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on December 10, 2024.**

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**Sara Nelson, Council President of the City Council**