

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Full Council

Tim Burgess, Council President

Sally Bagshaw

Jean Godden

M. Lorena Gonzalez

Bruce Harrell

Nick Licata

Mike O'Brien

Tom Rasmussen

Kshama Sawant

Chair Info: 206-684-8806; tim.burgess@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 September 28, 2015, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., with Council President Burgess presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Rasmussen, Sawant

C. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR

[IRC 32](#) **September 28, 2015**

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

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION 1:

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

ACTION 2:

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to amend the proposed Agenda by holding Agenda Item 9, Resolution 31611, until October 5, 2015.

Resolution 31611, A RESOLUTION relating to the State Route 520, Interstate 5 to Medina Bridge Replacement and High Occupancy Vehicle Project; recognizing the completion of a design refinements effort and a recommendations report for the west side portion of the project and recommending actions by the City of Seattle and State of Washington based on results of this effort.

ACTION 3:

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

E. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

[Min 37](#)

September 14, 2015

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 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

[Min 38](#)

September 21, 2015

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 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

F. PRESENTATIONS

The Council was at ease at 2:06 p.m. while Councilmembers Godden and Okamoto escorted Mayor Murray to the Council Chamber.

The Council was called back to order at 2:10 p.m.

Mayor Murray presented his 2016 Proposed Budget.

The Mayor's Budget Address concluded at 2:48 p.m., and the Council was at ease.

The Council was called back to order at 2:53 p.m.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Sawant left the Council Chamber at 2:53 p.m.

Nicole Grant addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Resolution 31609.

Paul W. Locke addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Resolution 31609.

Mira Latoszek addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 2, Council Bill 118506.

Patrica Naurvann addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 2, Council Bill 118506.

Mark Holland addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 2, Council Bill 118506.

Cameron Justam addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 2, Council Bill 118506.

Kayla Schott Bresler addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 1, Resolution 31609.

Jay Garison addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 2, Council Bill 118506.

Joel DeJong addressed the Council regarding Agenda item 2, Council Bill 118506.

H. PAYMENT OF BILLS

[CB 118517](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 118517.

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

In Favor: 8 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Sawant

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

- 1. [Res 31609](#) **A RESOLUTION** declaring the City Council's intent to consider strategies to increase the availability of affordable housing in The City of Seattle; and requesting the State Legislature to adopt new policies or modify existing policies in order to provide additional opportunities for cities and counties to increase the availability of affordable housing.

The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 7 - O'Brien, Okamoto, Burgess, Bagshaw, Godden, Harrell, Licata

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 8 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Sawant

SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Sawant entered the Council Chamber at 3:12 p.m.

- 2. [CB 118506](#) **AN ORDINANCE** related to the Cheasty Greenspace Trails and Bike Park Pilot Project and amending Section 5 of Ordinance 124546.

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

In Favor: 3 - Bagshaw, Harrell, Godden

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

3. [Appt 00206](#) **Appointment of Jordan Kiel as member, Landmarks Preservation Board, for a term of confirmation to August 15, 2018.**

The Committee recommends that Full Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 3 - Bagshaw, Harrell, Godden

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

4. [Appt 00211](#) **Appointment of Julianne J. Patterson as member, Landmarks Preservation Board, for a term of confirmation to August 15, 2018.**

The Committee recommends that Full Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 3 - Bagshaw, Harrell, Godden

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

5. [Appt 00221](#) **Appointment of Robert H. Waldman as member, Children’s Hospital Medical Review Committee, for a term of confirmation to September 24, 2018.**

The Committee recommends that Full Council confirm the Appointment (Appt).

In Favor: 3 - Bagshaw, Harrell, Godden

Opposed: None

The Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

FINANCE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

6. [Res 31617](#) **A RESOLUTION amending Resolution 31334; establishing the Council’s intent to fund the Seattle City Employees’ Retirement System in accordance with the January 1, 2015 Actuarial Study.**

The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 4 - Licata, Godden, Burgess, O'Brien

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

7. [Res 31619](#) A RESOLUTION approving interest rates set by the Seattle City Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration for 2016.

The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 4 - Licata, Godden, Burgess, O'Brien

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY, HUMAN SERVICES AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY

- 8. [CB 118505](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption Program; amending Sections 5.73.010, 5.73.020, 5.73.030, 5.73.040, 5.73.050, 5.73.060, 5.73.070, 5.73.080, 5.73.090, 5.73.100, and 5.73.110, adding Section 5.73.105, and repealing Section 5.73.120 of the Seattle Municipal Code to renew and modify the Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption program.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Okamoto, Sawant, Godden, Burgess

Opposed: None

Abstain: 1 - Licata

ACTION 1

Motion was made by Councilmember Licata, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 118505, Section 13, by not repealing Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.73.120, entitled, "Expiration of program," and by deleting "2015" and adding "2019."

ACTION 2

Motion was made by Councilmember Licata, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 118505, Section 10, Seattle Municipal Code Section 5.73.100, by adding a new Subsection D, entitled, "The Director will annually analyze rent level information for Affordable units in buildings that received a Final Certificate of Tax Exemption seven years prior, compared with rent levels for market-rate units of comparable size and age that are located in comparable neighborhoods and include this analysis in the Director's annual report to the City Council."

ACTION 3

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 118505 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: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

9. [RES 31611](#) **A RESOLUTION relating to the State Route 520, Interstate 5 to Medina Bridge Replacement and High Occupancy Vehicle Project; recognizing the completion of a design refinements effort and a recommendations report for the west side portion of the project and recommending actions by the City of Seattle and State of Washington based on results of this effort.**

The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 5 - Rasmussen, O'Brien, Godden, Sawant, Burgess

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Okamoto

The Resolution (Res) was held until October 5, 2015 by the following vote:

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

10. [Res 31618](#) **A RESOLUTION endorsing recommendations for improving the City of Seattle's traffic incident management response; affirming the City's commitment to traffic safety and mobility; recognizing the application of the state's "Steer It Clear It" law, RCW 46.52.020(2)(a), and "Hold Harmless" law, RCW 46.52.020(2)(b), to drivers and police officers in the City; and directing the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to pursue an extension of the "Hold Harmless" protection to Seattle Department of Transportation traffic incident response personnel.**

The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 3 - Rasmussen, O'Brien, Godden

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

ENERGY COMMITTEE

11. [CB 118514](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of City Light, or his or her designee, to execute the Amended and Restated Agreement Limiting Liability Among Western Interconnected Electrical Systems, which enables City Light to manage and resolve inter-utility incidents with members of the Western Interconnected Electrical System and fosters the City Light Department’s customer relations and participation in important regional programs; and further authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of City Light, or his or her designee, to execute amendments to such agreement that are consistent with the intent and authority set forth in this ordinance.**

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

In Favor: 3 - Sawant, Okamoto, O'Brien

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

12. [Res 31616](#) A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; endorsing the City Light Department’s Wholesale Energy Risk Management policy governing wholesale energy, transmission, ancillary services, renewable energy credit, and greenhouse gas offset trading, and their risk management; establishing it as the policy governing the conduct of wholesale energy, renewable energy credit, and greenhouse gas offset risk management at the City Light Department; and superseding Resolutions 31467 and 31216.

The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 3 - Sawant, Okamoto, O'Brien

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

Reconsideration of Resolution 31609

[Res 31609](#) **A RESOLUTION declaring the City Council's intent to consider strategies to increase the availability of affordable housing in The City of Seattle; and requesting the State Legislature to adopt new policies or modify existing policies in order to provide additional opportunities for cities and counties to increase the availability of affordable housing.**

The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res).

In Favor: 7 - O'Brien, Okamoto, Burgess, Bagshaw, Godden, Harrell, Licata

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Burgess, duly seconded and carried, to reconsider the motion to adopt Resolution 31609.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31690.

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

In Favor: 9 - Bagshaw, Burgess, Godden, Harrell, Licata, O'Brien, Okamoto, Rasmussen, Sawant

Opposed: None

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Emilia M. Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on October 12, 2015.

Tim Burgess, President of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk