

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

600 Fourth Ave. 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98104



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Monday, March 29, 2021

2:00 PM

Remote Meeting. Call 253-215-8782; Meeting ID: 586 416 9164; or
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

Chair Info: 206-684-8809; Lorena.González@seattle.gov

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met remotely pursuant to Washington State Governor's Proclamation 20-28.15, and guidance provided by the Attorney General's Office, on March 29, 2021, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m., with Council President González presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Councilmembers were present and participating electronically:

Present: 9 - González , Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant, Strauss

C. PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Strauss presented a Proclamation honoring Sam Assefa, Director of the Office of Planning and Community Development, for his service to the City of Seattle, and declaring March 29, 2021, to be Sam Assefa Day. By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Councilmember Strauss to present the Proclamation, and to allow Mr. Assefa to address the Council.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

[Min 325](#)

March 22, 2021

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 296](#)

March 29, 2021

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the proposed Introduction and Referral Calendar (IRC) 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. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Kate Rubin
Beatriz Lacombe
Jacob Schear
Peggy Hotes
Howard Gale
Daniel Kavanaugh
Amzi Jeffs
Jessica Scalzo
Greyson Van Arsdale
Hannah Swoboda
Jordan Quinn
Brogan Thomsen
Kailyn Nicholson
Arianna Laureano
Tara Miller
Alycia Lewis
Blythe Serrano
Addie Smith
Margot Stewart
Morgan Bartlett
Emily McArthur
Shirley Henderson
Dan McCraw
Mindi Lee
Eva Metz
Star Willey
Barbara Phinney
Madeline Olson
Julia Kobelt
Alvin Muragori
Matthew Wylder
Matthew Smith
Evan Wiederspan
Michelle Lucas
Sarah Gonser
Jake Laundry
Gabriel Mahan
Charlotte Thistle
Carol Forney
Sonja Ponath
Anitra Freeman

Kathryn Dawson
Rao Talasila

H. PAYMENT OF BILLS

[CB 120022](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims for the week of March 15, 2021 through March 19, 2021 and ordering the payment thereof.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120022.

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

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

Opposed: None

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUSTAINABILITY AND RENTERS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE:

1. [CB 120007](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to residential evictions; guaranteeing the right to legal counsel regardless of ability to pay for any residential renter in Seattle responding to an unlawful detainer suit; and adding a new Section 22.206.195 to the Seattle Municipal Code.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB) with a Divided Report.

In Favor: 3 - Sawant, Morales, Lewis

Opposed: 1 - Pedersen

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 120007, Section 1, Seattle Municipal Code Subsection 22.206.195.C.1, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

Seattle Municipal Code 22.206.195.C.1

1. Has experience providing legal representation for ~~supporting~~ renters advocating for their legal rights;

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Herbold, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 120007, Section 1, Seattle Municipal Code Subsection 22.206.195, by adding a new Subsection G, as shown in the underlined language below:

Seattle Municipal Code 22.206.195.G

G. The attorney organization with whom the Director contracts shall report the number of cases and estimated attorney hours spent on court proceedings beyond or in lieu of representation at a show cause hearing or first appearance. The Council intends to consider this information in determining whether to amend this section 22.206.195.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember González and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120007, by adding a new 15th recital; and by amending Section 1, Seattle Municipal Code Subsection 22.206.195.A, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

Amendment to the Recitals:and

WHEREAS, to minimize as many barriers to access to counsel as possible while limiting access to those with financial obstacles, this ordinance would require tenants to qualify for representation due to indigency;

Amendment to Section 1:

Seattle Municipal Code 22.206.195.A

A. Any tenant residing in Seattle who is named in an unlawful detainer suit under chapter 59.18 RCW has the right to legal counsel free of charge as set forth in this Section 22.206.195, ~~regardless of the person's ability to pay~~ if the tenant is indigent. For the purposes of this Section, a person is "indigent" who, at any stage of an unlawful detainer suit, is unable to pay the cost of counsel for representation in the unlawful detainer suit because the person's available funds are insufficient to retain counsel. Any entity with which the City contracts for legal representation provided under this Section is authorized to establish the process for determining and verifying a tenant's indigent status.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Opposed: 1 - Sawant

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Pedersen and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120007, by amending the 12th recital, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council intends that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections will continue, and as needed, expand its contract with the Housing Justice Project in 2021 and 2022 to fulfill the commitments in this ordinance and will conduct an open Request for Proposal process during 2022 for awarding funds to qualified attorney organization(s) for 2023 and beyond with contracts, the terms of which do not exceed two years each ~~unless another attorney organization becomes better suited to accomplish this work at some future date;~~ and

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In Favor: 6 - González, Herbold, Juarez, Lewis, Pedersen, Strauss
Opposed: 3 - Morales, Mosqueda, Sawant

ACTION 5:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120007 as amended.

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

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

Opposed: None

2. [Appt 01842](#) **Appointment of Debolina Banerjee as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2022.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Sawant, Morales, Juarez, Lewis, Pedersen
Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

3. [Appt 01843](#) **Appointment of Matt Remle as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2023.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Sawant, Morales, Juarez, Lewis, Pedersen
Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

4. [Appt 01845](#) **Appointment of Jess Wallach as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2022.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Sawant, Morales, Juarez, Lewis, Pedersen

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

5. [Appt 01846](#) **Appointment of Rachel Heaton as member, Green New Deal Oversight Board, for a term to April 30, 2023.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Sawant, Morales, Juarez, Lewis, Pedersen

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

6. [CB 120015](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; amending rates, terms, and conditions for the use and sale of electricity supplied by the City Light Department for 2021 and 2022; amending Sections 21.49.030, 21.49.052, 21.49.055, 21.49.057, 21.49.058, and 21.49.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Pedersen, Strauss, González , Herbold, Morales

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

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7. [Appt 01832](#) **Appointment of Jasmine Aryana as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to May 31, 2022.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01832.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

8. [Appt 01833](#) **Reappointment of Emily Kim as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to May 31, 2021.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01833.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

9. [Appt 01834](#) **Appointment of Martha Lucas as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to May 31, 2021.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01834.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

10. [Appt 01835](#) **Reappointment of Julie Pham as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to May 31, 2021.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01835.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

11. [Appt 01836](#) **Reappointment of William H. Southern, Jr. as member, Community Involvement Commission, for a term to May 31, 2022.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01836.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

12. [Appt 01837](#) **Reappointment of Jessica L. Jones as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2024.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01837.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

13. [Appt 01838](#) **Reappointment of Stuart Niven as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2024.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01838.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

14. [Appt 01839](#) **Reappointment of Sarah Rehder as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2024.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01839.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

15. [Appt 01840](#) **Reappointment of Shari Selch as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2024.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01840.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

16. [Appt 01841](#) **Reappointment of Michael Walton as member, Urban Forestry Commission, for a term to March 31, 2024.**

Motion was made and duly seconded to confirm Appointment 01841.

The Motion carried, and the Appointment (Appt) was confirmed by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

LAND USE AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE:

17. [CB 120021](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to historic preservation; imposing controls upon the Swedish Club, a landmark designated by the Landmarks Preservation Board under Chapter 25.12 of the Seattle Municipal Code, and adding it to the Table of Historical Landmarks contained in Chapter 25.32 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Strauss, Mosqueda, Juarez, Lewis, Pedersen

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to excuse Councilmember Strauss from the April 12, 2021 City Council meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on April 5, 2021.

M. Lorena González, Council President of the City Council

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk