

# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Council Briefing

**September 15, 2025 - 2:00 PM**

### **Meeting Location:**

Council Chamber, City Hall, 600 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

### **Committee Website:**

<http://www.seattle.gov/council/>

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Please Note: Times listed are estimated.

### **1. Approval of the Minutes**

#### **Council Briefing Minutes (2025)**

[September 8, 2025](#)

### **2. President's Report**

2:00 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.

### **3. 2025 Budget Process Preview**

2:05 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.

**Presenter:** Ben Noble, Director, Council Central Staff

[Presentation](#)

**4. Signing of Letters and Proclamations**

2:25 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**5. Preview of City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees**

2:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

**City Council Agenda (2025)**

[Preliminary September 16, 2025, Agenda](#)



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Council Briefing Minutes (2025)



Council Chamber, City Hall  
600 4th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

# Seattle Council Committee Report Council Briefing

**Monday, September 8, 2025, 2:00 PM**

**Meeting Start Time:** 2:03 p.m.

**Presiding Officer:** Council President Nelson

**Present:** 8 - Sara Nelson, Debora Juarez, Robert Kettle, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Maritza Rivera, Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Dan Strauss

**Excused:** 1 - Joy Hollingsworth

## 1. Approval of the Minutes

**Inf 2609** Council Briefing Minutes (2025)

The August 11, 2025, Council Briefing Minutes were approved.

## 2. President's Report

3. **Inf 2722** 2025-2026 Get Engaged Appointments

The Information Item (Inf) was heard in Committee.

## 4. Signing of Letters and Proclamations

## 5. Preview of City Council Actions, Council and Regional Committees

**Inf 2610** City Council Agenda (2025)

The Information Item (Inf) was heard in Committee.

**Meeting Adjournment Time:** 4:17 p.m.

**Prepared by:** Phillip Wood-Smith, Deputy City Clerk



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2025 Budget Process Preview

# Fall 2025 Budget Process







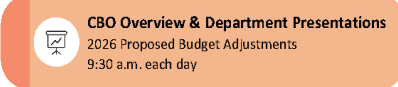






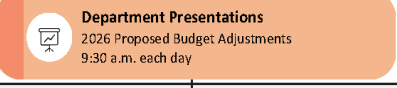



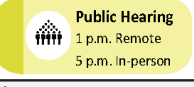













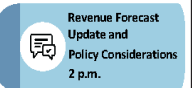
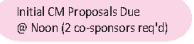
## 2026 Proposed Budget

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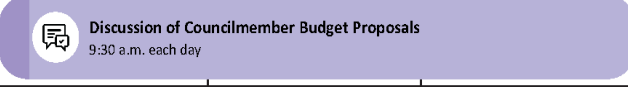








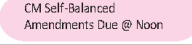



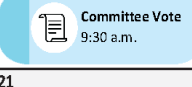









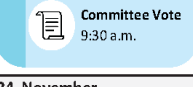
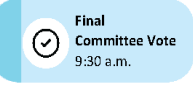

Ben Noble, Central Staff Director  
September 15, 2025

# Fall 2025 Budget Calendar

## Week 1 - 5

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Week 1	22 September Rosh Hashanah Begins	23 <b>Mayor Transmits 2026 Proposed Budget Adjustments</b> City Council 2 p.m.	24 Rosh Hashanah Ends	25   	26   
	 <b>CBO Overview &amp; Department Presentations</b> 2026 Proposed Budget Adjustments 9:30 a.m. each day				
Week 2	29 September   	30   	1 October Yom Kippur begins	2 Yom Kippur ends	3
	 <b>Department Presentations</b> 2026 Proposed Budget Adjustments 9:30 a.m. each day				
Week 3	6 October	7   	8	9	10
		 <b>Public Hearing</b> 1 p.m. Remote 5 p.m. In-person			
Week 4	13 October Indigenous Peoples' Day	14	15   	16   	17   
	 <b>Central Staff Presentation: Policy Considerations</b> 9:30 a.m. each day				
Week 5	20 October   	21	22	23	24
	 <b>Revenue Forecast Update and Policy Considerations</b> 2 p.m.	 Initial CM Proposals Due @ Noon (2 co-sponsors req'd)			

## Week 6 - 9

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Week 6	27 October	28   	29   	30   	31
	 <b>Discussion of Councilmember Budget Proposals</b> 9:30 a.m. each day				
Week 7	3 November	4 Election day	5   	6   	7
			 <b>Chair's Balancing Package</b> 9:30 a.m.	 <b>Public Hearing</b> 1 p.m. Remote 5 p.m. In-person	 CM Self-Balanced Amendments Due @ Noon
Week 8	10 November	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14   
					 <b>Committee Vote</b> 9:30 a.m.
Week 9	17 November   	18	19	20   	21   
	 <b>Committee Vote</b> 9:30 a.m.			 <b>Final Committee Vote</b> 9:30 a.m.	 <b>Special City Council Meeting</b> Final Action on Budget Time TBD
Week 10	24 November	25 General Election Certified	26	27 Thanksgiving Holiday	28 Thanksgiving Holiday

# Council's Budget Review and Adoption Process



# Step 1

Week 1-2

## Mayor Transmits 2026 Proposed Budget CBO and Department presentations

The Mayor's 2026 Proposed Budget is released on Tuesday, Sept 23

- Mayor delivers budget speech on Sept 23
- Changes in the 2026 Proposed Budget will be shown relative to the 2026 Endorsed Budget

CBO Overview & Department Presentations (Sept 25-30)

- City Budget Office – Overview of 2026 Proposed Budget
- Select department presentations, describing proposed changes to funding for existing programs, services, or staffing, and any new proposed initiatives
- All departments will prepare presentations, even those not scheduled for Committee discussion

DATE	Thursday, Sept 25	Friday, Sept 26	Monday, Sept 29	Tuesday, Sept 30
Session I	Public Comment	OPCD	SPD	OH
	CS Intro & CBO Overview	OSE	CARE	Seattle Center
		SPR	SFD	OED
Session II	Federal Backfill	SDOT	HSD	ARTS
	0.1% Sales Tax Proposal			SDCI

# Step 2

Week 3-4

## Central Staff Policy Considerations and Revenue Forecast Update

### Central Staff Presentation of Policy Considerations (Oct 15 – 20)

- Identify potential budget considerations and, where appropriate, offer policy options
- Opportunity for CMs to review, discuss, and ask questions about the Proposed Budget
- Opportunity for CMs to share amendment ideas they are considering

### Revenue Forecast Update (Oct 20)

- The City's Economic and Revenue Forecast Council will meet at 9:30 AM to receive, review, and approve the forecast.
- A summary of the forecast will be presented at the Budget Committee meeting in the afternoon, with an opportunity for questions and discussion among Councilmembers.

# Step 3

Week 5-6

## Presentation of Councilmember Budget Proposals

Central Staff will prepare a Council Budget Action (or Statement of Legislative Intent) for all submitted CM proposals (w/two co-sponsors).

***The deadline for Councilmembers' proposed amendments is Noon on October 21st***

### Discussion of Councilmember Budget Proposals (Oct 28 – 30)

- Each submitted CM proposal will be discussed in committee
- CS will provide a summary description of the proposal
- CMs will provide the rationale for their proposals
- CMs may wish to signal co-sponsorship during committee

*The Budget Chair will consider the discussed CM proposals for inclusion in his **Chair's Balancing Package***

# Step 4

Week 7

## Presentation of Chair's Balancing Package

Central Staff works with the Budget Chair to develop a balanced package of changes to the Proposed Budget following conversations between the Budget Chair and each CM

### Chair's Balancing Package Presentation (November 5)

- Changes to reflect priorities identified by individual CMs in committee discussions and one-on-one meetings with the Budget Chair and Central Staff
- Typically includes reductions to fund CM proposals (may be identified in initial proposals)
- Will include amendments to address the October revenue forecast update, if necessary

*Note: November 4 is Election Day. FEPP Levy and Seattle Shield B&O proposal will be on the ballot.*

# Step 5

Week 8-9

## Vote on Balancing Package and Amendments

### Discussion and Vote on Proposed Amendments (Nov 14, 17)

- Chair will organize amendments into voting groups to facilitate discussion
  - **Vote** on proposed changes to the Chair's Balancing Package
  - **Vote** on other self-balanced proposals

***Note: Because of the implications for overall balancing, walk-on amendments will be difficult for Central Staff to manage at this stage of the budget process. Please work with Central Staff as early as possible to avoid them.***

### Final Committee Action (November 20)

- Policy decisions will have been made with Nov 14, 17 votes
- **Reserved** for technical adjustments and to ensure balancing
- Final committee action to recommend budget to Full Council

# Step 6

Week 9

## Final Committee & Council Action

### City Council Special Meeting (Nov 21)

- **Final action** on proposed budget and associated budget legislation

# Department Name

## 2026 Proposed Budget Overview

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# Summary

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Budget Headline – ex. The Department of International Magical Cooperation will forgo new wand purchases over the next two years, resulting in a reduced level of service to other Ministry departments.

TOTAL BUDGET (\$000s)	2025 Adopted	2026 Endorsed	2026 Proposed
General Fund	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx
Other Funds	\$xxx	\$xxx	\$xxx
FTE	xx.x	xx.x	xx.x

Instructions: Describe one significant reduction per slide; add additional slides as necessary. The description and scaling options should focus on the impact to services and programs – in other words, why does this change matter. Use red font and parentheses to denote reductions.

# Significant Reductions

## 1. Title

- Describe the reduction and the impact to programs and services; will certain groups/areas be disproportionately impacted
- Scaling Options – what impacts would additional reductions have; are there options for partially restoring the programs/services – describe the increments to “buy back” services

(\$000s)	2025 Adopted	2026 Endorsed	2026 Proposed	% Change (Endorsed to Proposed)
General Fund	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$xxx	(xx%)
Other Funds	--	--	--	--
FTE	--	--	--	--

# Significant Additions

## 1. Title

- Describe the addition and the impact to programs and services; who will benefit from the proposal; will this addition persist in future years
- Options & Context – impetus for the change; does this addition leverage funding from outside partners; impact of scaling the proposal up or down; consequences of not making the addition

(\$000s)	2025 Adopted	2026 Endorsed	2026 Proposed	% Change (Endorsed to Proposed)
General Fund	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	xx%
Other Funds	--	--	--	--
FTE	--	--	--	--

# Budget QnA Site

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- Budget Question and Answer (QnA) site is used for exchanging questions and answers between the Council and the Executive during Council's budget deliberations
- Central Staff posts questions on behalf of Council Offices and CBO posts responses on behalf of departments (goal is three business days)
- Provides a single, comprehensive repository of all questions and answers for each department to better coordinate information requests, avoid redundancy, and reduce the sheer volume of requests

Questions?



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City Council Agenda (2025)



# CITY OF SEATTLE

## City Council

### Agenda

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

**2:00 PM**

**Council Chamber, City Hall  
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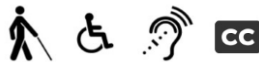
**Sara Nelson, Council President  
Joy Hollingsworth, Member  
Debora Juarez, Member  
Robert Kettle, Member  
Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member  
Maritza Rivera, Member  
Rob Saka, Member  
Mark Solomon, Member  
Dan Strauss, Member**

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# CITY OF SEATTLE

## City Council Agenda

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Remote Public Comment - Register online to speak during the Public Comment period at <https://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>. Online registration to speak will begin one hour before the meeting start time, and registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting.

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### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

### **B. ROLL CALL**

**C. PRESENTATIONS****D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Members of the public may sign up to address the Council for up to 2 minutes on matters on this agenda; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes.*

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

*Introduction and referral to Council committees of Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF) for committee recommendation.*

**F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA****G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

*The Consent Calendar consists of routine items. A Councilmember may request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the regular agenda.*

**Journal:****Bills:****Appointments:****LIBRARIES, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE:****[Appt 03320](#)**

Appointment of VJ Kopacki as member, Landmarks Preservation Board, for a term to August 14, 2028.

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

**In Favor: 4 - Rivera, Rinck, Hollingsworth, Solomon**

**Opposed: None**

[Appt 03321](#) Appointment of Erica J. Thomas as member, Landmarks Preservation Board, for a term to August 14, 2028.

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

**In Favor: 4 - Rivera, Rinck, Hollingsworth, Solomon  
Opposed: None**

**PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:**

[Appt 03218](#) Reappointment of Mark F. Dederer as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2028.

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

**In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss  
Opposed: None**

[Appt 03295](#) Appointment of Jane C. Stonecipher as member, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for a term to 3 years from Council confirmation.

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

**In Favor: 4 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss  
Opposed: None**

[Appt 03296](#) Appointment of Kevin Werner as member, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for a term to 3 years from Council confirmation.

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

**In Favor: 4 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss  
Opposed: None**

[Appt 03297](#) Appointment of Daya Zhang as member, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, for a term to 3 years from Council confirmation.

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

**In Favor: 4 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss  
Opposed: None**

[Appt 03298](#) Reappointment of Sally Bagshaw as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2028.

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

**In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

[Appt 03299](#) Reappointment of Michael George as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2028.

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

**In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

[Appt 03300](#) Appointment of Adriane Musuneggi as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2028.

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

**In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

[Appt 03301](#) Appointment of Eric Pettigrew as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2027.

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

**In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

[Appt 03302](#) Appointment of Matt Roewe as member, Seattle Center Advisory Commission, for a term to September 28, 2028.

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

**In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

**H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Discussion and vote on Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res),  
Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF).*

**CITY COUNCIL:**

1. [Res 32182](#) A RESOLUTION of intention to change the assessment rate and exemptions for the SODO Parking and Business Improvement Area and fix a date and place for a hearing thereon.

**HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

2. [CB 121039](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to residential property transactions; requiring certain disclosures to owners before presenting an offer to purchase a residential property; establishing consumer protections for owners of solicited residential property; and adding a new Chapter 6.610 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

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

**In Favor: 5 - Juarez, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon**

**Opposed: None**

**LIBRARIES, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE:**

3. [CB 121075](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to historic preservation; imposing controls upon Tolliver Temple Church of God in Christ, 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: 4 - Rivera, Rinck, Hollingsworth, Solomon**

**Opposed: None**

**PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:**

4. [CB 121037](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; updating side sewer regulations to conform to current standards, clarify existing requirements, allow side sewer fees to be created by Director's Rule, and update definitions; renumbering existing subsections 21.16.240.B and 21.16.240.C of the Seattle Municipal Code as Section 21.16.241 and further amending the section; amending Sections 21.16.030, 21.16.040, 21.16.070, 21.16.077, 21.16.140, 21.16.240, and 21.16.270 of the Seattle Municipal Code; renumbering existing and repealing Sections 21.16.071 and 21.16.350 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: 4 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

5. [CB 121050](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; authorizing the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of Seattle Public Utilities to execute the First Amended and Restated Contract between The City of Seattle and its long-term, full and partial requirements contract holders for the supply of water; authorizing the withdrawal of funds from the Water Fund Revenue Stabilization Subfund; providing budget authority to use such funds to provide payments to Water Utilities as required under the proposed contracts; amending Ordinance 127156, which adopted the 2025 Budget, including the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program; changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; imposing a proviso; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

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

**In Favor: 4 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

6. [Res 32175](#) A RESOLUTION relating to Seattle Public Utilities (SPU); amending Resolution 31800, as later amended by Resolution 31825; and updating the ongoing Customer Review Panel to provide additional opportunities for young adult engagement and clarify panel eligibility for optional stipends, as SPU implements the six-year Strategic Business Plan (Plan) and conducts future Plan updates.
- The Committee recommends that City Council adopt the Resolution (Res).**  
**In Favor: 4 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss**  
**Opposed: None**

**SUSTAINABILITY, CITY LIGHT, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE:**

7. [CB 121062](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; authorizing the execution of a 16-year power purchase agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration and related agreements.
- The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).**  
**In Favor: 5 - Rinck, Juarez, Saka, Solomon, Strauss**  
**Opposed: None**
8. [CB 121063](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; authorizing the Department to develop programs, enter into agreements with customers and other parties, and provide incentives for modifications to customer electricity consumption; and amending Section 21.49.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code.
- The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).**  
**In Favor: 5 - Rinck, Juarez, Saka, Solomon, Strauss**  
**Opposed: None**
9. [Res 32176](#) A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; acknowledging and approving the City Light Department's adoption of a biennial energy conservation target for 2026-2027 and ten-year conservation potential.
- The Committee recommends that City Council adopt the Resolution (Res).**  
**In Favor: 5 - Rinck, Juarez, Saka, Solomon, Strauss**  
**Opposed: None**

10. [Res 32181](#) A RESOLUTION relating to the City Light Department; approving the City Light Department's 2026-2029 Clean Energy Implementation Plan as required by Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), chapter 19.405 RCW.

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

**In Favor: 5 - Rinck, Juarez, Saka, Solomon, Strauss**

**Opposed: None**

**I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

**J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS**

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**