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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION relating to committee structure, membership, meeting times, and duties of the standing committees of the Seattle City Council for 2020 and 2021; allowing for suspension of standing committee meetings for consideration of a Revised 2020 Budget due to the COVID-19 Emergency declared March 3, 2020; and superseding Resolution 31922.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. Effective June 8, 2020 and until further notice, except as provided in Section 6 of this resolution from June 15, 2020 through July 17, 2020 or until the adoption of a Revised 2020 Budget, whichever is earlier, the Seattle City Council’s standing committees, membership, and meeting times are as shown below, superseding Resolution 31922.

Standing Committee	Committee Members		Committee Meeting Days and Times <sup>1,2</sup>
<b>Community Economic Development</b>	Chair	Morales	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Lewis	
	Member	Juarez	
	Member	Pedersen	
	Member	Sawant	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Herbold</i>	
<b>Finance &amp; Housing</b>	Chair	Mosqueda	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Herbold	
	Member	González	
	Member	Lewis	

	Member	Strauss	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Morales</i>	
<b>Governance &amp; Education</b>	Chair	González	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Juarez	
	Member	Mosqueda	
	Member	Sawant	
	Member	Strauss	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Lewis</i>	
<b>Land Use &amp; Neighborhoods</b>	Chair	Strauss	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Mosqueda	
	Member	Juarez	
	Member	Lewis	
	Member	Pedersen	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>González</i>	
<b>Public Assets &amp; Native Communities</b>	Chair	Juarez	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Pedersen	
	Member	Herbold	
	Member	Mosqueda	
	Member	Sawant	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Strauss</i>	
<b>Public Safety &amp; Human Services</b>	Chair	Herbold	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	González	
	Member	Lewis	
	Member	Morales	
	Member	Sawant	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Pedersen</i>	
<b>Sustainability &amp; Renters' Rights</b>	Chair	Sawant	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 2:00 p.m.
	Vice-Chair	Morales	
	Member	Juarez	
	Member	Lewis	
	Member	Pedersen	

	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Mosqueda</i>	
<b>Transportation &amp; Utilities</b>	Chair	Pedersen	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.
	Vice-Chair	Strauss	
	Member	González	
	Member	Herbold	
	Member	Morales	
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Juarez</i>	

<sup>1</sup> Rule VI.C.3 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council requires a scheduled meeting will be moved to the following Friday if: a. The regular schedule place on a legal holiday; or b. A legal holiday moves a City Council meeting to a day on which the meeting is not scheduled. <sup>2</sup> Rule VII.H.4 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council states that standing committee meetings are suspended (canceled) from the time the Council’s Select Budget Committee receives the Mayor’s proposed budget (typically the end of September) to the time the Council meets (typically the third week of November). Special standing committee meetings may be called for legislative action is required within a set time (e.g., quasi-judicial actions with 90-day decision review); or • Upon the approval of the President and the Chair of the Select Budget Committee, in consultation with the Central Staff Director.

Section 2. The duties of the standing committees are as follows:

Community Economic Development: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- economic development policies and programs; including the Office of Economic Development, small business development and support, Business Improvement Areas, workforce development, and improving access and opportunities to education and training for low- and middle-income workers, youth and communities of color;
- civil rights issues, including the Office for Civil Rights, except for issues related to tenant rights and protections;
- arts and cultural activities, nightlife issues, and special events;

- film and music activities; and
- the equitable development initiative and its projects.

Finance and Housing: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- the financial management and policies of the City and its agents, including the operating and capital budgets, levies, taxes, revenue, audits, and judgments and claims against the City (the Finance and Housing Committee is the Finance Committee required by the Seattle City Charter);
- oversight of the City’s public works construction projects except as otherwise specified;
- the City Employees’ Retirement System;
- the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, including the Seattle Animal Shelter, the City’s fleets and facilities, the Customer Service Bureau, and other administrative functions;
- housing policies and programs, including the Office of Housing, investing and promoting the development and preservation of affordable housing for workers, families, and retirees;
- the Office of Labor Standards; and
- monitoring implementation of the priority hire program and promoting worker protections.

Governance and Education: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- regional, state, federal, and other governmental matters including Charter review, code improvement, the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, and rules of the City Council;
- City personnel issues, including labor-management relations, collective bargaining agreements, and other issues related to salary rates, hours, and other conditions of employment;
- the Office of the Employee Ombud;

- the City Auditor;
- the Office of Hearing Examiner;
- ethics and elections, including the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission;
- immigrant and refugee rights, including the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; and
- education and early learning initiatives, including the Department of Education and Early Learning, the City’s Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy, with a goal of improving City schools and student success rates and reducing achievement gaps.

Land Use and Neighborhoods: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- planning and land use, including comprehensive planning, community development, zoning, design, and land use regulations, including the Office of Planning and Community Development, and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, except for issues related to rental regulations;
- Major Institution Master Plans and quasi-judicial land use decisions; and
- the Department of Neighborhoods, including neighborhood planning, engagement and outreach, funding opportunities, and historic preservation.

Public Assets and Native Communities: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- parks, community centers, and public grounds (including the Seattle Parks and Recreation, Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle Aquarium);
- the Seattle Center;

- the Seattle Public Library system;
- the Office of the Waterfront; and
- Native American issues, including housing affordability, health and mental health services, services for youth, access to justice, art and culture, and historic preservation.

Public Safety & Human Services: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- criminal justice and law enforcement, with special emphasis on programs and strategies to reduce crime, domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and youth violence (including the Seattle Police Department and the City Attorney’s Office);
- police accountability (including the Office of Police Accountability, Office of Inspector General, and the Community Police Commission), and the implementation of the Settlement Agreement between the Department of Justice and the City of Seattle regarding the Seattle Police Department;
- coordination with municipal, regional, state, and federal agencies engaged in public safety issues (including the Seattle Municipal Court);
- fire prevention and suppression, and emergency medical services;
- emergency preparedness, management, and response;
- youth justice, alternatives to youth detention, and alternative housing options to youth incarceration;
- human services including but not limited to: child care, aging, and disability services; and the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program; and
- local and regional public health.

Sustainability & Renters' Rights: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make

recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- urban sustainability, including the Office of Sustainability and Environment, climate justice, conservation programs, green buildings, and food policy; and
- renters' rights, including but not limited to legislation intended to protect renters facing gentrification, economic evictions, excessive background checks, and unaffordable rent.

Transportation and Utilities: To provide policy direction and oversight and to deliberate and make recommendations on legislative matters relating to:

- the operations of the Seattle Department of Transportation;
- transportation issues and projects affecting the City of Seattle including transit service, policies, and planning; pedestrian and bicycle programs and planning; transportation system maintenance and repair; traffic control; use of the City right-of-way including permits and vacations; parking policies; neighborhood transportation planning; and freight mobility planning;
- coordination of transportation issues and representation of the City's interests on transportation with the federal government, the State of Washington, King County, Sound Transit, and the Puget Sound Regional Council; and
- water, drainage, wastewater, and solid waste services provided by Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), including SPU environmental services and utility rates, regional water resources, endangered species recovery plans, waterway cleanup, and green stormwater infrastructure;
- City information technology planning, implementation, and organization; cable telecommunications services and planning; broadband telecommunications planning and implementation; technology grants; Seattle Channel; seattle.gov; and citizen technology literacy and access;
- Seattle City Light, including but not limited to City Light finances, energy utility rates, resource

matters, energy policy, regional matters, air pollution regulations, and alternative energy sources;

Section 3. Each City public development authority (PDA) is assigned to a City Council standing committee, as listed below, for general oversight and review. A committee chair may request that representatives of a PDA periodically appear before the assigned City Council committee to update City Councilmembers on the PDA’s activities and share items of mutual interest. The City Council President or a committee chair may also request periodic briefings by Executive branch staff on PDA issues.

<b>Public Development Authority</b>	<b>City Council Standing Committee</b>
Burke-Gilman Place Public Development Authority	Finance & Housing
Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program	Finance & Housing
Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority	Land Use & Neighborhoods
Museum Development Authority of Seattle	Community Economic Development
Pacific Hospital Preservation and Development Authority	Public Safety & Human Services
Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority	Land Use & Neighborhoods
Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority	Land Use & Neighborhoods
Seattle Indian Services Commission	Public Assets & Native Communities

Section 4. Report of the action of a standing committee taken before adoption of this resolution may be made to the City Council at any time consistent with Council Rules and Procedures by any of the following: (a) the Councilmember who chaired or chairs that committee; (b) any Councilmember who was on that committee or who attended that committee’s meeting at the time of the action; or (c) any sponsor of the legislative item on which the action was taken.

Section 5. Absent explicit re-referral, a legislative item referred to a 2018-2019 committee is re-referred to the 2020-2021 committee with oversight responsibility for the subject matter of the legislative item.

Section 6. From June 15, 2020 through July 17, 2020 or until the adoption of a Revised 2020 Budget,



whichever is earlier, City Council standing committee meetings are suspended. Consistent with Rule VII.H.4 of the General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council, special standing committee meetings may be called if review of a legislative action is required within a set time (e.g., quasi-judicial actions with 90-day deadlines for Council review); or upon the approval of the Council President and the Chair of the Select Budget Committee, after consultation with the Central Staff Director.

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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