

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, May 19, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

City Council

Joy Hollingsworth, Council President

Dionne Foster, Member

Debora Juarez, Member

Robert Kettle, Member

Eddie Lin, Member

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Member

Maritza Rivera, Member

Rob Saka, Member

Dan Strauss, Member

Chair Info: 206-684-8803; Joy.Hollingsworth@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 May 19, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m., with Council President Hollingsworth presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Late Arrival: 1 - Juarez

Councilmember Juarez joined the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

C. PRESENTATIONS

Council President Hollingsworth presented a proclamation proclaiming May 19, 2026, to be "State Champion Rainier Beach Boys' Basketball Day." By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Council President Hollingsworth to present the proclamation, and to allow Coach Mike Bethea to address the Council.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Ashley Nerbovig
Ivan Gerdes
Anitra Freeman
Greg Greer
Tara Miller
Julia Beabout
Charles Kight
Yvette Dinish
Ruth Dight
Denise Perez Lally
Marta Kidane
Cara Williams
Scott Buzzard
Kenneth P.
Margaret Shield
Scott D. Boone
Bryan Porter
Patrick McKee
Howard Gale
Aidon Carroll
Jalayna Ruland
Hannah Whitworth
Koncrete Rose
Rose Legionaires
Hilary Santini
David Haines
Alberto Alvarez
Kyler Parris
Nathan Wall
Alex Lofton
Sam Wolff
Hali Willis
Jonathan Toledo
Bennett

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 524](#)

May 19, 2026

The Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC):

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

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 Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Journal:

- 1. [Min 568](#) **May 12, 2026**

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Bills:

- 2. [CB 121210](#) **An ordinance appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of May 4, 2026, through May 8, 2026, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Appointments:

GOVERNANCE AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

- 3. [Appt 03495](#) **Appointment of Stan Diddams as member, Seattle Public Utilities Customer Review Panel, for a term to July 31, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

- 4. [Appt 03496](#) **Appointment of Gabriel Navarro as member, Seattle Public Utilities Customer Review Panel, for a term to July 31, 2028.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

1. [Appt 03494](#) **Reappointment of Andrew Lee as General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Seattle Public Utilities, for a term to December 31, 2029.**

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

**In Favor: 5 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rivera, Strauss
Opposed: None**

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Council President invited General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Lee to address the Council.

2. [CB 121202](#) **An ordinance relating to Seattle Public Utilities; authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Seattle Public Utilities, or designee, to execute an amendment to the interlocal agreement between Seattle Public Utilities and the King County Flood Control Zone District for the South Park Interim Flooding Preparedness and Response Program; authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Seattle Public Utilities, or designee, to execute additional amendments to the interlocal agreement between Seattle Public Utilities and the King County Flood Control Zone District for the South Park Interim Flooding Preparedness and Response Program; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

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

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

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

LIBRARIES, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE:

3. [Appt 03492](#) **Appointment of Quynh Pham as Director of the Department of Neighborhoods, for a term to December 31, 2029.**

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

In Favor: 4 - Rivera, Foster, Lin, Rinck

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Council President invited Director Pham to address the Council.

4. [CB 121197](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to historic preservation; imposing controls upon the Woodin House, 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, Foster, Lin, Rinck

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE:

5. [CB 121195](#) **An ordinance relating to land use and zoning; adopting interim provisions to expand the capacity of transitional encampments; and amending Sections 23.42.054 and 23.42.056 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Lin, Strauss, Foster, Hollingsworth, Rinck

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 121195, by amending Section 3 to Council Bill 121195, Section 23.42.056 of the Seattle Municipal Code, Transitional encampment as an interim use, as shown on Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 5 - Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Rivera, Saka

Opposed: 4 - Foster, Lin, Rinck, Strauss

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rivera and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 121195, by amending Section 3 to Council Bill 121195, Section 23.42.056 of the Seattle Municipal Code, Transitional encampment as an interim use, as shown on Attachment 2 to the Minutes.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In favor: 2 - Juarez, Rivera

Opposed: 7 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Saka, Strauss

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Strauss and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 121195, by amending Section 3 to Council Bill 121195, Section 23.42.056 of the Seattle Municipal Code, Transitional encampment as an interim use, as shown on Attachment 3 to the Minutes.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In favor: 4 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: 5 - Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

HOUSING, ARTS, AND CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE:

6. [Res 32200](#) **A resolution creating an Arts and Cultural District in the Columbia Hillman City neighborhood of Seattle.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Rinck

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

7. [Res 32201](#) **A resolution creating an Arts and Cultural District in the Georgetown neighborhood of Seattle.**

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

In Favor: 5 - Foster, Lin, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Rinck

Opposed: None

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

In Favor: 9 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were 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 4:54 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on June 2, 2026.

Joy Hollingsworth, Council President of the City Council

Attachment: Att 1 - Action 1 of CB 121195

Attachment: Att 2 - Action 2 of CB 121195

Attachment: Att 3 - Action 3 of CB 121195

Att 1 - Action 1 of CB 121195

Amendment A Version 1 to CB 121195 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Rivera

Negotiation of Additional Operating Requirements

Effect: This amendment would provide authority for the City to negotiate additional operating requirements for shelter near existing transitional encampments and schools.

Amend Section 3 to CB121195, as follows:

Section 3. Section 23.42.056 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126509, is amended as follows:

23.42.056 Transitional encampment as an interim use

A Type I Master Use Permit may be issued for a transitional encampment interim use according to the requirements of this Section 23.42.056.

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D. Additional requirements. The transitional encampment interim use shall meet the following requirements:

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7. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall provide a public safety plan that details the following:

a. Completion of a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment prior to the opening of the transitional encampment, and

integration of any CPTED recommendations into the transitional encampment's design and operations;

b. A protocol for contributing to the data collection and reporting requirements requested in Section 4 of Ordinance 127424, including, but not limited to, the critical incident reports, 911 call data, and Unified Care Team deployments; at a minimum the protocol shall include a requirement that all public safety calls made by the provider that originate from activity in or around the transitional encampment be recorded and reported to the Mayor's Office, with a priority for immediately reporting public safety calls that result in an arrest; and

c. Contact information for a City liaison that neighborhood residents can contact if there are issues occurring outside the transitional encampment boundaries that are beyond the provider's control or authority to address.

8. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date this ordinance shall enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement. The Good Neighbor Agreement shall include:

a. The Good Neighbor Agreement physical boundaries and a corresponding map;

b. The roles and responsibilities of the operator as a good neighbor;

c. Communication protocols for community concerns, including a point of contact for initial concerns, which is posted at the transitional encampment and on the operator's website.

d. A commitment to attend regular community meetings, such as those held by community or business organizations;

e. Rules and behavioral standards for transitional encampment residents and their guests.

9. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall have two staff members on site 24 hours a day every day the encampment is operating.

10. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall strive to provide intensive case management for encampment occupants and consider a ratio of at least one case manager for every 15 high-acuity occupants.

11. For an application for a transitional encampment interim use proposed within 500 feet walking distance of the property line of another legally established transitional encampment interim use or the property line of an elementary or secondary school, the Director, in consultation with the Director of the Human Services Department, may negotiate additional operating requirements to mitigate potential public health and safety impacts. This subsection does not apply to transitional encampments designated for occupants under the age of 18, families, victims of domestic violence, and occupants in recovery from substance abuse disorder.

Att 2 - Action 2 of CB 121195

Amendment B Version 1 to CB 121195 - MO Transitional Encampment Expansion ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Rivera

Security staffing

Effect: This amendment would require that operators provide trained security staff overnight for encampments designed to accommodate more than 100 occupants.

Amend Section 3 to CB121195, as follows:

Section 3. Section 23.42.056 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126509, is amended as follows:

23.42.056 Transitional encampment as an interim use

A Type I Master Use Permit may be issued for a transitional encampment interim use according to the requirements of this Section 23.42.056.

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D. Additional requirements. The transitional encampment interim use shall meet the following requirements:

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7. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall provide a public safety plan that details the following:

a. Completion of a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment prior to the opening of the transitional encampment, and

integration of any CPTED recommendations into the transitional encampment's design and operations;

b. A protocol for contributing to the data collection and reporting requirements requested in Section 4 of Ordinance 127424, including, but not limited to, the critical incident reports, 911 call data, and Unified Care Team deployments; at a minimum the protocol shall include a requirement that all public safety calls made by the provider that originate from activity in or around the transitional encampment be recorded and reported to the Mayor's Office, with a priority for immediately reporting public safety calls that result in an arrest; and

c. Contact information for a City liaison that neighborhood residents can contact if there are issues occurring outside the transitional encampment boundaries that are beyond the provider's control or authority to address.

8. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date this ordinance shall enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement. The Good Neighbor Agreement shall include:

a. The Good Neighbor Agreement physical boundaries and a corresponding map;

b. The roles and responsibilities of the operator as a good neighbor;

c. Communication protocols for community concerns, including a point of contact for initial concerns, which is posted at the transitional encampment and on the operator's website.

d. A commitment to attend regular community meetings, such as those held by community or business organizations;

e. Rules and behavioral standards for transitional encampment residents and their guests.

9. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall have two staff members on site 24 hours a day every day the encampment is operating.

10. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall strive to provide intensive case management for encampment occupants and consider a ratio of at least one case manager for every 15 high-acuity occupants.

11. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment designed to accommodate more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall maintain clearly identifiable, trained security staff at the encampment overnight while the transitional encampment is operating.

Att 3 - Action 3 of CB 121195

Amendment C, Version 1 to CB 121195- MO Transitional Encampment Expansion ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

50 Shelter Unit Encampment Neighborhoods

Effect: This amendment would require that operators of new or expanded encampments with more than 100 micro-modular structures or vehicle shelter units be divided into neighborhoods of no greater than 50 shelter units with allowed discretion by the Director, in consultation with the Human Services Department Director, to increase the number of shelters up to 75 in a neighborhood based on site characteristics.

Section 3. Section 23.42.056 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126509, is amended as follows:

23.42.056 Transitional encampment as an interim use

A Type I Master Use Permit may be issued for a transitional encampment interim use according to the requirements of this Section 23.42.056.

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D. Additional requirements. The transitional encampment interim use shall meet the following requirements:

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7. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall provide a public safety plan that details the following:

a. Completion of a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment prior to the opening of the transitional encampment, and

integration of any CPTED recommendations into the transitional encampment's design and operations;

b. A protocol for contributing to the data collection and reporting requirements requested in Section 4 of Ordinance 127424, including, but not limited to, the critical incident reports, 911 call data, and Unified Care Team deployments; at a minimum the protocol shall include a requirement that all public safety calls made by the provider that originate from activity in or around the transitional encampment be recorded and reported to the Mayor's Office, with a priority for immediately reporting public safety calls that result in an arrest; and

c. Contact information for a City liaison that neighborhood residents can contact if there are issues occurring outside the transitional encampment boundaries that are beyond the provider's control or authority to address.

8. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date this ordinance shall enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement. The Good Neighbor Agreement shall include:

a. The Good Neighbor Agreement physical boundaries and a corresponding map;

b. The roles and responsibilities of the operator as a good neighbor;

c. Communication protocols for community concerns, including a point of contact for initial concerns, which is posted at the transitional encampment and on the operator's website.

d. A commitment to attend regular community meetings, such as those held by community or business organizations;

e. Rules and behavioral standards for transitional encampment residents and their guests.

9. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall have two staff members on site 24 hours a day every day the encampment is operating.

10. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 occupants that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall strive to provide intensive case management for encampment occupants and consider a ratio of at least one case manager for every 15 high-acuity occupants.

11. The operator of a transitional encampment interim use who receives funding from the City of Seattle and operates an encampment with more than 100 micro-modular structures or vehicle shelter units that is established or expanded after the effective date of this ordinance shall separate the encampment into self-contained neighborhoods with no more than 50 micro-modular structures or vehicles per neighborhood. The Director, in consultation with the Director of the Human Services Department, may allow up to 75 micro-modular structures or vehicles in a neighborhood to accommodate site constraints across the transitional encampment.

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