

SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

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Tuesday, June 9, 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 June 9, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m., with Council President Hollingsworth presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Late Arrival: 1 - Rivera

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

Peter Hasegawa
Darius Irani
Daniel Richards
Srija Nagireddy
Patrick Schloesser
Nicole Grant
Rob Johnson
Kenn Pitts
Kevin Smith
Billy Heatherington
Justin Bare
Calvin Priest
Luke McClure
Kshama Sawant
Bering Sienichi
Ron Hornung
Clement Dievlesaint
Noah Williams
Michele Hausman
Dominic Wolfgang Wallace
Coco Justino
Rich Voget
Rebecca Young
Lauren Redfield
Evan Sutton
Emily Johnston
Jody Lineman
Will Dreher
Scott McClay
Anne O'Neill
Peter Tynan
Patrick McKee
Adrian Reyna Chavoya
Sara Shoemaker
Clive Hayward
Ben Jones
Audrey Wang Gosselin
Paul Wang Gosselin
Nivi Achanta

Councilmember Rivera joined the meeting at 2:47 PM

Kathryn Dawson
Jacqueline Kientzler

Councilmember Kettle left the Council Chamber at 2:50 PM

Aidan Carroll
Anny Gakhokidze
Adara Shilling

Councilmember Kettle entered the Council Chamber at 2:52 PM

Allison Broder
Aubrey Koskela
Alexa Adkins
John Bito
David Haines
Michele Atkins
Bobby Righi
Hunter Adelson
Austin Zaccor
Sophie Rice
Keith Carpenter
Catherine Tier
Howard Gale
Kendra
Alecia
Brian Dang
Ashley Whitesides
Alice Lockhart
Renaissance
Anoop Gangiredly
Yvette Dinish
Valerie Costca
Bennett

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 526](#)

June 9, 2026

By unanimous consent, the Introduction and Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted.

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

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the proposed agenda was amended to move Agenda Item 7, Appointment 03497, to be first under Committee Reports.

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted as amended.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:

1. [Min 570](#) June 2, 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 121223](#) An ordinance appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of May 25, 2026, through May 29, 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

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

HUMAN SERVICES, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

7. [Appt 03497](#) **Appointment of Sandra J. Valenciano as Director of Public Health - Seattle and King County.**

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

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

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 Sandra J. Valenciano, Director of Public Health - Seattle and King County, to address the Council.

CITY COUNCIL:

1. [Res 32208](#) **A resolution retiring introduced and referred Council Bills, Resolutions, Clerk Files, and Appointments that have received no further action.**

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth and duly seconded to adopt resolution 32208.

The Motion carried, 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

PARKS AND CITY LIGHT COMMITTEE:

2. [Res 32204](#) A resolution relating to data centers; committing to studying the potential for data centers to impact electrical grid capacity and reliability, water usage, utility rates, land use and development, jobs and the economy, and public health; and requesting engagement and cooperation from the Executive in the development of data center policies and potential legislation; and anticipates related legislative action.

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

In Favor: 3 - Juarez, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Kettle, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 32204, as shown on Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Resolution (Res) was adopted as amended 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

LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE:

3. [CB 121214](#) An ordinance relating to land use and zoning; introducing a new definition for data centers; adopting a moratorium on the filing, acceptance, processing, or approval of applications for the establishment or expansion of, or change of use to, data centers; amending Section 23.84A.008 of the Seattle Municipal Code; approving a work plan; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

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

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

4. [CF 314549](#) **Application of Eagle Rock Ventures and 5201 Rainier, LLC, for an extension of the contract rezone of the property at 5201 Rainier Avenue South. Original contract rezone application approved through CF 314311 and Ordinance 125632 (Project No. 3018378-LU; Type IV).**

The Committee recommends that City Council grant the Clerk File (CF).

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Hollingsworth

A public comment period was opened to provide an opportunity for rebuttals to the Ex Parte Communication related to Clerk File 314549.

There were no comments.

The public comment period was closed.

The Clerk File (CF) was granted by the following vote:

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

Opposed: None

5. [CB 121220](#) **An ordinance relating to land use and zoning; approving the extension of a contract rezone approved by Ordinance 125632 and accepting an amended Property Use and Development Agreement for a property located at 5201 Rainier Avenue South (Application by Eagle Rock Ventures and 5201 Rainier, LLC, C.F. 314549, SDCI Project 3018378-LU).**

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

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

Opposed: None

Absent(NV): 1 - Hollingsworth

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Lin, duly seconded and carried, to amend Council Bill 121220, Exhibit A, by substituting the unexecuted Property Use and Development Agreement with the executed Property Use and Development Agreement.

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

TRANSPORTATION, WATERFRONT, AND SEATTLE CENTER COMMITTEE:

6. [Res 32205](#) A resolution affirming the importance of Seattle Center as a central civic, cultural, and economic asset for The City of Seattle; acknowledging the urgent imperative to restore its aging infrastructure and grounds, renovate its buildings, and revitalize the Seattle Center Campus; requesting that the Mayor direct City departments in a capital planning effort for Seattle Center; anticipating a decision on a bond measure to fund its capital investment by the end of 2027; committing to exploring all viable funding options to support its modernization; declaring Council priorities and calling upon the Executive to direct departmental resources and budget allocations in support of its capital improvements.

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

In Favor: 5 - Saka, Rinck, Foster, Kettle, Lin

Opposed: None

ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Kettle, duly seconded and carried, to amend Resolution 32205, as shown on Attachment 2 to the Minutes.

The Resolution (Res) was adopted as amended 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

Councilmember Rinck presented a letter for signatures that will be sent to King County related to ongoing discussions that King County is having regarding creating a Transportation Benefit District for roads.

The following Councilmembers affixed their signatures to the letter:
8 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Juarez, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

By unanimous consent, Councilmember Strauss was excused from the July 7, 2026 City Council meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on June 16, 2026.

Joy Hollingsworth, Council President of the City Council

Attachment 1 - Action 1 of Resolution 32204

Attachment 2 - Action 1 of Resolution 32205

Attachment 1 – Action 1 of RES 32204

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Amendment A Version 1 to RES 32204 - LEG Data Center Policy Development

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Amend recitals and list of subjects for study in Section 1

Effect: This amendment would add two recitals regarding government, healthcare, education reliance on data centers and the existence of data centers in Downtown Seattle. It would also modify another recital to clarify that growth in the use of artificial intelligence has accelerated demand for “hyperscale” data centers. This amendment would also add to the list of subjects for study regarding the potential impacts of data centers.

Amend the recitals as follows:

Recitals:

Data centers may be generally defined as facilities used primarily for the housing, operation, or co-location of computer and communications equipment and handling, storing, managing, processing, and backing up of digital data, and associated infrastructure such as cooling systems, backup power systems, and battery storage.

Businesses, government entities, including public safety, as well as healthcare facilities, educational institutions, and others all rely on the data storage and processing that data centers provide.

Several smaller scale data centers exist in Seattle today, all in Downtown Seattle.

The growth in the use of artificial intelligence has led to rapidly accelerating demand for new, hyperscale data centers.

Amend Section 1 as follows:

Section 1. The City will study the potential for data centers to impact:

A. Electrical grid capacity and reliability by burdening the electrical transmission system and requiring commensurate capital improvements;

B. Water usage by consuming large quantities of fresh water to cool equipment;

C. Utility rates by increasing demand for power and increasing capital costs that Seattle City Light must pass on to all customer classes;

D. Land use and development by occupying large amounts of scarce commercial and industrial space;

E. Jobs and the economy by supporting increased adoption of automation technologies that make human workers redundant while employing few local workers for operation and simultaneously exporting income to corporations and individuals that may or may not reside in Seattle;

F. Public health by producing noise, light, water, and air pollution; ~~((and))~~

G. The rights of Federally Recognized Tribes, Urban Indians, and native communities to exercise any express or implied treaty rights to access and fish in all usual and accustomed places as has occurred since time immemorial~~((:))~~; and

H. The successful operation and resiliency of existing businesses, government entities, including public safety, as well as healthcare facilities, educational institutions, and others.

Attachment 2 – Action 1 of RES 32205

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Amendment A Version 1 to RES 32205 - LEG Seattle Center Capital Funding RES

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Engagement on Seattle Center Projects

Effect: This amendment to RES 32205, the Seattle Center Capital Funding Resolution, would add language to Section 3 to request the Executive to direct City departments to engage with people who live, work and play at Seattle Center's facilities and grounds and in the adjacent neighborhoods to inform prioritizing and timing of potential capital projects.

Amend Section 3 of RES 32205 as follows:

Section 3. The Council requests that the Executive direct the coordinated effort of City departments including Seattle Center, City Budget Office, Department of Transportation, Seattle City Light, Seattle Public Utilities, and others to:

- A. Assess Seattle Center's long-term capital and infrastructure needs;
- B. Identify priority projects necessary to maintain safety, accessibility, and operational continuity;
- C. Consider areas for modernization of facilities, amenities, and other capital assets to ensure Seattle Center's continued usefulness and longevity; ~~((and))~~
- D. Engage with people who live, work, and play at Seattle Center's facilities and grounds and in the adjacent neighborhoods of Uptown, Queen Anne, South Lake Union, and Belltown to inform prioritizing and timing of potential projects; and
- ~~((D-))~~ E. Develop ongoing approaches to future investments that reflect both urgency and fiscal constraints.
