

# Minutes

## **Indigenous Advisory Council**

Monday, December 12

2:00 PM PST – 4:00 PM PST

**In-Person Meeting Location:** Seattle City Hall 600 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle, WA 98104  
L280 – Boards and Commission Room, Seattle City Hall

**Remote Meeting Location:** WebEx

**Members Present:** Vice Chairman Donny Stevenson, Councilmember Jay Mills, Councilmember Jeremy Takala, Cece Hoffman, Councilmember Suzanne Sailto, Esther Lucero, Asia Tail, and Jaci McCormack

**Members Excused:** Derrick Belgarde

**City of Seattle Staff Present:** Deputy Mayor Greg Wong (Mayor’s Office), Tim Reynon (Office of Intergovernmental Relations), Ronda Strauch (Seattle City Light), Miguel Jimenez (City Budget Office), Francesca Murnan (Department of Neighborhoods)

**Notes shown below are summaries of statements provided. They are not transcriptions and have been shortened and edited to include the major points raised.**

**Items**

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1	<b>Welcome and Opening Blessing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome and blessing by Councilmember Jay Mills</li></ul>	
2	<b>Approval of the Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approved with no changes</li></ul> <b>Approval of the Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approved with no changes</li></ul>	
3	<b>Brief Introductions</b>	<b>10 min</b>
4	<b>Mayor’s Office</b> <p>Welcome and introduction to Deputy Mayor Greg Wong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discussion of External Affairs portfolio, including the Department of Neighborhoods</li><li>Discussion of Mayoral priorities including affordable housing; homelessness prevention and response, environment and sustainability, and public safety</li><li>Discussion of the 2023-2024 budget outcomes and investments impacting Native communities</li><li>Discussion of our mutual intentions to work collaboratively to support tribal and urban Native communities; Appreciation and respect for the role of government-to-government engagement and the broad space for dialogue, engagement, and systems change through the Indigenous Advisory Council; Desire for the Indigenous Advisory Council to be an accountability partner in City/Native community relations; Understanding that Indigenous Advisory Council offers a unique cross-section of representation from tribal and urban Native community – asset to City government partners; Understanding that the Indigenous Advisory Council is now a standing body that can evolve and self-sustain regardless of changes in City leadership</li></ul>	<b>15 min</b>
5	<b>Digesting City Budget Materials</b> <p>Miguel Jimenez, City Budget Office conversation &amp; Q&amp;A</p>	<b>25 min</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstration on how to interpret a City budget documents including a review of how to view base budget items, incremental changes to the budget, and revenue sources</li> <li>• Discussion on how boards and commissions can influence the budget process through advocacy; Example of the Sweetened Beverage Tax Oversight Board and the Green New Deal Oversight Board</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Discussion</b></p> <p>Ronda Strauch, Seattle City Light presentation &amp; Q&amp;A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and overview of Seattle City Light’s delivery of electricity, vision of the energy future, engagement with Indigenous communities, climate change impacts, and approach to creating a climate resilient future</li> <li>• SCL is in the early phases of developing an actionable strategy for climate resilience and mitigation – interest in tribal and urban Native engagement to inform the development of the strategy</li> <li>• Discussion on the impacts of climate change among tribal and urban Native communities, including degradation of cultural and natural resources, impacts of siting renewable energy projects near tribal communities, importance of learning from Indigenous values of sustainability and morality; Example of tribal governments mitigating energy use through policy tools and renewable energy projects and energy studies; Discussion of reducing demand and localizing energy sources; and consideration of the global impacts of local decisions</li> <li>• SCL will coordinate follow-up communications to gather recommendations on future engagement with tribal governments and urban Native communities</li> </ul>	<b>30 min</b>
7	<p><b>2023-2024 Budget Update</b></p> <p>Impacts to Indigenous communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions or comments may be directed to Francesca</li> </ul>	<b>5 min</b>
8	<p><b>Planning Session</b></p> <p>Scheduling &amp; logistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The IAC planning sessions will happen in two sessions: January 18 9am-2pm and February 13 2pm-5pm</li> <li>• January 18 in-person meeting location is TBD</li> <li>• Francesca is coordinating with a third-party facilitator for both sessions</li> </ul>	<b>10 min</b>
9	<p><b>Member Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cece shared an invitation by Headwater People Consulting for a gathering 12/15/22</li> </ul>	<b>5 min</b>
10	<p><b>Hybrid Public Comment</b></p> <p>Required public comment period for community members to speak to agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No requests for public comment</li> </ul>	<b>10 min</b>

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11 Closing & Next Steps

- *All 2022 invoicing must be submitted by 12/31/22.*
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