



Minutes

Indigenous Advisory Council

Friday, November 8, 2024

12:30 PM PST – 2:30 PM PST

In-Person Meeting Location

Seattle City Hall 600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

Room 370

[Instructions for visiting Seattle City Hall \(bus access, parking, & building access\)](#)

Remote Meeting Location

WebEx



Members Present

Councilmember Jay Mills, Megan Castillo, Derrick Belgarde, Asia Tail, & Jaci McCormack

Members Excused

Councilmember Donny Stevenson, Councilmember Jeremy Takala, Suzanne Sailto, & Esther Lucero

Meeting Guests

None

Items

Number	Topic	Time
1	Welcome and Opening Blessing	5 min
2	Approval of the Agenda (December) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved with changes. Approval of the Minutes (November) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved with changes.	5 min
3	2025-2026 Mayor's Proposed City Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff reviewed summary of the revenue forecast update, actions taken by council to balance the proposed budget, an initial set of amendments from Seattle City Council, and the remaining budget timeline.• Members reviewed updates to the 2025-2026 Budget Impact on Native Communities document. Updated tables included items from the Chair's Balancing Package that may have impacts to Native communities.• Members discussed potential changes to Jumpstart Payroll Expense Tax (PET) fund and expressed concern about potential changes to spending categories and sustained use of PET for general fund expenses. Members discussed positive incremental increases to PET spending categories. Members discussed potential impacts to the Tribal Nations Training Program and the importance of Native communities and IAC advising on any future curriculum development. Members discussed youth mental health investments and a continued desire for more clarity in how these investments reach young people.• Members discussed timelines and strategies to prepare for 2026 budget advocacy.	30 min
4	NAHASDA and Indian Preference Webinar <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff reviewed a committee discussion regarding a NAHASDA and Indian Preference webinar.	20 min

- Members discussed unique opportunity and role of the IAC to convene Native and non-Native housing and government partners through an educational webinar that features the successes and challenges of Tribal and urban Indian organizational partnerships that leverage NAHASDA to apply Indian Preference in urban affordable housing developments.
- Members shared examples of housing resources lead by tribal governments and tribally designated housing authorities that offer examples of shelter, rentals, and homeownership opportunities for Native people. Members expressed desire to increased education and awareness of Indian housing policy among non-Tribal partners.
- Members decided to host the webinar. Members recommended potential panelists, target audiences, and identified late January as a target event date. Staff liaison will explore member recommendations bring any additional decision points to the December 2024 meeting.

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Old Business

30 min

- Thriving Native Communities Committee
 - Committee members and staff shared that a resolution in support of Thunderbird Treatment Center was passed by Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.
 - Committee members and staff shared that the Urban Indian Health Institute will brief the IAC on MMIP data reform efforts locally and nationally. The presentation may include a focus on law enforcement demographic data collection, maintenance, and analysis best practices. The IAC will also outreach Seattle Police Department for a briefing and discussion to learn more about the city's efforts to fulfill Resolution 139000 outlining the city's commitment to addressing issues of MMIP. Pending IAC briefings, there may be opportunities for more inter-tribal organizing around data improvements and guidance on developing culturally appropriate materials, resources, and engagements with Tribes and Native communities.
 - Committee members and staff shared about an opportunity for IAC to host an educational webinar on NAHASDA and Indian Preference by featuring NAYA/Siletz partnership.
 - Committee members and staff discussed the knowledge gaps and opportunities to further educate local government partners about the diversity of Tribal governments and

serving Tribal populations and the needs of urban Native elders.

- Indigenous Peoples’ Day (IPD) workgroup shared a reflection on 2024 IPD oversight. Members expressed support for continuing to invest city resources in inter-tribal public events that celebrate the diversity of Indigenous cultures. Members recommended that the majority of resources should go to community-based event organizing groups. Members expressed support for supporting a centralized event poster that could be used by many event organizers. Members expressed support of working to identify event organizing groups earlier in the year
- Members shared reflections on a meeting with Deputy Mayor Wong and members of the Mayor’s Office. Themes included that the IAC has been an active and effective public commission that leverages relationships with departments to advise on a wide range of city projects, policies, and programs. There is mutual interest in engaging the IAC in city budget processes and continuing to engage in collaborative and iterative as demonstrated by the Tribal Nations Summit and other efforts co-coordinated by the City and IAC. The IAC made a request to be better leveraged by the Mayor’s Office for their advisory support of Mayoral initiatives.
- Members shared reflections on a meeting with Councilmember Rivera. Themes included updates on budget monitoring and discussion of future ways to engage with the Councilmember’s office.
- Staff reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Governance Group including assistance with agenda setting and orientation of new members. Open call for two members to serve on the Governance Group for January – June 2025 and July – December 2025.
- Staff reviewed a draft set of IAC Procedures that outlines the process for agenda setting, items for possible action, and written communications. These procedures further clarify and define group procedures.

6	Member Announcements	Up to 5 min
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member shared about challenges with consulting with city departments in a timely manner despite ongoing efforts to improve relationships and engagement with Tribal Nations. • A member shared about the recent Centennial Accord event at Suquamish and the final honoring of Governor Inslee and his contributions to Indian Country issues. 	



7	Hybrid Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no requests for public comment.	Up to 10 min
8	Closing & Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quarterly invoicing for Oct-Dec due Jan 10, 2025.• Optional Boards and Commission Appreciation Reception December 6, 4:30-6:30pm.	
