



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes

### Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Dave Upthegrove, Chair;  
Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Vice Chair of Policy Development and  
Review;  
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;  
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Joe McDermott, Sarah  
Perry, Pete von Reichbauer, Girmay Zahilay*

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1:30 PM

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

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**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.*

*The Chair recessed the meeting at 1:37 p.m.*

*The Chair reconvened the meeting at 1:42 p.m.*

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

**3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**

*Councilmember Balducci led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.*

**4. Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2023**

*Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.*

**5. Additions to the Council Agenda**

*There were no additions.*

**6. Special Items****Proclamation of the week of July 18, 2023, as Taylor Swift Week in King County**

*Councilmember Balducci made remarks and presented the proclamation of the week of July 18, 2023, as Taylor Swift Week in King County.*

**Recognition of lam Tongi for Winning American Idol**

*Councilmember von Reichbauer made remarks and presented the recognition to William lam Tonghi for winning American Idol. lam Tonghi made remarks and thanked the Council.*

### County Service Awards

*Executive Constantine presented service awards to the following employees:*

*Metro Transit*

*Theresa Tobin - 25 years*

*Azziem Hassan Underwood - 30 years*

*Rhodney Duell - 35 years*

*Michael A. Shea - 40 years*

*Public Health*

*Rebecca A. Benson - 25 years*

*Ian A. Jorgensen - 20 years*

*Anthony Tideman - 25 years*

*Bobbi L. Meriman-McClain - 30 years*

*David Ewing - 45 years*

*Natural Resources and Parks*

*Saffa Bardaro - 20 years*

*Beth Ledoux - 20 years*

## Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective Bargaining

There will be one public hearing on Items 6-8

*The following person spoke:  
Alex Tsimmerman*

### Consent Items 7-8

7. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2023-0100.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the introduction and initial consideration of proposed legislation; and amending Ordinance 11683, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.085.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

*The enacted number is 19651.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0214](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the organization of the executive branch and assignment of administrative duties and responsibilities; amending Ordinance 12075, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.025 and repealing Ordinance 18652, Section 2, and K.C.C. 2.60.052.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

*The enacted number is 19652.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.**

### Passed On The Consent Agenda

**A motion was made by Councilmember Kohl-Welles that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

## Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda Item 9

### 9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2023-0118.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to deny David Schaafsma's request to reclassify certain property located at NE Corner of SE Kent-Kangley Road and Landsburg Road SE (vacant), as described in department of local services, permitting division file no. LUT4200002.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

*The enacted number is 19653.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Ordinance be Passed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

## First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

### 10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0216](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District Wastewater Comprehensive Plan Update and General Sewer Plan dated February 2023.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.**

### 11. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0240](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to easements for public right of way purposes, located at 1790 and 1975 124th Ave NE, Bellevue, within council district six.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.**

### 12. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0241](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving the grant funding allocation for projects funded through the 2020-2025 parks, recreation, trails, and open space levy grant program in accordance with Ordinance 18890, Motion 15378, Ordinance 19166, and the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 95.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee.**

**13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0246](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving the Lake Meridian Water District Water Comprehensive Plan dated April 2023.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.**

## First Reading and Referral of Motions

**14. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0236](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Sergio Razo, who resides in council district three, to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Committee of the Whole.**

**15. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0242](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the report titled King County Scooter Share Pilot Program - Final Report required by Ordinance 18989, Section 6, as amended.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee.**

**16. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0250](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Cynthia Hickey, who resides in council district two, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as the district two representative.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee.**

**17. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0251](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Elizabeth Umbanhowar, who resides in council district four, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as the district four representative.

**Sponsors:** Kohl-Welles

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee.**

**18. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0252](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Paul Fendt, who resides in council district three, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, filling the water quality technical specialist position.

**Sponsors:** Perry

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee.**

**19. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0253](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Tasha Bassett, who resides in council district eight, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as a representative of the metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee - city of Seattle.

**Sponsors:** McDermott

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee.**

**20. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0254](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Craig Schmollinger, who resides in council district one, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as a representative of the metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee - Valley View Sewer District.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee.**

**21. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0255](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Eileen Cody, who resides in council district eight, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as a council at-large representative.

**Sponsors:** McDermott

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Committee of the Whole.**

**22. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0256](#)**

A MOTION related to the transfer of retired vanpool vans to nonprofit organizations and local governments to meet the needs of low-income, seniors or young people or people with disabilities; and rescinding Motion 16353.

**Sponsors:** Kohl-Welles

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee.**



23. Proposed Motion No. 2023-0257

A MOTION requesting the wastewater treatment division research and identify methodologies to forecast the long-term costs of its capital improvement needs.

Sponsors: Balducci

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee.**

**The proposed legislation is being introduced by the Regional Water Quality Committee in accordance with Charter Sec. 270.30 and Rule 7.L.**

24. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

*No reports were presented.*

**Other Business**

*The Chair reported on a proposed letter to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and its purpose and called for a voice vote in support of sending the letter. Councilmember Dembowski made a motion in support of sending the letter. The motion carried.*

*Kendall Moore, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*The Chair announced that on the July 11, 2023, consent calendar, the Council adopted Proposed Ordinance 2023-0023, that authorized the Executive to enter into an amendment to an agreed order with the state's Department of Ecology for the clean up of Maury Island. Unfortunately, the agreed order amendment we authorized last week did not have all its exhibits appended. The Chair stated for the record that unless there was objection, the agreed order amendment authorized by Council on July 11, 2023, will now include the exhibits with the version sent to the executive to execute. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature