



King County

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Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

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

1:00 PM

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

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Call to Order

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Dunn made remarks on the 20th anniversary of 9/11 and thanked first responders.

4. Approval of Minutes of September 7, 2021

Councilmember McDermott moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021, 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 September 10-19, 2021, as Welcoming Week in King County

Councilmember Balducci and Councilmember Upthegrove made remarks, presented the Proclamation of September 10-19, as Welcoming Week in King County, and introduced Chitra Charles Hanstad, Executive Director, World Relief Seattle. Ms. Hanstad made remarks and thanked the Council.

Proclamation of September 2021 as Behavioral Recovery Month in King County

Councilmember Dunn and Councilmember Kohl-Welles made remarks, presented the Proclamation of September 2021 as Behavioral Recovery Month in King County, and introduced Dan Coffey, Recovery Cafe, and Kelli Nomura, Director, King County Behavioral Health and Recovery Division (BHRD). Mr. Coffey and Ms. Nomura made remarks and thanked the Council.

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 7-12

No one spoke.

Consent Item - Item 7

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0194](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the public defender selection process; and amending Ordinance 17588, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.60.026.

Sponsors: Mr. Zahilay

The enacted number is 19332.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember McDermott that this Ordinance be Passed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer, and Mr. Zahilay

Law and Justice

8. **[Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2021-0193.2](#)**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the public defense advisory board; and amending Ordinance 17678, Section 4, and K.C.C. 2.60.031.

Sponsors: Mr. Zahilay

The enacted number is 19333.

Jenny Giambattista, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Zahilay that this Ordinance be Passed as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer, and Mr. Zahilay

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9. **[Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0323](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the collective bargaining agreement negotiated by and between King County and the International Association of Fire Fighters (Paramedics and Supervisors - Department of Public Health) representing employees in the aforementioned department; and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

Sponsors: Ms. Balducci

The enacted number is 19334.

Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council and answered questions.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember McDermott that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer, and Mr. Zahilay

10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0324](#)

AN ORDINANCE making a supplemental appropriation of \$1,422,000 to emergency medical services; and amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19210, Section 76, as amended.

Sponsors: Ms. Kohl-Welles

The enacted number is 19335.

Mr. Muhm briefed the Council and answered questions.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Kohl-Welles that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer, and Mr. Zahilay

11. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0325](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the collective bargaining agreement negotiated by and between King County and Puget Sound Police Managers Association (Majors - King County Sheriff's Office) representing employees in the King County sheriff's office; and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

Sponsors: Ms. Balducci

The enacted number is 19336.

Mr. Muhm briefed the Council and answered questions.

Sasha Alessi, Senior Labor Relations Negotiator, made remarks and answered questions.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember McDermott that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer, and Mr. Zahilay

12. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0326](#)

AN ORDINANCE making a supplemental appropriation of \$170,000 to King County sheriff's office; and amending the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19210, Section 20, as amended.

Sponsors: Ms. Kohl-Welles

The enacted number is 19337.

Mr. Muhm briefed the Council and answered questions.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Kohl-Welles that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer, and Mr. Zahilay

Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

Consent Items - Items 13-16

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0174](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of the Honorable Brenda Fincher, councilmember, city of Kent, who resides in council district five, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, filling a position nominated by the Sound Cities Association.

Sponsors: Mr. Upthegrove

The enacted number is 15936.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0216](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jasmeet Singh, who resides in council district two, to the King County behavioral health advisory board.

Sponsors: Mr. Zahilay

The enacted number is 15937.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0217](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Corey Williams, who works in council district eight, to the King County behavioral health advisory board.

Sponsors: Mr. McDermott

The enacted number is 15938.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

16. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2021-0228.2](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Regina Elmi, who resides in council district five, to the King County Housing Authority board of commissioners.

Sponsors: Mr. Dunn

The enacted number is 15939.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember McDermott that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer, and Mr. Zahilay

Law and Justice**17. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2021-0205.2](#)**

A MOTION requesting the executive develop a plan for establishing a community-based countywide hotline, web portal, incident reporting requirements for a countywide data collection system and public awareness campaign for persons to report hate crimes and incidents.

Sponsors: Mr. Dunn

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to defer Item 17 to the September 21, 2021 Council meeting. The motion carried.

This matter was Deferred

First Reading and Referral of Motions**18. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0320](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the Participatory Budgeting in Urban Unincorporated Areas plan, in response to the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19210, Section 129, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Mr. Zahilay

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

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0340](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Yvonne Thomas, who resides in council district three, to the King County parks levy oversight board, as the district three representative.

Sponsors: Ms. Lambert

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Mobility and Environment Committee.

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0341](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of BrynDel Swift, who resides in council district four, to the King County parks levy oversight board, as the district four representative.

Sponsors: Ms. Kohl-Welles

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Mobility and Environment Committee.

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0342](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jeron Gates, who resides in council district five, to the King County parks levy oversight board, as the district five representative.

Sponsors: Mr. Upthegrove

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Mobility and Environment Committee.

22. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0343](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Kevin Killeen, who resides in council district six, to the King County parks levy oversight board, as the district six representative.

Sponsors: Ms. Balducci

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Mobility and Environment Committee.

23. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0344](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Mike Murphy, who resides in council district seven, to the King County parks levy oversight board, as the district seven representative.

Sponsors: Mr. von Reichbauer

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Mobility and Environment Committee.

24. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0345](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Thomas Stafford, who resides in council district nine, to the King County parks levy oversight board, as the district nine representative.

Sponsors: Mr. Dunn

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Mobility and Environment Committee.

25. [Reports on Special and Outside Committees](#)

Councilmember Lambert briefed the Council on the Regional Water Quality meeting regarding rate increases and provided information from the Washington State Association of Counties meeting regarding redistricting.

Other Business

26. **Executive Session**

The Chair recessed the meeting into Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110 to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to which the County is or is likely to become a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the County at 2:15 p.m., for approximately 30 minutes, to 2:45 p.m.

At 2:45 p.m. the Chair extended the Executive session for approximately 15 minutes, to 3:00 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m. the Chair extended the Executive session for approximately 10 minutes, to 3:10 p.m.

At 3:10 p.m. the Chair extended the Executive session for approximately 10 minutes, to 3:20 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature