



King County

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Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Girmay Zahilay, Chair;
Sarah Perry, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Jorge L. Barón, Rod Dembowski,
Teresa Mosqueda, De'Sean Quinn, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

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3. Listen to the meeting by telephone – See “Connecting to the Webinar” above.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - Perry

There will be one public hearing on Items 3 & 4

The following people spoke:

Alex Tsimerman

Joe Kunzler

First Reading of and Action on Emergency Ordinances Without Referral to Committee

3. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0130](#)

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on August 5, 2025, of a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a period of six consecutive years, at a total rate of not more than \$0.2329 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year and limiting annual levy increases by the King County inflation plus population index published by the King County office of economic and financial analysis, or the chapter 84.55 RCW limitation, whichever is greater in years two through six for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County's open space system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents; repealing Ordinance 19914, Section 1, Ordinance 19914, Section 2, Ordinance 19914, Section 3, Ordinance 19914, Section 4, Ordinance 19914, Section 5, Ordinance 19914, Section 6, Ordinance 19914, Section 7, Ordinance 19914, Section 8, Ordinance 19914, Section 9, and Ordinance 19914, Section 10; and declaring an emergency.

Sponsors: Dembowski and von Reichbauer

Councilmember von Reichbauer moved to suspend the rules for Proposed Ordinance 2025-0130 including holding a public hearing less than seven days after first reading pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.095, to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085, and to act on an expedited item reported out of committee less than two days after the committee meeting pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Wendy Soohoo, Policy Staff, briefed the Council.

The enacted number is 19922.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

No: 1 - Dunn

Excused: 1 - Perry

First Reading of and Action on Motions Without Referral to Committee

4. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0128](#)

A MOTION appointing committees to write the voters' pamphlet statements for the August 5, 2025, special election regarding Ordinance XXXXX (Proposed Ordinance 2025-0130) providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County of a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, for a consecutive six-year period, at a first-year rate of not more than \$0.2329 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for collection beginning in 2026, and limiting annual levy increases in years two through six to the greater of the most recent published King County office of economic and financial analysis King County plus population index or the limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County's open space system; improving parks, recreation, access, and mobility in King County by acquiring lands and continuing to develop and support parks, recreation facilities, and regional trails; improving parks and trails in and acquiring lands by metropolitan parks districts, towns and cities in King County; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; funding environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Seattle Aquarium; funding development, maintenance, and programming for Seattle's Waterfront park; funding environmental and climate stewardship and education at Pacific Science Center; funding a capital project at Memorial Stadium; and funding capital improvements at public pools, for all King County residents.

Sponsors: Dembowski

Councilmember von Reichbauer made a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.42.085. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Wendy Soohoo, Policy Staff, briefed the Council.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Title Amendment T1. The motion carried.

The enacted number is 16807.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Excused: 2 - Dunn, and Perry

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 PM.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature