



King County
Meeting Proceedings
Committee of the Whole

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

**Councilmembers: Dow Constantine, Chair; Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair;
Bob Ferguson, Larry Gossett, Jane Hague, Kathy Lambert, Julia Patterson,
Larry Phillips, Pete von Reichbauer**

**Staff: Nick Wagner, Lead Analyst (296-1679); Marilyn Cope, Analyst
(296-1671);
Joanne Rasmussen, Committee Assistant (296-0333)**

Room 1001

July 7, 2008

9:30 AM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. Roll Call

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Present: Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Gossett

3. Approval of Minutes of June 30, 2008 meeting

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Councilmember Hague moved approval of the minutes of June 30, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Additions to the Council's agenda of July 7, 2008

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There were no additions to the Council agenda of July 7, 2008.

Discussion and Possible Action

Consent Agenda Items 5 - 10

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The Chair gave an overview of the process for today's actions. Rebecha Cusack and Nick Wagner, Council staff, briefed the committee on the proposed ordinances.

*Councilmember Phillips moved items 5 through 10 as a consent agenda.
Councilmember Dunn requested that a separate vote be taken on each proposed ordinance. The Chair so ordered.*

5. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2008-0361](#)

**Mr. Constantine, Mr. Gossett and Mr.
Phillips**

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AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend Section 800 of the King County Charter, to establish a process and signature threshold for citizen initiated amendments to the King County Charter; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2008 general election.

Mike Sinsky, senior deputy prosecuting attorney, answered questions of the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips that this matter be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 6 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Gossett
No: 3 - Ms. Lambert, Ms. Hague and Mr. von Reichbauer
Excused: 0

6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2008-0358](#) **Mr. Gossett, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips**

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AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 840 of the King County Charter, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in county employment and in county contracting with nongovernmental entities; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2008 general election.

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips that this matter be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Gossett
No: 0
Excused: 0

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2008-0359](#) **Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Ms. Lambert**

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AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 230.10 of the King County Charter, Section 270.20 of the King County Charter and Section 270.30 of the King County Charter, to reduce the number of county council members on regional committees, establish a vice chair position on regional committees, authorize the regional policy committee to adopt its own work program and add authority for regional committees to initiate legislation; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2008 general election.

Councilmember Hague moved amendment 1 which would allocate committee membership and fractional voting rights for those cities with populations of at least 1/8 of the total incorporated population of the county, excluding the population of the largest city in the county. The amendment failed 2-7, Councilmembers Dunn and Hague voting yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips that this matter be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Gossett
No: 0
Excused: 0

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2008-0360](#) **Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips**

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AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 630 of the King County Charter, to authorize the county council to establish additional qualifications for separately elected officials who head executive departments, including the sheriff, assessor, and the proposed director of elections; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2008 general election.

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips that this matter be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 5 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Gossett
No: 4 - Mr. Dunn, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Hague and Mr. von Reichbauer
Excused: 0

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2008-0362](#) **Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Lambert**

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AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 310 of the King County Charter, Section 430 of the King County Charter and Section 550 of the King County Charter and addition of a new Section 425 to the King County Charter, requiring the establishment of the forecast council and the office of economic and financial analysis; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2008 general election.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson that this matter be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Gossett
No: 0
Excused: 0

10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2008-0363](#) **Mr. Phillips, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague and Ms. Lambert**

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AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to Section 410 of the King County Charter and Section 420 of the King County Charter, to impose deadlines that are twenty days earlier than existing deadlines for county agencies to submit budget information to the county executive and for the county executive to present a proposed budget to the county council; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 2008 general election.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson that this matter be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Gossett
No: 0
Excused: 0

11. Other Business

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There was no other business to come before the committee.

12. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature