



King County

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516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Metropolitan King County Council

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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, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

REVISED AGENDA - ADDED ITEMS 17 & 18

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Upthegrove led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2025

Councilmember Dunn moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

Proposed Motion 2025-0019 and Proposed Motion 2025-0021 were added to the agenda.

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, 7 & 16

The following people spoke:

Alex Tsimmerman

Joe Kunzler

6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0419](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Memorandum of Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 587, representing employees in the sheet metal worker job classification in the Vehicle Maintenance division of the Metro Transit department; and establishing the effective date of said agreement.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19883.

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

Jeff Stambaugh, Vice President of Operations, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 587, made remarks.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Reappointment Consent Agenda Item 7

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0014](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Eric Zimmerman, who resides in council district five, to the King County conservation futures advisory committee, as a council at-large representative.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 16724.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0010](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to sign an agreement between King County, a political subdivision of the state of Washington, and the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, a regional transit authority organized under the laws of the state of Washington, regarding the operation and maintenance of the portion of the Downtown Redmond Link Extension that is within King County property.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0016](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to the repeal of RCW 10.70.140; and amending Ordinance 17706, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.020.

Sponsors: Barón, Quinn and Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law and Justice Committee.

10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0018](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to antidiscrimination text and making technical corrections, amending Ordinance 18665, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.005, Ordinance 16692, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.010, Ordinance 17706, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.020, Ordinance 19963, Section 2, and K.C.C. 2.15.XXX, Ordinance 12014, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.180, Ordinance 18757, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12D.010, Ordinance 18757, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12D.020, Ordinance 10159, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.27A.120, Ordinance 14509, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 7.01.010, Ordinance 11992, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.16.010, Ordinance 11992, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.16.020, Ordinance 11992, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.16.050, Ordinance 11992, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.16.070, Ordinance 10849, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.16.125, Ordinance 13981, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.002, Ordinance 13981, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.17.010, Ordinance 7430, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.010, Ordinance 7430, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.18.020, Ordinance 5280, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.010, Ordinance 5280, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.020, Ordinance 5280, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.040, Ordinance 5280, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.050, Ordinance 5280, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.060, Ordinance 5280, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.20.130, Ordinance 8625, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.010, Ordinance 8625, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.020, Ordinance 8625, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.22.030, Ordinance 8034, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 22.16.030, and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 3.12D.

Sponsors: Upthegrove, Barón and Dembowski

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

First Reading and Referral of Motions

11. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0001](#)

A MOTION relating to mature forests in King County, acknowledging receipt of the second of two reports on mature forests in King County as required by Motion 16437 requesting the executive to identify and analyze mature forests in King County and to transmit two reports.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0011](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Aaron Parker as director of the community corrections division within the department of adult and juvenile detention.

Sponsors: Balducci

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

Reintroductions of Ordinances

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0328](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to code compliance standards; and amending Ordinance 10636, Section 3, and K.C.C. 9.12.015, Ordinance 10636, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 9.12.080, Ordinance 14114, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 12.86.700, Ordinance 19276, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 17.11.060, Ordinance 4461, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.22.040, Ordinance 13263, Section 1, and K.C.C. 23.01.010, Ordinance 13263, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.02.010, Ordinance 13263, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.02.040, Ordinance 13262, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.02.050, Ordinance 13263, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.02.060, Ordinance 13263, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.02.070, Ordinance 13263, Section 15, and K.C.C. 23.20.010, Ordinance 13263, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.20.020, Ordinance 13263, Section 37, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.32.010, Ordinance 13263, Section 40, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.32.040, and Ordinance 13263, Section 43, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.36.010.

Sponsors: Perry

This matter was Reintroduced

Reintroductions of Motions

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0367](#)

A MOTION relating to the King County Metro Transit Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2021-2031 and King County Metro Transit Service Guidelines and accepting the King County Metro Transit 2024 System Evaluation.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

This matter was Reintroduced

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

No reports were given.

Other Business

Proclamation/Recognition Presented in the Community

16. Proclamation of January 29, 2025, as Lunar New Year in King County

Chair Upthegrove announced that the Proclamation has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0019](#)

A MOTION relating to the organization of the council; and amending Motion 11105 (part), as amended, and OR 1-040, Motion 11122, Section G, as amended, and OR 2-040, and Motion 11122, Section H, as amended, and OR 2-050.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 16726.

Councilmember Zahilay made a motion to suspend the rules to take action without referral to committee pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.085.

Jeff Muhm briefed the Council and answered questions.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0021](#)

A MOTION requesting the executive provide a county response to support the people affected by fires in the greater Los Angeles area.

Sponsors: Dunn and Perry

The enacted number is 16725.

Councilmember Mosqueda moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Mosqueda made an or amendment, on Line 7, after "page", delete "3" and insert "2". The motion carried.

Voting on Amendment 1, as amended, the motion carried.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature