



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Signature Report

March 27, 2018

Ordinance 18697

Proposed No. 2018-0176.2

Sponsors McDermott

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of
2 business; amending Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as
3 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035 and declaring an
4 emergency.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Findings:

7 A. Section 220.40 of the King County Charter requires the council to adopt by
8 ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings.

9 B. Consistent with the county charter, the council adopted by ordinance rules of
10 procedure, which are codified in K.C.C. chapter 1.24, and passed motions related to the
11 organization and administration of the council.

12 C. The rules ordinance and the organizational motion have been amended from
13 time to time to reflect desired changes in the council's rules of procedure and
14 organization.

15 D. Because the council is reorganizing the council and its committees by Motion
16 15110 (Proposed Motion 2018-0177), effective March 26, 2018, including modifying
17 committees, committee chair and vice-chair positions, duties and committee meeting
18 times, this ordinance must be enacted as an emergency ordinance in order to be effective
19 on that date to ensure that the regular meeting times of the council's committees are

20 effective contemporaneously with the reorganization of the council.

21 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035 are
22 each hereby amended to read as follows:

23 **Rule 4: Meetings.**

24 A.1.a. The time of regular meetings of the council is 1:30 p.m. on Monday of
25 each week, or Tuesday if Monday is a state or county holiday or is a legislative branch
26 furlough day due to a county emergency budget crisis, unless otherwise ordered by the
27 chair or a majority of the council. However, the regular meetings of the council shall not
28 take place from ~~((July 31 through August 11, 2017))~~ August 6 through August 17, 2018,
29 and from ~~((December 19 through December 30, 2017))~~ December 17, 2018 through
30 January 1, 2019. All regular or special meetings of council committees shall be regular
31 or special council meetings, in accordance with subsection F. of this rule.

32 b. Each second and fourth Wednesday~~((, except the fourth Wednesday of~~
33 ~~April, July and October,))~~ from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and each Monday at 9:30 a.m.
34 except from October 1 through November 23, 2018, shall be reserved for special standing
35 committee meetings ~~((except when the health, housing and human services committee or~~
36 ~~the law and justice committee regular meeting is rescheduled in accordance with~~
37 ~~subsection B.1.e. and f. of this section and)).~~ In instances when the King County flood
38 control district has scheduled an executive committee on the third Monday of a month,
39 that time shall not be available for a special meeting of a standing committee. ((e))Each
40 fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. shall be reserved
41 for special regional committee meetings as needed. In order to allow each member
42 sufficient time to review legislation and to meet with constituents, staff and officials of

43 other jurisdictions, no special committee meeting may be called for any other time
44 without the prior written consent of the council chair or the consent of a majority of the
45 members of the committee. If a special meeting for more than one committee is called
46 for the same time and location, the meeting for which the agenda was first filed with the
47 council clerk shall have precedence for use of the meeting location. This subsection
48 A.1.b. does not apply to special meetings of the budget and fiscal management committee
49 for purposes of considering the county executive's biennial budget proposal, which shall
50 be called by the chair of the budget and fiscal management committee.

51 2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's
52 committees, except for the employment and administration committee, shall be held in
53 the council chambers on the tenth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle,
54 Washington. All regular meetings of the employment and administration committee shall
55 be held in the southwest conference room on the twelfth floor of the King County
56 Courthouse in Seattle, Washington.

57 b. Whenever, due to an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, it is
58 imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of the council at the regular
59 or usual place or places, the council may meet at any place within or without the
60 territorial limits of the county on the call of the chair or any two members of the council.
61 After an emergency relocation, the affairs of the council shall be lawfully conducted at
62 the emergency location for the duration of the emergency.

63 B.1. Except as provided in subsection B.2. of this rule, the times for regular and
64 special committee meetings are as follows, unless the council is meeting at that time
65 because the preceding Monday was a state or county holiday:

66 a. Committee of the whole: the first and third Wednesdays of each month at
67 9:30 a.m. However, from October 1, 2018, through November 23, 2018, the regular
68 meeting of the committee of the whole shall occur on the first and third Mondays of each
69 month at 9:30 a.m.;

70 b. Budget and fiscal management committee: the second and fourth
71 Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

72 c. Employment and administration committee: the second and fourth Mondays
73 of each month at ~~((10:00))~~ 3:00 p.m. ((a.m.));

74 d. Government accountability and oversight committee: the second and fourth
75 Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

76 e. Health, housing and human services committee: the first and third Tuesday
77 of each month at 1:30 p.m. ~~((or the next Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. if the council's regular~~
78 ~~meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday because Monday is a state or county holiday or is a~~
79 ~~legislative branch furlough day due to a county emergency budget crisis, unless otherwise~~
80 ~~ordered by the chair or a majority of the council))~~;

81 f. Law and justice committee: the second and fourth ~~((, and fifth if one~~
82 ~~occurs,))~~ Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. ~~((or the next Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. if~~
83 ~~the council's regular meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday because Monday is a state or~~
84 ~~county holiday or is a legislative branch furlough day due to a county emergency budget~~
85 ~~crisis, unless otherwise ordered by the chair or a majority of the council))~~;

86 g. ~~((Transportation, economy and environment committee: the first and third,~~
87 ~~and fifth if one occurs, Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;))~~ Mobility committee: the
88 first and third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.;

89 h. Planning, rural service and environment committee: the first and third
90 Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

91 i. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00
92 p.m.;

93 ~~((j.))~~ j. Regional transit committee: the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00
94 p.m.;

95 ~~((j.))~~ k. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month
96 at 3:00 p.m.; and

97 ~~((k.))~~ l. Special committee on alternatives to incarceration: ~~((the fourth~~
98 ~~Wednesday of April, July and October at 1:30 p.m.))~~ Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at
99 2:30 p.m.

100 2. The regular meetings of the committees shall not take place during the first
101 and second weeks in August and the third and fourth weeks in December.

102 C. Council and committee meetings must be held in accordance with the Open
103 Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW.

104 D. A meeting may be continued, in accordance with chapter 42.30 RCW, to
105 another date and does not conclude until adjourned in accordance with these rules.

106 E.1. An executive session may be held during a council or committee meeting if
107 one of the specific grounds under chapter 42.30 RCW for an executive session exists.

108 2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee
109 shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and
110 the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be
111 extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

112 3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees and those
113 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are
114 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the
115 confidentiality of the proceedings.

116 F.1. A legal analysis of the Open Public Meetings Act by the office of the
117 Attorney General, 2010 AGO No. 9, has advised that when a committee meeting is
118 attended by a quorum of the governing body it must be noticed not only as a committee
119 meeting but also as a meeting of the governing body. For this reason, all meetings of
120 council committees shall be noticed both as committee meetings and as council meetings
121 whose agenda is limited to the committee business.

122 2. In all committee meetings, which are council meetings in accordance with
123 subsection F.1. of this rule, only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply,
124 and not those rules and procedures applicable to full council meetings. This includes, but
125 is not limited to:

126 a. only those members who serve on the committee have the right to exercise
127 parliamentary rights in the meeting, including, but not limited to, raising points of order,
128 making motions and voting;

129 b. attendance shall be recorded only for members serving on the committee,
130 and the quorum for the meeting shall be the committee quorum; and

131 c. committee meetings shall be chaired by the committee chair.

132 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency
133 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,

134 health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public
135 institutions.
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Ordinance 18697 was introduced on 3/26/2018 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/26/2018, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



Attachments: None