



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
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**Signature Report**

**January 18, 2006**

**Motion 12238**

**Proposed No.** 2006-0035.1

**Sponsors** Phillips

1 A MOTION relating to the organization of the council,  
2 electing the chair and the vice-chairs of the council for the  
3 year 2006 and designating the chair and vice-chairs of  
4 certain committees; and amending Motion 10651, Section  
5 II, and OR 1-010, Motion 10651, Section III, as amended,  
6 and OR 1-020, Motion 10651, Section IV and OR 1-030,  
7 Motion 11105 (part), as amended, and OR 1-040, Motion  
8 11122, Section D, as amended, and OR 2-020, and Motion  
9 11122, Section G, as amended, and OR 2-030.

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12 WHEREAS, the charter provides that the council shall elect one of its members as  
13 chair, and Motion 10651, Section II, and OR 1-010 provides that the council shall elect a  
14 chair who shall serve at the pleasure of the council for a term of one year, unless  
15 otherwise ordered by the council, and

16 WHEREAS, the council has specified by motion the chairs, vice-chairs, and  
17 members of council committees and provided for any changes to these positions to be  
18 made by adoption of a formal legislative motion;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

20 I. Motion 10651, Section II, and OR 1-010 are each hereby amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 **Election of the chair and vice-chairs.**

23 A. The council shall elect a chair and vice-chairs, ~~((both of whom))~~ who shall serve  
24 at the pleasure of the council for a term of one year ~~((to end the first meeting in January))~~,  
25 unless decided otherwise by the full council and until successors are elected.

26 B. There shall be three vice-chairs: the vice-chair of policy and administration, the  
27 vice-chair of council affairs and the vice-chair of regional affairs. For the purposes of  
28 implementing the provisions of K.C.C. chapter 1.24, "vice-chair" means the vice-chair of  
29 policy and administration; in the absence of the vice-chair of policy and administration,  
30 "vice chair" means the vice-chair of council affairs; and in the absence of the vice-chair of  
31 council affairs, "vice-chair" means the vice-chair of regional affairs.

32 ~~((B.))~~ C. In the event the chair is unable to serve the remainder of a term, the vice-  
33 chair shall become chair, consistent with the order set forth in subsection I. B. of this  
34 section. In the event ~~((the))~~ a vice-chair is unable to serve the remainder of a term, a new  
35 vice-chair shall be elected.

36 II. Motion 10651, Section III, as amended, and OR 1-020 are each hereby  
37 amended as follows:

38 **Powers and duties of the chair.**

39           A. The chair shall appoint the membership to standing committees, special  
40 committees and outside committees as required or as deemed necessary to efficiently  
41 conduct the business of the council. The council recognizes that its committee structure,  
42 membership and chairs and vice-chairs reflect the council's will. Any changes thereto shall  
43 be made only by formal legislative motion adopted by a majority of the members at a  
44 council meeting.

45           B. The chair shall have the responsibility and general direction for the council's  
46 resources, budget, operation and organizational structure. The chair shall be responsible  
47 for the general oversight of legislative branch employees, except personal staff of  
48 councilmembers. The council chief of staff and policy staff director shall be responsible  
49 for the overall management and administration of legislative branch employees as  
50 specified in OR 3-030.

51           C. The chair of the council shall not enter into a consultant contract for more than  
52 twenty-five thousand dollars without first being authorized to do so by council motion. All  
53 consultants shall comply with the King County code of ethics.

54           D. The chair shall regularly consult in the exercise of her or his duties with the  
55 vice-chairs ~~((and a member designated by the chair))~~. The chair, in consultation with  
56 committee chairs, shall direct the necessary coordination of staff. The council's chief of  
57 staff and the policy staff director shall report to the chair or the chair's staff designee. The  
58 chair may exercise any power conferred upon the chief of staff or policy staff director.

59           E. The chair shall be a member of the employment committee.

60           III. Motion 10651, Section IV, and OR 1-030 are each hereby amended as follows:

61           **Powers and duties of the vice-chairs.**

62 A. The vice-chairs shall exercise the duties, powers and prerogatives of the council  
63 chair in the event of the chair's absence, consistent with the order set forth in OR 1-010.B.

64 B. The vice-chair of policy and administration shall serve as the chair of the  
65 committee-of-the-whole.

66 C. The vice-chair of council affairs shall serve as the chair of the employment  
67 committee. ((C.)) The vice-chair of council affairs shall issue, upon recommendation of  
68 the employment committee and with the approval of a majority of the full council, all  
69 employment decisions for legislative branch employees except the councilmembers'  
70 personal staff. The vice-chair of council affairs shall convene the employment committee  
71 as needed.

72 D. The vice-chair of regional affairs shall serve as the chair of the regional policy  
73 committee.

74 IV. Motion 11105 (part), as amended, and OR 1-040 are each hereby amended to  
75 read as follows:

76 **Chair and vice-chairs elected.** For the year ((2004)) 2006, and until a successor  
77 is elected, the council elects Councilmember Larry Phillips as council chair ((and));  
78 Councilmember ((Pete von Reichbauer)) Larry Gossett as council vice-chair of policy and  
79 administration; Councilmember Jane Hague as council vice-chair of council affairs; and  
80 Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer as council vice-chair of regional affairs.

81 V. Motion 11122, Section D, as amended, and OR 2-020 are each hereby  
82 amended to read as follows:

83 **Committees – functions.** In addition to any committee otherwise established by  
84 law, the committees of the metropolitan King County council and their respective

85 functions are established as follows:

86 A. Annual budget reconciliation and adoption committee shall convene for  
87 purposes of reviewing and making recommendations on the executive's proposed 2007  
88 annual budget. In respect to consideration of the county's annual budget, all members of  
89 the council will be considered voting members of the committee. The annual budget  
90 reconciliation and adoption committee shall contain a capital budget panel and an  
91 operating budget panel. The capital budget panel and the operating budget panel shall  
92 review the executive's proposed 2007 annual budget make recommendations to the  
93 annual budget reconciliation and adoption committee.

94 The capital budget committee and the operating budget committee shall stand  
95 down during the review of the of the executive's proposed 2007 annual budget, except for  
96 purposes of considering legislation and briefings related to the 2006 budget.

97 B. Capital ((B))budget ((and fiscal management)) committee shall, in  
98 consideration of the capital budget: review and monitor the budget, including financial  
99 plans, revenues, expenditures, quarterly reports, and capital improvement programs;  
100 monitor the financial status of county funds; consider and make recommendations to all  
101 supplemental appropriations; and consider and make recommendations on debt and  
102 investment proposals, levies, fees and taxes. ((In respect to consideration of the county's  
103 annual budget, all members of the council not assigned to the budget and fiscal  
104 management committee will be considered ex officio voting members of the committee.))

105 ((B-)) C. Growth management and ((unincorporated areas)) natural  
106 resources committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to  
107 land use development, comprehensive planning, development regulations, regulatory

108 reform and recommendations to the department of development and environmental  
109 services (DDES). In respect to consideration of updates of the Comprehensive Plan, all  
110 members of the council not assigned to the growth management and unincorporated areas  
111 committee will be considered ex officio voting members of the committee. The chair of  
112 the committee may refer various portions of the Comprehensive Plan to panels of  
113 members. The chair of the committee may employ the various standing committees as  
114 panels. The panels shall transmit their recommendations to all councilmembers for their  
115 consideration as regular or ex officio members of the growth management and  
116 unincorporated areas committee before the committee refers the annual update of the  
117 Comprehensive Plan to the full council.

118         The committee shall consider and make recommendations relating to: market rate  
119 housing and housing affordability; Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC),  
120 including GMPC task forces, timelines, products (such as benchmarking and land  
121 capacity), and Countywide Planning Policies; Potential Annexation Areas and interlocal  
122 agreements; boundary review board and nonutility annexations; planned action  
123 environmental impact statements and related phased state Environmental Policy Act  
124 review; and the Puget Sound Regional Council; and development and land use  
125 regulations necessary to either implement salmon recovery or comply with the  
126 Endangered Species Act, or both.

127         The committee shall: consider and make recommendations on King County  
128 motions and ordinances which have force and effect only in the unincorporated areas of  
129 the county; evaluate and make recommendations on the quality of service delivery in  
130 areas such as police, roads and human services; and consider and make recommendations

131 relating to subarea planning community councils and other unincorporated self-  
132 government strategies.

133 The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to:  
134 natural resources; cultural resources; recreation programs; issues relating to the  
135 Endangered Species Act; parks; open space; agricultural lands; resource lands; utility  
136 services including wastewater treatment, solid waste management, flood control and  
137 surface water and stormwater management; utility annexations; utility comprehensive  
138 plans and franchises; and water quality and water quantity issues.

139 There shall be one chair of the growth management and natural resources  
140 committee with responsibility and authority for committee operations. There shall be three  
141 policy chairs of the growth management and natural resources committee: the policy chair  
142 of growth management, the policy chair of unincorporated and rural affairs, and the policy  
143 chair of natural resources, parks and utilities.

144 **((C.)) D. Labor, operations and technology committee shall:**

145 1. Consider and make recommendations on policies relating to management  
146 organizational structure; customer service; the efficiency, cost effectiveness and  
147 performance of county departments, including: assessor; personnel; purchasing; civil  
148 rights and compliance; real property management; general services; records and  
149 elections; facilities management; risk management; safety and worker's compensation;  
150 and cooperative extension community services;

151 2. Consider and make recommendations to the full council on the annual audit  
152 program;

153 3. Consider and make recommendations to the full council on labor agreements;

154 4. For the purposes of K.C.C. chapter 3.16, is designated as the labor  
155 implementation committee;

156 5. Consider and make recommendations relating to municipal service contracts;

157 6. Consider DDES efficiency and customer service; and

158 7. Consider and make recommendations relating to information technology,  
159 cable communications and telecommunications issues.

160 ~~(D.)~~ **E. Law, justice and human services committee** shall:

161 1. Consider and make recommendations on policies relating to: public safety;  
162 adult detention; constitutional and human rights; discrimination; civil and criminal  
163 liability; ethics; campaign practices; juvenile justice programs; youth services; the  
164 superior and district courts; judicial administration; prosecuting attorney; and public  
165 defense; and

166 2. Consider and make recommendations on matters relating to personal and  
167 environmental health; mental health; developmental disabilities; alcoholism and  
168 substance abuse; emergency medical services; human services; families and children;  
169 women's programs; and aging programs.

170 There shall be one chair of the law, justice and human services committee with  
171 responsibility and authority for committee operations. There shall be two policy chairs of  
172 the law, justice and human services committee: the policy chair of law and justice, and the  
173 policy chair of human services.

174 ~~(E.)~~ **F. Legislative steering committee** shall consider and make  
175 recommendations to the full council on legislation before the federal, state and local  
176 governments that affect King County. The committee shall meet regularly with all



177 branches of King County government to review legislation and policies that affect them  
178 and to coordinate the county response to issues from other levels of government.

179 ~~((F. **Natural resources and utilities committee** shall consider and make~~  
180 ~~recommendations on policies relating to: natural resources; cultural resources; recreation~~  
181 ~~programs; issues relating to the Endangered Species Act; parks; open space; agricultural~~  
182 ~~lands; resource lands; utility services including wastewater treatment, solid waste~~  
183 ~~management, flood control and surface water and stormwater management; utility~~  
184 ~~annexations; utility comprehensive plans and franchises; and water quality and water~~  
185 ~~quantity issues.))~~

186 **G. Operating budget committee** shall, in consideration of the operating budget:  
187 review and monitor the budget, including financial plans, revenues, expenditures,  
188 quarterly reports, and operating programs; monitor the financial status of county funds;  
189 consider and make recommendations to all supplemental appropriations; and consider  
190 and make recommendations on debt and investment proposals, levies, fees and taxes.

191 **H. Transportation committee** shall consider and make recommendations on  
192 policies relating to: transportation; planning; roads; engineering; and public  
193 transportation.

194 VI. Motion 11122, Section G, as amended, and OR 2-040 are each hereby  
195 amended to read as follows:

196 **Chairs and vice-chairs.** The council designates the following councilmembers  
197 as chairs and vice-chairs of the standing committees created in this motion and the  
198 regional committees established in the King County Charter.

199 Committee-of-the-whole:

- 200 Chair: ~~((Chair of the council, Larry Phillips))~~ Larry Gossett.
- 201 Vice-chairs: ~~((Pete von Reichbauer))~~ Jane Hague and Larry Phillips
- 202 Annual budget reconciliation and adoption committee:
- 203 Chair: Dow Constantine.
- 204 Capital budget panel chair: Bob Ferguson.
- 205 Operating budget panel chair: Jane Hague.
- 206 Capital ~~((B))~~budget ~~((and fiscal management))~~ committee:
- 207 Chair: ~~((Larry Gossett))~~ Bob Ferguson.
- 208 Vice-chairs: ~~((Dow Constantine, Jane Hague))~~ Larry Gossett, Pete von
- 209 Reichbauer.
- 210 Employment committee:
- 211 Chair: ~~((Pete von Reichbauer))~~ Jane Hague.
- 212 Vice-chair: Larry Gossett.
- 213 Growth management and ~~((unincorporated areas))~~ natural resources committee:
- 214 Chair: Dow Constantine.
- 215 ~~((Vice-))~~ Policy chair of growth management: Dow Constantine.
- 216 Policy chair of unincorporated and rural affairs: ~~((Steve Hammond))~~
- 217 Reagan Dunn.
- 218 Policy chair of natural resources, parks and utilities: Jane Hague
- 219 Labor, operations and technology committee:
- 220 Chair: ~~((Jane Hague))~~ Larry Gossett.
- 221 Vice-chair: ~~((Julia Patterson))~~ Jane Hague.
- 222 Law, justice and human services committee:

- 223 Chair: ~~((Julia Patterson))~~ Bob Ferguson.
- 224 ~~((Vice-))~~ Policy chair of law and justice: Bob Ferguson.
- 225 Policy chair of human services: Kathy Lambert.
- 226 Legislative steering committee:
- 227 Co-chairs: ~~((Carolyn Edmonds))~~ Dow Constantine, Kathy Lambert.
- 228 ~~((Vice chair: Kathy Lambert)).~~
- 229 ~~((Natural resources and utilities committee:~~
- 230 ~~Chair: Carolyn Edmonds.~~
- 231 ~~Vice chair: Jane Hague.))~~
- 232 Operating budget committee:
- 233 Chair: Dow Constantine.
- 234 Vice-chairs: Larry Gossett, Kathy Lambert.
- 235 Transportation committee:
- 236 Chair: ~~((Dwight Pelz))~~ Julia Patterson.
- 237 Vice-chair: ~~((David Irons))~~ Reagan Dunn.
- 238 Regional policy committee:
- 239 Chair: ~~((Bob Ferguson))~~ Pete von Reichbauer.
- 240 Regional transit committee:
- 241 Chair: ~~((Pete von Reichbauer))~~ Reagan Dunn.
- 242 Vice-chair: ~~((Dwight Pelz))~~ Julia Patterson.

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243 Regional water quality committee:

244 Chair: ((~~Steve Hammond~~)) Larry Phillips.

245 Vice-chair: ((~~Carolyn Edmonds~~)) Jane Hague.

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Motion 12238 was introduced on 1/17/2006 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/17/2006, by the following vote:

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

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments** None