



King County

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Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Dave Upthegrove, Chair;
Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Vice Chair of Policy Development and
Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Joe McDermott, Sarah
Perry, Pete von Reichbauer, Girmay Zahilay*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember von Reichbauer led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2023

Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2023, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions to the Council Agenda.

6. Special Items**Recognition of the six 2022-23 Ruth Woo Emerging Leaders Fellows**

Councilmember Dembowski and Councilmember McDermott made remarks, introduced the Ruth Woo Fellows: Isaiah Artis, Tera Chea, Vanessa Lam, Alex Madrigal Ramirez, Minh Nguyen, and Timothy Randazzo, presented the Recognition of the 2022-2023 Ruth Woo Emerging Leaders, and provided a short film highlighting the current Ruth Woo Fellows.

Proclamation of July 2023 as Disability Pride Month in King County

Councilmember Balducci made remarks, presented the Proclamation of July 2023 as Disability Pride Month in King County, introduced Ramona Hattendorf, Director of Advocacy, The Arc of King County. Ramona Hattendorf made remarks and thanked the Council.

7. Public Comment

The following people spoke:

*Alex Tsimerman
Tim Graves
Alice Fong
Leslie Hamada
Katherine Schubert-Knapp
Theresa Turner
James
Holly Krejci
Brandon-Boxersox-Johnson
Jeremy Ward
Carolyn*

*Anne Kroeker
Kristen Weise
Joe Kunzler
Ali Lee*

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, 8 - 10, 12 & 13

Consent Items 8 - 9

8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0208](#)

AN ORDINANCE that adopts the Harborview Medical Center 2024 Capital Improvement Program Annual Budget for the year ending June 30, 2024, and makes appropriations for the capital improvements for the Harborview Medical Center.

Sponsors: McDermott

Councilmember McDermott made a motion to defer Item 8 to the August 15, 2023 agenda. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

This matter was Deferred

9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2023-0245.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to county budgeting fiscal periods; and amending Ordinance 11683, Section 4, and K.C.C. 1.24.035, Ordinance 11683, Section 8, and K.C.C. 1.24.075, Ordinance 12075, Section 3, and K.C.C. 2.16.025, Ordinance 14199, Section 11, and K.C.C. 2.16.035, Ordinance 18798, Section 2, and K.C.C. 2.47.010, Ordinance 18432, Section 8, and K.C.C. 2A.380.200, Ordinance 16339, Section 18, and K.C.C. 3.12F.020, Ordinance 8753, Section 7, and K.C.C. 3.32.090, Ordinance 12045, Section 20, and K.C.C. 4.56.030, Ordinance 17390, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4.56.300, Ordinance 15545, Section 1, and K.C.C. 4A.100.010, Ordinance 17929, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.020, Ordinance 12045, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.040, Ordinance 17929, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.070, Ordinance 620, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.100.100, Ordinance 12076, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.110.010, Ordinance 12076, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.020, Ordinance 12076, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.390, Ordinance 13923, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.601.010, and Ordinance 13923, Section 5, and K.C.C. 4A.601.030.

Sponsors: McDermott

The enacted number is 19654.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Kohl-Welles that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Government Accountability and Oversight

10. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2023-0180.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the King County office of public complaints; amending Ordinance 473, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.020, Ordinance 5869, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.030, Ordinance 473, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.040, Ordinance 473, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.090, Ordinance 473, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.110, Ordinance 473, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.150, Ordinance 473, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.170, Ordinance 9704, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.015, Ordinance 12014, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.017, Ordinance 1308, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.020, Ordinance 9704, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.055, Ordinance 1321, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.080, Ordinance 1321, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.090 and Ordinance 1321, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.100.

Sponsors: Dembowski

Councilmember Balducci made a motion to defer Item 10 to the August 15, 2023 agenda. Seeing no objection, the Chair so moved.

This matter was Deferred

Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda**11. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2023-0192.2](#)**

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Gary and Damien Wilson for property located at 47101 SE 171st Street, North Bend, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E22CT018.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19655

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

Budget and Fiscal Management

12. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2023-0170.2](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a final report with an analysis and recommendation on whether to establish a capacity charge exemption or reduced rate for King County residents who themselves, or whose progenitors, or both, were impacted by racial restrictions in the acquisition of residential real estate, in the form of racial deed restrictions, racial covenants and redlining practices as required by the King County 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19210, Section 112, Proviso P2, as amended by Ordinance 19443, Section 28, Proviso P2.

Sponsors: Kohl-Welles

The enacted number is 16393.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Transportation, Economy and Environment

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0256](#)

A MOTION related to the transfer of retired vanpool vans to nonprofit organizations and local governments to meet the needs of low-income, seniors or young people or people with disabilities; and rescinding Motion 16353.

Sponsors: Kohl-Welles

The enacted number is 16394.

Councilmember Dembowski made a motion to relieve the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee of item 13. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0263](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to energy storage systems; and amending Ordinance 10870, Section 43, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.015, Ordinance 10870, Section 44, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.020, Ordinance 10870, Section 45, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.06.025, Ordinance 10870, Section 330, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.030, Ordinance 10870, Section 333, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.060, Ordinance 10870, Section 336, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.090, Ordinance 10870, Section 337, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.100, Ordinance 10870, Section 354, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.12.170, Ordinance 10870, Section 359, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.12.220, Ordinance 10870, Section 388, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.16.030, Ordinance 10870, Section 390, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.16.050, Ordinance 10870, Section 391, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.16.060, adding new sections to K.C.C. 21A.06, and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 21A.

Sponsors: Perry and Upthegrove

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee

15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0267](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to a regional motor sports facility master planning demonstration project; and amending Ordinance 16515, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.20.105 and Ordinance 17287, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.55.105.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee

First Reading and Referral of Motions

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0237](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Yared Yimer, who resides in council district seven, to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Committee of the Whole

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0239](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Kia McGlone, who resides in council district seven, to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Committee of the Whole

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0258](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Jeneva Cotton as the director of the juvenile division within the King County department of adult and juvenile detention.

Sponsors: Kohl-Welles

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Committee of the Whole

19. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0264](#)

A MOTION concerning contaminants of emerging concern in wastewater effluent and directing next steps to limit their impact.

Sponsors: Kohl-Welles and Balducci

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Regional Water Quality Committee

This is a dual referral first to the Regional Water Quality Committee and then to the Committee of the Whole.

This is a mandatory referral to the Regional Water Quality Committee as set forth in King County Charter Section 270.30 and K.C.C. 1.24.065.

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0265](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Zahra Mohamed, who resides in council district eight, for a partial term to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

Sponsors: McDermott

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Committee of the Whole

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0266](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Zahra Mohamed, who resides in council district eight, for a full three-year term to the King County immigrant and refugee commission.

Sponsors: McDermott

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Committee of the Whole

22. **Reports on Special and Outside Committees**

Other Business

Councilmember Zahilay introduced four young guests of Tony Benton, Founder, Rainer Valley Radio as "Junior Councilmembers," Jayvion, Terrell, Love, and Jason.

Councilmember Upthegrove reported that the letter referenced and voted on during the July 18, 2023, Council meeting was sent to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The July 25, 2023, Wishbone Timber Sale auction was cancelled.

Adjournment

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

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature