



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
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*

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1:30 PM

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

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**1. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:31 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 McDermott led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.*

**4. Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2023**

*Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.*

**5. Additions to the Council Agenda**

*There were no additions.*

## 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 6-12

*The following people spoke:  
Alex Tsimmerman  
Judge Ketu Shah  
Judge Patrick Oishi*

### Consent Items 6-7

6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0215](#)

AN ORDINANCE making an honorary road name designation in recognition of Northwood Middle School.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

*The enacted number is 19656.*

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0226](#)

AN ORDINANCE changing the name of South King Fire and Rescue to South King Fire.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

*The enacted number is 19657.*

**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 Dunn 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

**Budget and Fiscal Management****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

*The enactment number is 19658.*

*Councilmember McDermott moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.*

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

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

**9. Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2023-0210.2**

AN ORDINANCE related to COVID-19; making a net supplemental appropriation of \$11,363,000 to several general fund agencies; making a net supplemental appropriation of \$19,959,000 to several non-general fund agencies; making a net supplemental appropriation of \$8,416,807 to several capital improvement funds; and amending the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Sections 17, 18, 32, 33, 40, 46, 46, 52, 57, 62, 65, 72, 72, 73, 83, 83, 91, 91, 94, 102, 107, 116, 120, 121, and 129, as amended, and Attachment A, as amended.

**Sponsors:** McDermott

*The enactment number is 19659.*

*Andrew Kim, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.*

*Councilmember Dunn moved Amendment 2. The motion carried.*

*Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved Title Amendment T1. The motion carried.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember McDermott that this Ordinance be Passed as Amended. 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

*Melissa Bailey, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*At the request of Councilmember Balducci, the Chair deferred Proposed Ordinance 2023-0180 to the August 22, 2023, Council meeting.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter was Deferred.**

### **Local Services and Land Use**

11. **[Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0224](#)**

AN ORDINANCE adopting and ratifying amendments to the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

*The enacted number is 19660.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Ordinance 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

### Reappointment Consent Agenda

#### Consent Item 12

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0285](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Jeffery Guddat, who resides in council district seven, to the King County Library System board of trustees.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

*The enactment number is 16395.*

**A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Kohl-Welles 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

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0274](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the reorganization of four executive branch departments; amending Ordinance 18777, Section 5, and K.C.C. 2.16.038, Ordinance 1438, Section 3(c), as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.060, Ordinance 11955, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.130, Ordinance 12529, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.35A.010, Ordinance 17733, Section 4, and K.C.C. 2.35A.020, Ordinance 17733, Section 7, and K.C.C. 2.35A.050, Ordinance 12075, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.92.030, Ordinance 12808, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 24.28.020, and Ordinance 18591, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 24.28.050, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.35A, and repealing Ordinance 8577, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.35A.110, Ordinance 8577, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.35A.120, Ordinance 10217, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.35A.130, Ordinance 8577, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.35A.140, and Ordinance 12075, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.35A.150.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

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

**14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0288](#)**

AN ORDINANCE relating to providing administrative support to the personnel board; and amending Ordinance 13370, Section 2, as amended and K.C.C. 3.08.120.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

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

## First Reading and Referral of Motions

**15. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0260](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Robert F. Harmon, Jr., who resides in council district six, to the King County Housing Authority board of commissioners.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Local Services and Land Use Committee.**

**16. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0268](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the Economic Development and Small Business Assistance Strategies Report required by the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 20, Proviso P2.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

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

**17. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0269](#)**

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

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

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

**18. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0270](#)**

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

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

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



**19. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0271](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Cynthia Hickey, who resides in council district two, for a partial term to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as the district two representative.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

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

**20. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0272](#)**

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Cynthia Hickey, who resides in council district two, for a full three-year term to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as the district two representative.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

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

**21. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0276](#)**

A MOTION approving the 2022 annual mental illness and drug dependency evaluation summary report, in compliance with K.C.C. 4A.500.309.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

*This item is referred first to the Regional Policy Committee and then to the Law, Justice, Health and Human Services Committee.*

*This is a nonmandatory referral to the Regional Policy Committee under KCC 1.24.065.I as an issue that is not a countywide policy or plan but would benefit from interjurisdictional discussion.*

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Regional Policy Committee.**

**22. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0277](#)**

A MOTION requesting the executive to raise awareness of the dangers of fentanyl by expanding fentanyl awareness campaigns in King County.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Law, Justice, Health and Human Services Committee.**

23. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0278](#)

A MOTION approving a workgroup-recommended program plan for those health and safety improvements at the Harborview Medical Center that can be built within the amount of the bond revenues estimated to be available and as authorized by Ordinance 19117, as required by Ordinance 19583.

**Sponsors:** Kohl-Welles

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

24. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0281](#)

A MOTION approving renewal of contract for the deputy chief legal counsel to the King County council.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.**

25. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0282](#)

A MOTION approving renewal of contract for chief legal counsel to the King County council.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

**This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Employment and Administration Committee.**

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

*No reports were given.*

**Other Business**

*There was no other business.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature