



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee

Councilmembers:
Rod Dembowski, Chair;
Pete von Reichbauer, Vice Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Joe McDermott

Lead Staff: Jake Tracy (206-263-0875)
Committee Clerk: Gabbi Williams (206 477-7470)

9:30 AM

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Dembowski called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Also in attendance was Councilmember Upthegrove.

Present: 5 - Dembowski, von Reichbauer, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember von Reichbauer moved approval of the August 15, 2023 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Consent

4. **[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.

A motion was made by Vice Chair von Reichbauer that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Dembowski, von Reichbauer, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

5. [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.

A motion was made by Vice Chair von Reichbauer that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Dembowski, von Reichbauer, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

6. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0301](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Hannah Cavendish-Palmer, who resides in council district three, to the King County conservation futures advisory committee, as the district three representative.

A motion was made by Vice Chair von Reichbauer that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Dembowski, von Reichbauer, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

7. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0294](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Joe Miles, who resides in council district nine, to the King County parks levy oversight board, as the district nine representative.

A motion was made by Vice Chair von Reichbauer that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Dembowski, von Reichbauer, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

Briefing

8. [Briefing No. 2023-B0095](#)

Metro GM Briefing

Michelle Allison, General Manager, Metro Transit, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 9:40am. The meeting was reconvened at 9:43am.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

9. [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.

Jake Tracy, Council staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

Councilmember von Reichauer moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted.

A motion was made by Vice Chair von Reichbauer that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dembowski, von Reichbauer, Balducci and Kohl-Welles

No: 1 - McDermott

Briefing

10. [Briefing No. 2023-B0088](#)

Conservation Futures Advisory Committee Recommendations for 2024

Sherrie Hsu, Council staff, briefed the committee. Ingrid Lundin, Conservation Futures Coordinator, Catherine Gockel, Conservation Futures Advisory Committee Chair, and Niesha Fort Brooks, Conservation Futures Advisory Committee Vice Chair, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

11. [Briefing No. 2023-B0096](#)

Climate Director Briefing

Marissa Aho, Director, Office of Climate, briefed the committee.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

12. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0185](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to the establishment and administration of the forest carbon program; amending Ordinance 17022, Section 2, and K.C.C. 4.56.250 and Ordinance 17527 Section 150, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.155 and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 18.

Jake Tracy, Council staff, briefed the committee. Michael Murphy, Supervisor, Open Space Acquisitions Unit, WLRD, DNRP, and Richard Martin, Environmental Programs Managing Supervisor, DNRP, also addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

Councilmember von Reichbauer moved Striking Amendment S2. The Amendment was adopted.

Councilmember von Reichbauer moved Title Amendment T2. The Amendment was adopted.

A motion was made by Vice Chair von Reichbauer that this Ordinance be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Dembowski, von Reichbauer, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

13. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0314](#)

A MOTION requesting the executive to develop and transmit a study regarding state forest trust lands currently managed for King County by the Washington state Department of Natural Resources.

Jake Tracy, Council staff, briefed the committee. Michael Murphy, Supervisor, Open Space Acquisitions Unit, WLRD, DNRP, and Richard Martin, Environmental Programs Managing Supervisor, DNRP, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation.

A motion was made by Councilmember Balducci that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dembowski, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0316](#)

A MOTION requesting the executive to identify and analyze mature forests in King County, and to transmit two reports.

Jake Tracy, Council staff, briefed the committee.

Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved Amendment 1. The Amendment was adopted. Councilmember Kohl-Welles moved Title Amendment T1. The Amendment was adopted.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kohl-Welles that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Dembowski, Balducci, McDermott and Kohl-Welles

Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

15. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0315](#)

A MOTION relating to climate change funding, requesting the executive to develop a property tax levy proposal to address the climate crisis in consultation with a work group of interested parties, to assess other potential funding sources, and to transmit a report, a proposed motion, and a proposed ordinance.

Jake Tracy, Council staff, briefed the committee.

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature