



# 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, October 24, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

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3. Listen to the meeting by telephone – See “Connecting to the Webinar” above.

1. **Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.*

2. **Roll Call**

**Present:** 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Kohl-Welles

3. **Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**

*Councilmember Balducci led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.*

4. **Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2023**

*Councilmember Dunn moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.*

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

*There were no additions.*

6. **Special Item**

**Proclamation of October 22 to 28, 2023, as Pro Bono Week in King County**

*Councilmember Dembowski and Councilmember Dunn made remarks and presented the proclamation to Alexandra Deas, Communications and Advocacy Director for the Equal Justice Coalition; Michael Terasaki, Manager of Pro Bono Council; Joyce Diaz Sandí at WSBA, Equity & Justice Specialist; Anne Paxton at Unemployment Law Project, Policy & Pro Bono Director; Marcos Martinez, Executive Director, TeamChild; Devon Stark, Neighborhood Legal Clinics Program Manager at KCBA; Diana Singleton, Chief Equity; and Justice Officer at WSBA. Michael Terasaki and Diana Singleson made remarks and thanked the Council.*

**7. Public Comment**

*The following people spoke:*

- Alex Tsimerman*
- Jeff Haas*
- Troy Scott*
- Mark McIntyre*
- Stephen Ratzlaff*
- Sven Freitag*
- Emily Wittman*
- Anne Simpson*
- Charlie Connen*
- Joe Kunzler*
- Max Anderson*
- Donny Donovan*
- Diane Dobson*
- Simon Sefzik*
- Scott Maresh*
- Maddie DuBray*
- Chelsea Olson*

**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 6-10, 12-14 and 21-22**

*The public hearing on Items 6-10, 12-14 and 21-22 were held under Item 7.*

**Consent Items 8-9**

**8. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2023-0262.2](#)**

AN ORDINANCE relating to risk management policies including the processing and disposition of claims and lawsuits against the county; and amending Ordinance 3581, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.010, Ordinance 3581, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.020, Ordinance 11984, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.030, Ordinance 12076, Section 38, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.040, Ordinance 3581, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.050, Ordinance 3581, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.060, Ordinance 3581, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.070, Ordinance 3581, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.080, Ordinance 3581, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.090, and Ordinance 3581, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.21.100.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

*The enacted number is 19681.*

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

**9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2023-0313.2](#)**

AN ORDINANCE establishing bond amounts for certain officers and employees of King County; and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 3.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

*The enacted number is 19682.*

**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:** 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Kohl-Welles

**Metropolitan King County Council****10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0368](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Memorandum of Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 117, representing employees in the Department of Natural Resources and Parks and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

*The enacted number is 19683.*

*Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council and answered questions.*

*Angela Marshall, Deputy Director, Office of Labor Relations, made remarks.*

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

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Kohl-Welles

## Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda

### 11. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2023-0165.2](#)

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 GROW, Inc for property located at 2317 S. Norman Street, Seattle, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E22CT030S.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

*The enacted number is 19684.*

**A motion was made by Councilmember Dembowski that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Kohl-Welles

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

### Consent Items 12-13

### 12. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0308](#)

A MOTION requesting the wastewater treatment division develop and maintain a long-term financial and sewer rate forecast.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

*The enacted number is 16449.*

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

13. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2023-0350.2](#)

A MOTION confirming the appointment of Matthew Vinci to the citizens' elections oversight committee as the jurisdictional representative from a junior taxing district or a city with a population of under twenty thousand.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

*The enacted number is 16450.*

**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:** 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Kohl-Welles

**Reappointment Consent Agenda Item 14**

14. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0372](#)

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Staci Adman to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture) board.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

*The enacted number is 16451.*

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

**Yes:** 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

**Excused:** 1 - Kohl-Welles

## First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

### 15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0373](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) Implementation Plan, required by Ordinance 19604, Section 7.A., to govern the expenditure of the veterans, seniors, and human services levy proceeds from 2024 to 2029 to achieve outcomes related to housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, and service system access and improvement for veterans and military servicemembers and their respective families; seniors and their caregivers; and resilient communities in King County.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay and Kohl-Welles

*This item is referred first to the Regional Policy Committee and then to the Committee of the Whole.*

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

**This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Regional Policy Committee**

## First Reading and Referral of Motions

### 16. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0275](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the report on the department of public defense's assigned counsel hourly rates in accordance with the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P5.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

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

### 17. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0318](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of an independent monitoring report on the confinement of juveniles in county detention facilities as required by the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 54, Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

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

### 18. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0345](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the 2023 rural flooding assessment report as required by Ordinance 19546, Section 80, Proviso P1.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

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



19. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0371](#)

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the east division, northeast electoral district, judge position number seven of the King County district court.

**Sponsors:** Kohl-Welles

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

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0379](#)

A MOTION relating to the appointment of Judi Puttman to the board of commissioners of King County drainage district No. 13.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

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

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

*No reports were given.*

**Other Business**

**Proclamation/Recognition Presented in the Community**

22. **Recognition of Pastor Patrinell “Pat” Wright for her dedication to improving young lives through gospel music**

*Chair Upthegrove announced that this recognition has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community.*

23. **Recognition of Janet Masuo for 45 years of county service**

*Chair Upthegrove announced that this recognition has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.*

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

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Clerk's Signature