



King County

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516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Dave Upthegrove, Chair;
Girmay Zahilay, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Jorge Barón, Rod Dembowski,
Teresa Mosqueda, Sarah Perry, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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

Councilmember Dembowski led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2024**

Councilmember Dembowski moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2024, 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 September 15 to October 15, 2024, as Latino/a/e Heritage Month in King County

Councilmember Barón and Councilmember Mosqueda made remarks, presented the proclamation, and introduced Councilmember Ruth Pérez, City of Renton; Miguel Maestas, El Centro de la Raza; and Jake Prendez and Judy Avita-Gonzales, Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery. Councilmember Pérez, Miguel Maestas, Jake Prendez, and Judy Avita-Gonzales made remarks and thanked the Council.

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, 11-12, and 42

The following people spoke:

Zhan Chen

Nikko Chan

Elaine Chan

Sea Chan

EL'ona Kearney

Kong Lefeau

Gary Lee

Justin Carlson

Gene Schomin

Howard Greenwich

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Budget and Fiscal Management

7. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0226.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the condemnation of real property to obtain easements, and other rights in property for the construction of the Rapid Ride I Line in the city of Renton.

Sponsors: Zahilay

Mary Bourguignon, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Dembowski requested that Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0226 be delayed one week.

Mark Ellerbrook, Capital Division Director, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Janine Robinson, Transit Capital Project Manager, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Dunn withdrew the motion to place Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0226 before the Council for consideration.

Seeing no objection, Chair Zahilay ordered that Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0226 be delayed one week, to the October 8, 2024, Council meeting.

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

Metropolitan King County Council**8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0295](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Memorandum of Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Teamsters Local Union No. 174, representing Station Operator, Truck Driver, Utility Worker (Tipper Classification), Scale Operator, and Signs and Marking Specialist employees working in the fleet, road services, parks, solid waste divisions of the department of local services, the department of natural resources and parks, and department of executive services, and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19827.

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

Michael Gonzales, Teamsters Local Union No. 174, briefed the Council and answered questions.

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: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda Items 9-10**9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0218.2](#)**

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 Darren and Carrie Dofelmier for property located at 30766 Cumberland Kanaskat Road SE, Ravensdale, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT001.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19828.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

10. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0220.2](#)

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 Steven and Casey Litz for property located at 34203 SE 270th Street, Ravensdale, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT004.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19829.

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, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action**Consent Item 11****11. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0274](#)**

A MOTION approving a forest carbon credit approval report in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 18.35.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 16672.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Transportation, Economy and Environment

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0258](#)

A MOTION accepting the King County Equitable Development Initiative Implementation Plan Phase 2 in compliance with Motion 16062 and the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, as amended by Ordinance 19712, Section 77, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 16673.

April Sanders, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

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, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0299](#)

AN ORDINANCE that adopts the 2025 Annual Budget and makes appropriations for the operation of county agencies and departments and capital improvements for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025; and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0300](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2025 5.5 GWI King County Hourly Squared Schedule, 2025 5.5 GWI King County Annual FLSA-Exempt Squared Schedule, 2025 5.5 GWI King County Standardized Hourly Salary Schedule, 2025 5.5 GWI King County Standardized Annual FLSA-Exempt Salary Schedule, the annual general wage increase for nonrepresented King County employees, as stipulated in K.C.C. 3.12.130 and K.C.C. 3.12.140, and the insured benefits agreement for nonrepresented King County employees.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0301](#)

AN ORDINANCE regarding surface water management; revising surface water management service charges; amending Ordinance 7590, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 9.08.070 and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

16. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0302](#)

AN ORDINANCE abolishing the 2008-2013 parks operating levy and open space and trails and the 2014-2019 parks, trails, and open space replacement levy funds, transferring any remaining net assets and fund balances to the parks operating fund.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

17. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0303](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing the county hospital levy fund; and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

18. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0305](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing the Harborview Medical Center capital program 2020 Proposition 1 other revenues fund; and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

19. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0304](#)

AN ORDINANCE increasing the fee to attend a parenting seminar in cases under Chapters 26.09 RCW, and 26.26 RCW related to custody, visitation, or parenting of minor children; and amending Ordinance 16972, Section 2, and K.C.C. 4A.632.120.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

20. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0306](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing the electric-vehicle-charging infrastructure fund; and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

21. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0307](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of limited tax general obligation bonds of the county in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$585,000,000 to provide funds for acquiring and constructing capital improvement projects of the county and to pay the costs of issuing such bonds; authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of limited tax general obligation refunding bonds to refund outstanding limited tax general obligations of the county and to pay the costs of issuing such refunding bonds; pledging the annual levy of taxes to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds issued under this ordinance; and providing for other matters relating thereto.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

22. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0308](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation, revising water taxi rates of fare; amending Ordinance 18411, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.820 and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

23. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0309](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation, revising Water Taxi rates of fare; amending Ordinance 18411, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.820 and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

24. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0310](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation, revising the rate for regular fare; amending Ordinance 19474, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.010 and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

25. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0312](#)

AN ORDINANCE maintaining emergent need thresholds at current levels as established in the 2021-2022 biennium; and repealing Ordinance 19534, Sections 1, 4, and 5.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

26. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0313](#)

AN ORDINANCE related to plumbing permit fees and amending Ordinance 6746, Section 10, as amended, and Ordinance 16964, Section 6, as amended.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

27. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0314](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2024 levy of property taxes in King County for collection in the year 2025.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

28. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0315](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to development permitting fees; amending Ordinance 10662, Section 42, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.02.010, Ordinance 18822, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.02.050, Ordinance 11141, Section 41, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.02.110, Ordinance 13332, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.06.010, Ordinance 13332, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.020, Ordinance 17923, Section 45, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.035, Ordinance 17923, Section 46, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.037, Ordinance 13332, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.050, Ordinance 13332, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.070, Ordinance 18000, Section 83, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.075, Ordinance 13332, Section 23, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.080, Ordinance 13332, Section 24, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.090, Ordinance 13332, Section 28, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.130, Ordinance 13332, Section 30, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.150, Ordinance 13332, Section 31, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.160, Ordinance 13332, Section 32, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.170, Ordinance 13332, Section 33, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.180, Ordinance 13332, Section 34, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.190, Ordinance 13332, Section 35, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.200, Ordinance 13332, Section 36, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.210, Ordinance 13332, Section 37, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.220, Ordinance 13332, Section 40, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.320, Ordinance 13332, Section 42, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.350, Ordinance 13332, Section 43, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.360, Ordinance 13332, Section 46, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.380, Ordinance 17224, Section 43, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.425, Ordinance 13332, Section 53, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.510, Ordinance 13332, Section 54, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.550, Ordinance 17682, Section 46, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.560, and Ordinance 17682, Section 48, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.10.580, and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

29. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0316](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the county property tax levies for collection in 2025, and implementing RCW 84.55.120.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

30. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0317](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation, revising the low-income fare rate; amending Ordinance 19705, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.700.010 and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

31. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0319](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting 2024 Fund Management Policies for the Public Transportation Fund; and repealing Ordinance 18321, Section 2, and Attachment A to Ordinance 18321.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

32. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0322](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to school impact fees and comprehensive planning; adopting the capital facilities plans of the Tahoma, Federal Way, Riverview, Issaquah, Snoqualmie Valley, Highline, Lake Washington, Kent, Northshore, Enumclaw, Fife, Auburn, and Renton school districts as subelements of the King County Comprehensive Plan capital facilities element to implement the school impact fee program; establishing school impact fees to be collected by King County on behalf of the districts; and amending Ordinance 18619, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.473, and Ordinance 10122, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.44.010.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

33. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0323](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting the community needs list for the Snoqualmie Valley/Northeast King County community service area.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

34. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0324](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2024 levy of property taxes in King County for collection in the year 2025.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

35. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0326](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the collective bargaining agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Technical Employees' Association, representing capital division staff employees in the Metro transit department and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Metropolitan King County Council.

36. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0327](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the King County Police Officers Guild, representing commissioned deputies and sergeants in the King County sheriff's office, and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Metropolitan King County Council.

First Reading and Referral of Motions

37. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0296](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a plan identifying revenue to replace approximately \$7,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that will expire December 31, 2024, that is currently supporting King County gun violence intervention and prevention programming, in accordance with the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, as amended by Ordinance 19712, Section 10, Proviso P8.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

38. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0297](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a gun violence prevention and response plan, in accordance with the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 42, as amended by Ordinance 19791, Section 17, Proviso P2.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

39. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0298](#)

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to a vacant position on the Coal Creek utility district board of commissioners.

Sponsors: Dunn

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

40. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0320](#)

A MOTION relating to the review and assessment of the county hospital's operating, facility, and capital needs to inform potential utilization of the county's authority to levy a councilmanic property tax as allowable under RCW 36.62.090.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

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

No reports were given.

Other Business

At the September 10, 2024, Council meeting, the Chair asked members for nominations for an at-large Conservation Futures Advisory Committee position. The Chair received two nominations; Eric Adman and Daniel Kim; and indicated their names would be forwarded to the Executive.

Proclamation/Recognition Presented in the Community

42. **Proclaiming September 30 - October 6, 2024, as Week Without Driving**

The Proclamation has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community.

43. **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Jared Karstetter at 3:15 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature