



King County

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Courthouse
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 8, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

REVISED AGENDA DRAFT MINUTES

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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 1:35 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 October 1, 2024, and Revised Minutes of September 17, 2024**

Councilmember Zahilay moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024, and September 17, 2024, meetings as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

There were no additions.

6. **Special Item**

Recognition of the King County Regional Mental Health Court on its 25th anniversary

Councilmember Barón and Councilmember Dunn made remarks, presented the recognition, and introduced Judge Lisa Paglisotti, King County District Court. Judge Lisa Paglisotti made remarks, thanked her staff, and thanked the Council.

Proclamation of October 2024 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month in King County

Councilmember Balducci made remarks, presented the proclamation and introduced Lauren Orichio, Supported Employment Program Manager. Lauren Orichio 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 6-10

The following people spoke:

Alex Tsimmerman

Gene Schomin

Nikko Chan

Elaine Chan

Sea Chan

Zhan Chen

Elizabeth M.

Justin E. Carlson

Matthew Sutherland

Ruby Holland

Michelle Eastman

Jeff Keenan

Consent Item 7

7. **[Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0257.2](#)**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to execute the amended and restated interlocal agreement for the establishment of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, a joint or cooperative undertaking with the city of Seattle and with such public agencies as are eligible under the terms of the interlocal agreement and applicable law.

Sponsors: Balducci, Dembowski and Zahilay

The enacted number is 19830.

Chair Upthegrove announced that Item 7 would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Zahilay 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

Budget and Fiscal Management

8. [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

The enacted number is 19831.

Michelle Allison, General Manager, Metro Transit Department, made remarks, introduced Janine Robinson, Transit Capital Project Manager, and answered questions.

Janine Robinson briefed the Council and answered questions.

Hannah McIntosh, Supervisor, System Expansion and Integration, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Barón moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

No: 2 - Dembowski, and Upthegrove

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9. [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

The enacted number is 19832.

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

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Zahilay 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

10. [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

The enacted number is 19833.

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

Sasha Alessi, Negotiator and Labor Relations Manager, King County Office of Labor Relations, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Michael Mansanarez, President, King County Police Officers Guild, briefed the Council and answered questions.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Zahilay 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

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

11. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0311](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to approval of the 55th and 56th King County superior court judge positions.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

12. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0318](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing a workgroup to develop recommendations on modernizing public health - Seattle & King County clinic services and operations supporting the county hospital.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

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

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0321](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing an office of the county hospital; and amending Ordinance 12075, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.025, Ordinance 6818, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.42.010, Ordinance 6818, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.42.020, Ordinance 6818, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.42.030, Ordinance 6818, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.42.040, Ordinance 6818, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.42.050, Ordinance 6818, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.42.060, and Ordinance 6818, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.42.090.

Sponsors: Zahilay and Mosqueda

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

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0332](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the memorandum of agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Washington State Nurses Association, representing nurse supervisors and managers in the department of public health 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.

15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0333](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the memorandum of agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Washington State Nurses Association, representing nurse staff in the department of juvenile detention and the department of public health 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

16. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0325](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Stuart Rolfe, who resides in council district two, to the Washington State Convention Center Public Facilities District (aka Seattle Convention Center) board of directors.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

17. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0331](#)

A MOTION expressing the King County council's intent related to Washington state Initiative 2066, which, if approved by voters, would repeal or prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural gas use, or promote electrification, or both, and require certain utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers.

Sponsors: Barón

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

BALLOT TITLE: Initiative Measure No. 2066

Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 2066 concerns regulating energy services, including natural gas and electrification.

Concise Description: This measure would repeal or prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural gas use, and/or promote electrification, and require certain utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers.

18. [Reports on Special and Outside Committees](#)

No reports were given.

Other Business

At the September 7, 2024, Council meeting, Chair Upthegrove requested nominations for two vacant at-large King County Conservation Futures Advisory Committee positions. Chair Upthegrove announced he received no nominations. The current members requesting reappointment are Sam Rapoport (District 2) and Eric Zimmerman (District 5). Those names will be forwarded to the Executive.

19. Executive Session

The Council went into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes, until about 3:45 p.m. The grounds for the executive session under RCW 42.30.110 are to discuss with legal counsel representing the county in litigation when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequences to the County.

The Chair extended the Executive Session for 5 minutes, until about 3:50 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature