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A MOTION relating to the organization of the council, electing the chair and vice-chair of the council and designating the chairs, vice-chairs, members, meeting times and duties of committees for the year 2002; and amending Motion 11105 (part) and OR 1-040, Motion 10651, Section III, and OR 1-020, Motion 10651, Section IV, and OR 1-030, Motion 11122, Section B, and OR 2-010, Motion 11122, Section D, and OR 2-020, Motion 10651, Section V, as amended, and OR 2-030, Motion 11122, Section G, as amended, and OR 2-040, Motion 11122, Section H, as amended, and OR 2-050, Motion 11122, Section F, and OR 2-120 and Motion 11122, Section I, and OR 2-060.

WHEREAS, the charter provides that the council shall elect one of its members as chair, and Motion

10651, Section II, and OR 1-010 provides that the council shall elect a chair and vice-chair, both of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the council for a term of one year, unless otherwise ordered by the council, and

WHEREAS, the council has specified by motion the chairs, vice-chairs, and members of council committees and provided for any changes to these positions to be made by adoption of a formal legislative motion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

I. Motion 11105 (part) and OR 1-040 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

**Chair and vice-chair elected.** For the year ((2001)) 2002, and until a successor is elected, the council elects Councilmember ((~~Pete von Reichbauer~~)) Cynthia Sullivan as council chair and Councilmember ((~~Louise Miller~~)) Pete von Reichbauer as council vice-chair.

II. Motion 10651, Section III and OR 1-020 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

**Powers and duties of the chair.**

A. The chair shall appoint the membership to standing committees, special committees and outside committees as required or as deemed necessary to efficiently conduct the business of the council. The council recognizes that its committee structure, membership and chairs and vice-chairs reflect the council's will. Any changes thereto shall be made only by formal legislative motion adopted by a majority of the members at a council meeting.

B. The chair shall have the responsibility and general direction for the council's resources, budget, operation and organizational structure. The chair shall be responsible for the general oversight of legislative branch employees, except personal staff of councilmembers. The council chief of staff and policy staff director shall be responsible for the overall management and administration of legislative branch employees as specified in OR 3-030.

C. The chair of the council shall not enter into a consultant contract for more than twenty-five thousand dollars without first being authorized to do so by council motion. All consultants shall comply with the King

County code of ethics.

D. The chair shall regularly consult in the exercise of her or his duties with the vice-chair and a member ~~((of the minority party))~~ designated by the ~~((minority party))~~ chair. The chair, in consultation with committee chairs, shall direct the necessary coordination of staff. The council's chief of staff and the policy staff director shall report to the chair or the chair's staff designee.

E. The chair shall be ~~((the vice-chair))~~ a member of the employment committee.

III. Motion 10651, Section IV and OR 1-030 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

**Powers and duties of the vice-chair.**

A. The vice-chair shall exercise the duties, powers and prerogatives of the council chair in the event of the chair's absence.

B. The vice-chair shall serve as the chair of the employment committee.

C. The vice-chair shall issue, upon recommendation of the employment committee and with the approval of a majority of the full council, all employment decisions for legislative branch employees except the councilmembers' personal staff. The vice-chair shall convene the employment committee as needed.

IV. Motion 11122, Section B, and OR 2-010 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

**Committee-of-the-whole - functions.** The council may go into committee-of-the-whole at any time. The committee-of-the-whole shall consider: issues of interest to the entire council, including the annual work program and appointments to the state legislature and to the executive branch; the annual legislative program; agendas for council meetings; ~~((cultural resources issues;))~~ and other program and policy matters.

V. Motion 11122, Section D, and OR 2-020 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

**Committees ~~((and subcommittees))~~ - functions.** In addition to any committee otherwise established by law, the committees ~~((and subcommittees))~~ of the metropolitan King County council and their respective functions are established as follows:

A. ~~((1-))~~ **Budget and fiscal management committee** shall: review and monitor the budget, including

financial plans, revenues, expenditures, quarterly reports, and capital improvement programs; monitor the financial status of county funds; consider and make recommendations to all supplemental appropriations; and consider and make recommendations on debt and investment proposals, levies, fees and taxes. In respect to consideration of the county's annual budget, all members of the council not assigned to the budget and fiscal management committee will be considered ex officio voting members of the committee. ~~((The committee will have two vice chairs, a vice chair for budget development and analysis and a vice chair for capital budget. The vice chairs will chair standing panels of the committee during the annual budget process. The vice chairs shall recommend to the budget chair an organization for the budget process that augments and incorporates the committee's work under their direction as committee vice chairs.~~

~~2.a. Each vice chair will act as chair of the committee when the committee considers and develops recommendations on broad policy and programmatic issues of great fiscal significance to the county as stated in subsection A.2.a.(1) and (2) of this section.~~

~~**(1) Vice chair for budget development and analysis – policy and programmatic issues of significance.** The vice chair for budget development and analysis shall: act as chair of the budget and fiscal management committee for the purpose of implementing a year-round zero-based budgeting review of King County departments and divisions; research county overhead expenses and internal fund charges and establish standards for evaluating same; identify and recommend efficiencies and other cost-effectiveness measures; and utilize data and other information from King County's financial systems to assist it in achieving these objectives. Recommendations from these deliberations shall be forwarded to the chair of the committee for final budget and fiscal management committee review and approval. Final committee action will be taken under the direction of the committee chair.~~

~~**(2) Vice chair for capital budget – policy and programmatic issues of significance.** The vice chair for capital budget shall act as chair of the budget and fiscal management committee for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations regarding: King County's general fund capital improvement programs~~

~~and related financial plans; proposed bond or levy funded capital improvements; and the King County space plan (including space needs analyses and operational master plans), modifications to the space plan and consistency with the plan of proposed capital budgets and space usage by county departments, divisions and agencies. Recommendations from these deliberations shall be forwarded to the chair of the committee for final budget and fiscal management committee review and approval. Final committee action will be taken under the direction of the committee chair.~~

~~—b. Issues for consideration by the vice chairs may be included on the agenda of any regular or special meeting of the budget and fiscal management committee with the consent of the chair. Each vice chair shall act as chair when the committee reviews and comments upon such legislation as may be referred to them by the chair of the budget committee. The vice chair shall report the results of such a review and comment to the committee chair and committee members together with any potential amendments that might improve the legislation. Final committee action will be taken under the direction of the committee chair.~~

~~—c. In the absence of the chair of the committee, the vice chair for budget development and analysis shall act as chair. In the absence of the chair and the vice chair for budget development and analysis, the vice chair for capital budget shall act as chair. The committee may not act on referrals or recommendations resulting from the vice chair process during a meeting at which the chair of the committee is absent without prior approval of the chair.))~~

**B. Growth management and unincorporated areas committee** shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to land use development, comprehensive planning, development regulations, regulatory reform and recommendations to the department of development and environmental services (DDes). In respect to consideration of ~~((the annual))~~ updates of the Comprehensive Plan, all members of the council not assigned to the growth management and unincorporated areas committee will be considered ex officio voting members of the committee. The chair of the committee may refer various portions of the Comprehensive Plan to panels of members. The chair of the committee may employ the various standing

committees as panels. The panels shall transmit their recommendations to all councilmembers for their consideration as regular or ex officio members of the growth management and unincorporated areas committee before the committee refers the annual update of the Comprehensive Plan to the full council.

The committee shall consider and make recommendations relating to: market rate housing and housing affordability; Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), including GMPC task forces, timelines, products (such as benchmarking and land capacity), and Countywide Planning Policies; Potential Annexation Areas and interlocal agreements; boundary review board and nonutility annexations; planned action environmental impact statements and related phased state Environmental Policy Act review; and the Puget Sound Regional Council; and development and land use regulations necessary to either implement salmon recovery or comply with the Endangered Species Act, or both.

The committee shall: consider and make recommendations on King County motions and ordinances which have force and effect only in the unincorporated areas of the county; evaluate and make recommendations on the quality of service delivery in areas such as police, roads and human services; and consider and make recommendations relating to sub((-))area planning community councils and other unincorporated self-government strategies.

**C. Law, justice and human services committee shall:**

1. Consider and make recommendations on policies relating to: public safety; adult detention; constitutional and human rights; discrimination; civil and criminal liability; ethics; campaign practices; juvenile justice programs; youth services; the superior and district courts; judicial administration; prosecuting attorney; and public defense; and

2. Consider and make recommendations on matters relating to personal and environmental health; mental health; developmental disabilities; alcoholism and substance abuse; emergency medical services; human services; families and children; women's programs; and aging programs(~~;~~ ~~and~~

~~3. Oversee implementation of the children and families initiative)).~~

**D. Legislative steering committee** shall consider and make recommendations to the full council on legislation before the federal, state and local governments that affect King County. The committee shall meet regularly with all branches of King County government to review legislation and policies that affect them and to coordinate the county response to issues from other levels of government.

**E. ~~((Management, I))~~ Labor, technology and ~~((customer services))~~ government operations committee** shall:

1. Consider and make recommendations on policies relating to management organizational structure~~((; ))~~; customer service; the efficiency, cost effectiveness and performance of county departments, including: assessor; personnel; purchasing; civil rights and compliance; real property management; general services; records and elections; facilities management; risk management; safety and worker's compensation; and cooperative extension community services;
2. Consider and make recommendations to the full council on the annual audit program;
3. Consider and make recommendations to the full council on labor ~~((relations))~~ agreements;
4. ~~((Act as the labor policy committee;))~~ Review complaints filed pursuant to K.C.C. 3.16 by bargaining representatives;
5. Consider and make recommendations relating to municipal service contracts; ~~((and))~~
6. Consider DDES efficiency and customer service; and
7. Consider and make recommendations relating to information technology, cable communications and telecommunications issues.

**F. Natural resources, parks and open space committee** shall consider and make recommendations on natural resources policies relating to: cultural resources; recreation programs; issues relating to the Endangered Species Act; parks; open space; agricultural lands; and resource lands.

**G. Transportation committee** shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to: transportation; planning; roads; engineering; and public transportation.

**H. Utilities ((and technology)) committee** shall make recommendations relating to: ((cable communications; planning of long range technology and its economic development on the region; telecommunications including wireless; and)) utility services (including wastewater treatment, solid waste management, flood control, and surfacewater and stormwater management); utility annexations; utility comprehensive plans and franchises; and water quality and water quantity issues.

VI. Motion 10651, Section V, as amended, and OR 2-030 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

**Employment committee.**

**A. Membership requirements - duties.** The employment committee shall consist of ((six)) four members and two alternates. ((three)) Two members and one alternate shall be from the majority party and ((three)) two members and one alternate shall be from the minority party. The only time an alternate may vote is when a regular member of the same party is absent. The vice-chair of the council shall chair the committee.

**B. Process.**

1. Personnel decisions. The employment committee shall make recommendations to the full council concerning decisions for legislative branch employees, except for councilmembers' personal staff. Personnel decisions include decisions to hire, to fill vacancies, to make staffing adjustments, to assign or reassign staff, to adjust staff pay, to analyze future hiring needs and to make other necessary employment decisions. Personnel decisions do not include termination or disciplinary decisions, which follow the process stated in subsection B.2 of this section. Employment committee recommendations on personnel decisions shall be contained in a written recommendation report that shall, upon signature of three committee members, be sent to the full council. The council shall consider the recommendation reports from the committee on an employment committee consent agenda. However, in the event the employment committee forwards two recommendations to the council on the same matter, the two recommendations shall be considered separately from the consent agenda.

2. Terminations and disciplinary decisions. The employment committee makes decisions on discipline



and termination, including layoffs. If four committee members vote for a termination or disciplinary action the decision is final. However, an employee who has been either suspended without pay of two weeks or more, or terminated may appeal the decision of the employment committee to the full council. Nondisciplinary terminations are subject to appeal in the same manner as disciplinary terminations. If only three members vote to recommend a termination or disciplinary action, the recommendation should be forwarded to the full council for consideration in the manner set forth in subsection B.1.

3. Nothing in this process is to be construed to alter the at-will status of legislative branch employees. This process is designed to facilitate the will of the majority of the council.

**C. Removal of recommendations from consent agenda.** Upon the request of any member present before the full council, any specific recommendation from the employment committee shall be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately by the council prior to adoption of the employment consent agenda. The council may then by a majority vote make whatever orderly disposition of the matter it deems appropriate.

**D. Motions for censure.** The employment committee shall consider and make recommendations on motions for censure related to alleged violations of any antiharassment policy by a councilmember.

**E. Personnel records as confidential.** To the extent permitted by law, personnel records which would be exempt from public disclosure shall continue to be treated as confidential and records or portions thereof which are exempt shall be conspicuously identified as such and separated from nonexempt records.

VII. Motion 11122, Section G, as amended, and OR 2-040 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

**Chairs and vice-chairs.** The council (~~(hereby confirms the)~~) designates the following councilmembers as chairs and vice-chairs of the standing committees created in this motion and the regional committees established in the King County Charter.

Committee-of-the-whole:

Chair: Chair of the council, (~~(Pete von Reichbauer)~~) Cynthia Sullivan.

Vice-chair: (~~(Louise Miller)~~) Pete von Reichbauer.

Budget and fiscal management committee:

Chair: (~~(Rob McKenna)~~) Larry Phillips.

Vice-chair (~~(for budget development and analysis)~~): Jane Hague.

(~~(Vice-Chair for capital budget: Larry Phillips.)~~)

Employment committee:

Chair: (~~(Louise Miller)~~) Pete von Reichbauer.

Vice-chair: (~~(Pete von Reichbauer)~~) Larry Gossett.

Growth management and unincorporated areas committee:

Chair: (~~(Cynthia Sullivan)~~) Jane Hague.

Vice-chair: (~~(Jane Hague)~~) Larry Phillips.

Law, justice and human services committee:

Chair: (~~(Greg Nickels)~~) Larry Gossett.

Vice-chair: (~~(Kent Pullen)~~) Kathy Lambert.

Legislative steering committee:

Chair: Dwight Pelz.

Vice-chair: (~~(Louise Miller)~~) Kathy Lambert.

(~~(Management, I)~~)Labor, technology and ((customer services)) government operations committee:

Chair: (~~(Kent Pullen)~~) Dow Constantine.

Vice-chair: (~~(Larry Gossett)~~) Kent Pullen.

Natural resources, parks and open space committee:

Chair: (~~(Larry Phillips)~~) Carolyn Edmonds.

Vice-chair: (~~(Louise Miller)~~) David Irons.

Transportation committee:

Chair: (~~(Maggi Fimia)~~) Dwight Pelz.

Vice-chair: (~~(Les Thomas)~~) Rob McKenna.

Utilities (~~(and Technology)~~) committee:

Chair: (~~(David Irons)~~) Julia Patterson.

Vice-chair: Jane Hague.

Regional policy committee:

Chair: (~~(Larry Gossett)~~) Julia Patterson.

Regional transit committee:

Chair: (~~(Les Thomas)~~) Rob McKenna.

Vice-chair: (~~(Maggi Fimia)~~) Dwight Pelz.

Regional water quality committee:

Chair: (~~(Louise Miller)~~) Kathy Lambert.

Vice-chair: (~~(Larry Phillips)~~) Carolyn Edmonds.

VIII. Motion 11122, Section H, as amended, and OR 2-050 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

**Memberships.** The council (~~(hereby confirms the memberships)~~) designates the following councilmembers, in addition to the chairs and vice-chairs, as members of the standing committees created in this motion and the regional committees established in the King County Charter.

Committee-of-the-whole:

Members: All councilmembers.

Budget and fiscal management committee:

Members: Dow Constantine, Larry Gossett, Rob McKenna (~~(Nickels)~~), Cynthia Sullivan, (~~(Irons)~~) Pete von Reichbauer.

Employment committee:

Members: ~~((Gossett, Hague, Nickels, Pelz,))~~ Rob McKenna, Cynthia Sullivan.

Alternate members: ~~((McKenna, Sullivan))~~

A. Democrat:

B. Republican: .

Growth management and unincorporated areas committee:

Members: Dow Constantine ~~((Hague)),~~ David Irons, ~~((McKenna,))~~ Kathy Lambert, Dwight Pelz, ~~((Phillips,))~~ Cynthia Sullivan.

Law, justice and human services committee:

Members: Dow Constantine, Carolyn Edmonds, ~~((Gossett, Irons,))~~ Rob McKenna, Dwight Pelz, ~~((Thomas))~~ Kent Pullen.

Legislative steering committee:

Members: ~~((Fimia, Hague, McKenna, Nickels, von Reichbauer))~~ All councilmembers.

~~((Management, I))~~ Labor, technology and ~~((customer services))~~ government operations committee:

Members: Larry Gossett, Jane Hague, ~~((Irons,))~~ Cynthia Sullivan, ~~((von Reichbauer)).~~

Natural resources, parks and open space committee:

Members: ~~((Gossett, Irons,))~~ Dow Constantine, Larry Phillips, Pete von Reichbauer.

Transportation committee:

Members: Carolyn Edmonds, Larry Gossett, ~~((Hague,))~~ David Irons, ~~((McKenna, Nickels, Pelz))~~  
Kathy Lambert, Julia Patterson.

Utilities ~~((and technology))~~ committee:

Members: ~~((Miller, Gossett, Sullivan))~~ Carolyn Edmonds, Dwight Pelz, Pete von Reichbauer.

Regional policy committee:

Members: Carolyn Edmonds, Larry Gossett, Jane Hague ~~((Fimia, Pelz)),~~ Kent Pullen, ~~((Thomas,))~~ Pete von Reichbauer.

Regional transit committee:

Members: David Irons, ~~((McKenna, Nickels, Pelz))~~ Kathy Lambert, Julia Patterson, Cynthia Sullivan.

Regional water quality committee:

Members: ~~((Gossett, Pullen,))~~ David Irons, ~~((Sullivan))~~ Julia Patterson, Larry Phillips, Kent Pullen.

IX. Motion 11122, Section F, and OR 2-120 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

**Interim staff assignments.** Pending consideration by the employment committee and action by the full council on general staffing adjustments necessary as a result of committee reorganization, the ~~((council authorizes the staff previously assigned to legislation to continue to staff it.))~~ council chair ~~((The policy staff director))~~, in consultation with the employment committee chair, the affected committee chairs, the policy staff director and the chief of staff, is hereby authorized to temporarily assign staff to any committee or ~~((staff to newly introduced or unassigned))~~ legislation. Such assignments shall give due consideration to existing areas of expertise, workload and priorities of committee chairs.

X. Motion 11122, Section I, and OR2-060 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Meeting times. Council committee meetings, other than the committee of the whole, are cancelled until the council adopts regular committee meeting times. By January 14, 2002, the council chair shall introduce a motion designating such times. ~~((The council hereby confirms the regularly scheduled meeting times of the standing committees created in this motion and the regional committees established in the King County Charter.))~~

Committee-of-the-whole:

Monday of each week at 9:30 a.m., or Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. if Monday is a state or county holiday.

~~((Budget and Fiscal Management Committee:~~

~~The first, second and third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and the fourth Wednesday of each month with five Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.~~

~~Employment committee:~~

~~The second and fourth Monday of each month, fifteen minutes after the close of the regular council meeting.~~

~~Growth management and unincorporated areas committee:~~

~~The first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m., and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.~~

~~Law, justice and human services committee:~~

~~The first and third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.~~

~~Legislative steering committee:~~

~~The first, second, third and fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 a.m.~~

~~Management, labor and customer services committee:~~

~~The second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.~~

~~Natural resources, parks and open space committee:~~

~~The first and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:45 p.m., and third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.~~

~~Transportation committee:~~

~~The second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.~~

~~Utilities and technology committee:~~

~~The second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.~~

~~Regional policy committee:~~

~~The fourth Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m.~~

~~Regional transit committee:~~

~~The third Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m.~~

~~Regional water quality committee:~~

~~The second Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m.))~~