



Legislation Text

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A MOTION relating to the organization of the council, electing the chair and the vice-chairs of the council for the year 2006 and designating the chair and vice-chairs of certain committees; and amending Motion 10651, Section II, and OR 1-010, Motion 10651, Section III, as amended, and OR 1-020, Motion 10651, Section IV and OR 1-030, Motion 11105 (part), as amended, and OR 1-040, Motion 11122, Section D, as amended, and OR 2-020, and Motion 11122, Section G, as amended, and OR 2-030.

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 who 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 10651, Section II, and OR 1-010 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Election of the chair and vice-chairs.

A. The council shall elect a chair and vice-chairs, (~~both of whom~~) who shall serve at the pleasure of the council for a term of one year (~~(to end the first meeting in January)~~), unless decided otherwise by the full council and until successors are elected.

B. There shall be three vice-chairs: the vice-chair of policy and administration, the vice-chair of council affairs and the vice-chair of regional affairs. For the purposes of implementing the provisions of K.C.C. chapter 1.24, "vice-chair" means the vice-chair of policy and administration; in the absence of the vice-chair of policy and administration, "vice chair" means the vice-chair of council affairs; and in the absence of the vice-chair of council affairs, "vice-chair" means the vice-chair of regional affairs.

~~((B-))~~ C. In the event the chair is unable to serve the remainder of a term, the vice-chair shall become chair, consistent with the order set forth in subsection I. B. of this section. In the event ~~((the))~~ a vice-chair is unable to serve the remainder of a term, a new vice-chair shall be elected.

II. Motion 10651, Section III, as amended, and OR 1-020 are each hereby amended 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-chairs ~~((and a~~

~~member designated by the 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. The chair may exercise any power conferred upon the chief of staff or policy staff director.

E. The chair shall be a member of the employment committee.

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

Powers and duties of the vice-chairs.

A. The vice-chairs shall exercise the duties, powers and prerogatives of the council chair in the event of the chair's absence, consistent with the order set forth in OR 1-010.B.

B. The vice-chair of policy and administration shall serve as the chair of the committee-of-the-whole.

C. The vice-chair of council affairs shall serve as the chair of the employment committee. ~~((C.))~~ The vice-chair of council affairs 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 of council affairs shall convene the employment committee as needed.

D. The vice-chair of regional affairs shall serve as the chair of the regional policy committee.

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

Chair and vice-chairs elected. For the year ~~((2004))~~ 2006, and until a successor is elected, the council elects Councilmember Larry Phillips as council chair ~~((and))~~; Councilmember ~~((Pete von Reichbauer))~~ Larry Gossett as council vice-chair of policy and administration; Councilmember Jane Hague as council vice-chair of council affairs; and Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer as council vice-chair of regional affairs.

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

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

A. Annual budget reconciliation and adoption committee shall convene for purposes of reviewing and making recommendations on the executive's proposed 2007 annual budget. In respect to consideration of the county's annual budget, all members of the council will be considered voting members of the committee. The annual budget reconciliation and adoption committee shall contain a capital budget panel and an operating budget panel. The capital budget panel and the operating budget panel shall review the executive's proposed 2007 annual budget make recommendations to the annual budget reconciliation and adoption committee.

The capital budget committee and the operating budget committee shall stand down during the review of the of the executive's proposed 2007 annual budget, except for purposes of considering legislation and briefings related to the 2006 budget.

B. Capital ((B))budget ((and fiscal management)) committee shall, in consideration of the capital budget: 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.))~~

~~((B.))~~ **C. Growth management and ((unincorporated areas)) natural resources 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 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 subarea planning community councils and other unincorporated self-government strategies.

The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to: natural resources; cultural resources; recreation programs; issues relating to the Endangered Species Act; parks; open space; agricultural lands; resource lands; utility services including wastewater treatment, solid waste management, flood control and surface water and stormwater management; utility annexations; utility comprehensive plans and franchises; and water quality and water quantity issues.

There shall be one chair of the growth management and natural resources committee with responsibility and authority for committee operations. There shall be three policy chairs of the growth management and natural resources committee: the policy chair of growth management, the policy chair of unincorporated and rural affairs, and the policy chair of natural resources, parks and utilities.

~~((C))~~ **D. Labor, operations and technology 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 agreements;
4. For the purposes of K.C.C. chapter 3.16, is designated as the labor implementation committee;
5. Consider and make recommendations relating to municipal service contracts;
6. Consider DDES efficiency and customer service; and
7. Consider and make recommendations relating to information technology, cable communications and telecommunications issues.

~~(D.)~~ E. 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.

There shall be one chair of the law, justice and human services committee with responsibility and authority for committee operations. There shall be two policy chairs of the law, justice and human services committee: the policy chair of law and justice, and the policy chair of human services.

~~(E.)~~ F. 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.

~~((F. **Natural resources and utilities committee** shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to: natural resources; cultural resources; recreation programs; issues relating to the Endangered Species Act; parks; open space; agricultural lands; resource lands; utility services including wastewater treatment, solid waste management, flood control and surface water and stormwater management; utility annexations; utility comprehensive plans and franchises; and water quality and water quantity issues.))~~

G. **Operating budget committee** shall, in consideration of the operating budget: review and monitor the budget, including financial plans, revenues, expenditures, quarterly reports, and operating 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.

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

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

Chairs and vice-chairs. The council 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, Larry Phillips))~~ Larry Gossett.

Vice-chairs: ~~((Pete von Reichbauer))~~ Jane Hague and Larry Phillips

Annual budget reconciliation and adoption committee:

Chair: Dow Constantine.

Capital budget panel chair: Bob Ferguson.

Operating budget panel chair: Jane Hague.

Capital ((B))budget ((and fiscal management)) committee:

Chair: ~~((Larry Gossett))~~ Bob Ferguson.

Vice-chairs: ~~((Dow Constantine, Jane Hague))~~ Larry Gossett, Pete von Reichbauer.

Employment committee:

Chair: ~~((Pete von Reichbauer))~~ Jane Hague.

Vice-chair: Larry Gossett.

Growth management and ~~((unincorporated areas))~~ natural resources committee:

Chair: Dow Constantine.

~~((Vice-))~~ Policy chair of growth management: Dow Constantine.

Policy chair of unincorporated and rural affairs: ((Steve Hammond)) Reagan Dunn.

Policy chair of natural resources, parks and utilities: Jane Hague

Labor, operations and technology committee:

Chair: ~~((Jane Hague))~~ Larry Gossett.

Vice-chair: ~~((Julia Patterson))~~ Jane Hague.

Law, justice and human services committee:

Chair: ~~((Julia Patterson))~~ Bob Ferguson.

~~((Vice-))~~ Policy chair of law and justice: Bob Ferguson.

Policy chair of human services: Kathy Lambert.

Legislative steering committee:

Co-chairs: ((Carolyn Edmonds)) Dow Constantine, Kathy Lambert.

~~((Vice chair: Kathy Lambert)).~~

~~((Natural resources and utilities committee:~~

~~Chair: Carolyn Edmonds.~~

~~Vice-chair: Jane Hague.))~~

Operating budget committee:

Chair: Dow Constantine.

Vice-chairs: Larry Gossett, Kathy Lambert.

Transportation committee:

Chair: ~~((Dwight Pelz))~~ Julia Patterson.

Vice-chair: ~~((David Irons))~~ Reagan Dunn.

Regional policy committee:

Chair: ~~((Bob Ferguson))~~ Pete von Reichbauer.

Regional transit committee:

Chair: ~~((Pete von Reichbauer))~~ Reagan Dunn.

Vice-chair: ~~((Dwight Pelz))~~ Julia Patterson.

Regional water quality committee:

Chair: ~~((Steve Hammond))~~ Larry Phillips.

Vice-chair: ~~((Carolyn Edmonds))~~ Jane Hague.