



King County

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516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Sarah Perry, Chair;
Jorge Barón, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Steffanie Fain,
Rhonda Lewis, Teresa Mosqueda, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry and von Reichbauer

3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Dunn led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2026

Councilmember Dunn moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

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 6-15, 18-26, and 40-41

The following people spoke:

Kevin Altheimer

Alex Tsimmerman

Yvette Dinish

Rebecca Saldana

Joe Kunzler

Consent Items 6-11

6. **[Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0016](#)**

AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Auburn Water System Plan dated July 2025.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The enacted number is 20095.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

7. **[Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0023](#)**

AN ORDINANCE adopting and ratifying amendments to the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies.

Sponsors: Dunn

The enacted number is 20096.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

8. **[Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0047](#)**

AN ORDINANCE correcting the legal description in Ordinance 19723, which authorized the vacation of a portion of 152nd Ave SE, File V-2745; Petitioners: Micah and Florine Palmer; amending Ordinance 19723, Section 1, and repealing Ordinance 19723, Section 2.

Sponsors: Dunn

The enacted number is 20097.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0050](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Black Diamond Water System Plan dated Summer 2025.

Sponsors: Dunn

The enacted number is 20098.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

10. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0113](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the withdrawal of approximately 67 acres of land from the Vashon sewer district.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 20099.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

11. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0150](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into an amendment to the amended and restated solid waste interlocal agreement with the city of Bothell related to solid waste management services in areas of Snohomish County annexed to the city of Bothell after December 31, 2012.

Sponsors: Fain

The enacted number is 20100.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

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: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Government Accountability and Oversight**12. Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0101.2**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the prevention, detection, and response to fraud, waste, and abuse of county-administered moneys, and creating an inspector general division within the office of public complaints; amending Ordinance 13320, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.07.140, Ordinance 13320, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.07.150, Ordinance 1565, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.20.040, Ordinance 18799, Section 9, and K.C.C. 2.20.065, Ordinance 473, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.010, Ordinance 473, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.020, Ordinance 5869, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.030, Ordinance 473, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.080, Ordinance 473, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.090, Ordinance 473, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.100, Ordinance 473, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.110, Ordinance 473, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.120, Ordinance 473, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.130, Ordinance 473, Section 14, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.140, Ordinance 473, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.150, Ordinance 473, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.160, Ordinance 473, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.170, Ordinance 12138, Section 22, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.93.020, Ordinance 12138, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.93.030, Ordinance 12138, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.93.130, Ordinance 12138, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.93.170, Ordinance 9704, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.015, Ordinance 12014, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.017, Ordinance 12014, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.030, Ordinance 9704, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.055, Ordinance 9704, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.057, Ordinance 1321, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.100, Ordinance 9704, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.04.130, Ordinance 11687, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.42.020, Ordinance 11687, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.42.030, Ordinance 11687, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.42.050, Ordinance 16580, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.42.055, Ordinance 16580, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.42.057, and Ordinance 11687, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.42.060, adding new sections to K.C.C. chapter 2.52, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.93, repealing Ordinance 473, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.040, and Ordinance 473, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.52.050, and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Dembowski, Dunn, Perry, von Reichbauer, Fain and Lewis

The enacted number is 20101.

Miranda Leskinen, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 2. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 3. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 4. The motion carried.

Councilmember Dunn moved Amendment 5. The motion carried.

Councilmember Fain moved Amendment 6A. The motion carried.

Amendment 6B was not offered.

Councilmember Dembowski moved Amendment 7. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Barón

Local Services and Land Use

13. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0090](#)

AN ORDINANCE renaming parcel 7812801985 of Skyway Park as Black Panther Park to honor the legacy of the local Black Panther Party chapter.

Sponsors: Lewis

The enacted number is 20102.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Barón

Regional Water Quality

14. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0162](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the capacity charge methodology; and amending Ordinance 13680, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.86.010 and Ordinance 13680, Section 16, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.86.160.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 20103.

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

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Dembowski, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

No: 1 - Dunn

Excused: 1 - Barón

Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda - Items 15-17

15. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0094.2](#)

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 4807 SW 54th Street, Seattle, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT021S.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20104.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

16. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0095.2](#)

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 Peter Schilling for property located at 4447 and 14823 S 148th Street, Tukwila, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT026T.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20105.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

17. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0096.2](#)

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 Kerry and Sarah Dochow for property located at 31515 NE Tolt Hill Road, Carnation, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E25CT031.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20106.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Fain that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Barón

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

Consent Items 18-25

18. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0038](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a plan describing the analysis to be completed for the policy questions identified in the Regional Wastewater Services Plan Update scope document as adopted by regional water quality committee resolution 2025-01, prepared in accordance with the 2026-2027 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 115, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16988.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

19. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2026-0058.2](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jacqueline Reyes, who resides in council district eight, to the conservation futures advisory committee, as an executive at-large representative.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16989.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

20. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0059](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Eric Adman, who resides in council district one, to the conservation futures advisory committee, as a council district one representative.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 16990.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

21. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0060](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Ben Antonius, who resides in council district two, to the conservation futures advisory committee, as a council district two representative.

Sponsors: Lewis

The enacted number is 16991.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

22. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0072](#)

A MOTION approving a memorandum of understanding to restructure the Eastrail regional advisory council.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16992.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

23. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0106](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Ellen Walker, who resides in council district one, to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture), as an executive at-large representative for position 15.

Sponsors: Dembowski

The enacted number is 16993.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

24. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0123](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Nancy Salguero McKay, who resides in council district seven, to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture), as an executive at-large representative.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The enacted number is 16994.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

25. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0127](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Teofila Cruz-Urbe, who resides in council district eight, to the King County cultural development authority (4Culture) board, as an executive at-large representative for position 12.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16995.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

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, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Barón

Reappointment Consent Agenda - Item 26

26. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0138](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Molly McCoy, who resides in council district eight, to the King County board for developmental disabilities.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16996.

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: 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Excused: 1 - Barón

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

27. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0114](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the department of elections structure and division responsibilities; and amending Ordinance 17994, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2.16.135.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

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

28. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0152](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting a resolution of intention to re-form lake management district No. 2 in the Lake Geneva watershed and setting a public hearing on the formation of the proposed district.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

29. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0161](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a new lease to support the operation of department of public health.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

30. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0165](#)

AN ORDINANCE that adopts the Harborview Medical Center 2027 Capital Improvement Program Annual Budget for the year ending June 30, 2027, and makes appropriations for the capital improvements for the Harborview Medical Center.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

31. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0167](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the collective bargaining agreement negotiated by and between King County and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 77, representing employees in the Metro transit department; and establishing the effective date of said agreement.

Sponsors: Perry

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

32. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0174](#)

AN ORDINANCE renaming and revising the mental illness and drug dependency fund and the mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee; amending Ordinance 16077, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.130.010, Ordinance 18217, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2A.300.510, Ordinance 15955, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.200.430, and Ordinance 16693, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 24.22.020, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200, and recodifying K.C.C. 4A.200.430.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

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

33. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0175](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the King County Medal of Distinguished Service program to be awarded by members of the King County council; amending Ordinance 18165, Section 1 and Ordinance 18165, Section 2; and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 1.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

34. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-0177](#)

AN ORDINANCE adopting the King County behavioral health bridge implementation plan, required by the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 70, Proviso P1, to govern the expenditure of proceeds from 2028 through 2034 of the behavioral health sales and use tax authorized by RCW 82.14.460 and K.C.C. 4A.500.315.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

This is a dual referral first to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee and then to the Regional Policy Committee.

This is a 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 had its first reading and was referred to the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee.

First Reading and Referral of Motions

35. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0098](#)

A MOTION acknowledging the receipt of the East Link Connections transit gap service analysis report in compliance with the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 116, Proviso P14.

Sponsors: Balducci

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Transportation, Economy, and Environment Committee.

36. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0146](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the Harbor Island surplus analysis as required by the 2026-2027 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 20023, Section 110, Proviso P3.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

37. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0168](#)

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to Position No. 2 on the Fire District No. 24 board of commissioners.

Sponsors: Fain

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

38. [Proposed Motion No. 2026-0169](#)

A MOTION appointing a qualified person to Position No. 3 on the Fire District No. 24 board of commissioners.

Sponsors: Fain

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

39. Reports on Special and Outside Committees**Other Business****Proclamation/Recognition Presented in the Community****40. Proclamation of July 26, 2026, as Disability Pride Day in King County**

Chair Perry announced that the Proclamation has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

41. Recognition of Rick Rizzs for his accomplishments in baseball and exemplary public service

Chair Perry announced that the Recognition has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community.

A Public Hearing was held and closed.

In accordance with K.C.C 2.27.0015, Chair Perry announced two upcoming vacancies for Council nominated at-large positions on the Harborview Board of Trustees. The Chair requested that Councilmembers submit nominations to fill the positions. Nominations can be made by sending an email with the completed application forms to Chair Perry's office by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2026. After receiving any nominations, the names will be announced at the July 21st Council meeting and forwarded to the Executive.

Chair Perry also announced that there was a clerical error with a transmittal last week. On the June 23, 2026, consent calendar, by adopting Proposed Ordinance 2025-0286.2, we voted to authorize the Executive to execute a franchise agreement with HyperFiber, which was attached to the Proposed Ordinance. In committee, the Proposed Ordinance was amended to replace the transmitted version of that agreement with one that had been revised. That new, revised version of the agreement was listed as the attachment to Proposed Ordinance 2025-0286.2 that we adopted. Unfortunately, the original, transmitted version of the agreement was mistakenly placed in our folder and attached to the final ordinance I signed and sent to the Executive to sign. When we were advised of the error, staff alerted the Executive Branch to hold off on signing that incorrect ordinance. I directed the Clerk's office to prepare a corrected version of the final ordinance, attaching the correct version of the agreement, which I signed and was sent to the Executive to sign. The Executive signed the corrected ordinance, and its number is 20083.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature