



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

*Councilmembers: Larry Gossett, Chair; Jane Hague, Vice
Chair;
Reagan Dunn, Bob Ferguson, Kathy Lambert, Julia Patterson*

*Staff: Mark Melroy, Committee Coordinator (206-296-0343)
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9:30 AM

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Room 1001

SPECIAL MEETING WEEK 6 Reconciliation Panel

**Items not discussed on today's agenda will be
carried over to the November 12th agenda .**

1. Call to Order

Chair Gossett called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hague moved to approve the following meeting minutes as presented: Public Safety & General Government Panel minutes of October 6, October 13, and October 20, 2009; Physical Environment Panel minutes of October 21, 2009; Health and Human Services Panel minutes of October 8, October 15, and October 22, 2009, and the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee minutes of September 30, October 7 at 9:30 a.m., October 7 at 7:00 p.m., October 13, October 14, October 22, October 27, October 29, November 3, and November 4, 2009. Seeing no objection, the chair so ordered.

Briefing

4. [2009-B0234](#) Public Safety & General Government Panel, Physical Environment Panel, and Health and Human Services Panel Recommendations

Kendall Moore, Panel Lead, briefed the panel on the Water and Land Resources/Shared Services, Culver Funds. Members selected amended Option 2 which includes a restriction that limits the use of the \$1,363,340 only in response to flooding.

John Resha, Panel Staff, briefed the panel and responded to members' questions on the Public Transportation budget. Arthur Thornbury also responded to questions.

Issue 4: Trolleywire Simplification CIP Project. Members selected amended Option 1 which would move the funds forward and would direct staff to prepare a proviso ensuring Council involvement in the design, scope and monitoring of the project.

Issue 5: FINANCIAL GAP

Issue 5.1: Defer future Transit Now Transit Service. Members selected Option 3 - defer 140,000 non-Partnership, non-RapidRide Transit Now service hours by extending the Transit Now Implementation Plan.

Issue 5.2: Capital Savings. Members selected Option 1- Approve as transmitted.

Issue 5.3: Non-transit service reductions. Members selected New Option 3 - Approve as transmitted, plus reduce 14 FTE (12 of which are currently vacant) and the corresponding complementary non-transit service programs associated with these positions.

Issue 5.4A: Enact a property tax for public transportation. Members' selected New Option 3 - Levy 6.5 cents per \$1000 of assessed value, one cent higher than the Executive's proposal.

Issue 5.4B: Broaden the use of Transit Now funds. Members selected Option 2 - Do not approve. Dedicate Transit Now funds, as necessary, to RapidRide service. This policy choice would eliminate the need to amend the Transit Now ordinance.

Issue 5.5: Operating Reserves. Members selected Option 1 - Approve as transmitted.

Issue 5.6: Fare Increase. Members selected Option 3 - Approve a fare increase as described below, for a net revenue increase of \$10.52 annually, and direct staff to prepare an amendment reflecting the following:

- Approve regular adult fares, the family fare and ACCESS fare as transmitted.*
- Approve senior/disabled fares as transmitted, but retain the senior/disabled annual pass at a higher price (\$150/year) and include budget language indicating that this is a first step in phasing out this unique pass.*
- Do not approve youth fare as transmitted. Retain cash fare and pass at current levels.*

-- Approve all-day pass fares as transmitted for \$0.4 million annual revenue.

Issue 5.7: Revenue Fleet Replacement Fund. Members selected Option 2 - Approve as transmitted; but direct staff to work with the Executive to use this fund to optimize the financial plan based on any Council-directed changes to the Executive's 9-Point Plan.

Issue 5.8: Performance Audit Efficiencies. Members selected Option 2 - Budget for Audit Savings. Using the Executive's timeline for 2010/2011 service hour reductions, direct the Division to implement at least 25,000 service hours of efficiency in February 2010, 50,000 service hours of efficiency in September 2010, and at least 50,000 service hours of efficiency in June 2011. This would result in at least \$11.6 million of savings during the 2010/2011 biennium.

Issue 5.9: Service Hour Reductions. Members selected Options 2 & 3 - New Option 2: As recommended in the Audit, to increase the efficiency of routes/schedule make small, low impacting service reductions at the same time as scheduling efficiencies

are implemented. Option 3: As this single service reduction does not solve the longer term financial gap, direct staff to develop a proviso calling for a 2010 stakeholders process to engage stakeholders such as King County, the Regional Transit Committee, the cities of Seattle and Bellevue, the Suburban Cities Association in an effort to develop policy framework for service hour reduction and restoration to then be considered by the Regional Transit Committee and the Council. This effort should also include up to \$100,000 for technical assistance.

Issue 6.0: NEW TRANSIT PROPOSED REDUCTIONS

Issue 6.1: Bus Wraps. Members selected Option 1- Approve partial bus wraps as a revenue source requiring a 15 inch clear space on all passenger windows.

Issue 6.2: Department of Transportation Directors Office. Members selected Option 1 - Authorize the Transit Division to defer these services as requested and defer these services in the financial plan.

Mr. Resha briefed the panel on the Department of Transportation, Director's Office budget.

Issue 3.1: Span of Control. Members selected New Option 3 - Maintain FTEs, but direct staff to draft a proviso requiring the Executive to outline a path to eliminating the management functions, while focusing the positions on the underlying front-line deliverable duties.

Rick Bautista, Panel Staff, briefed the panel.

Issue: Farmers Markets Support. Members selected Option 1 with an amended date of February 15th. Option 1 - Adopt a budget for the Marketing and Economic Development section with a proviso that requires the section to convene discussions with key groups representing farmer markets and farmers to determine steps that can be taken to improve the financial viability of farmer markets and to facilitate farmer access to such markets; and by April 1, 2010, provide a report identifying challenges and potential solutions identified by the discussion participants.

Wendy SooHoo, Panel Staff, briefed the panel on the Facilities Management Division budget.

Issue 1: Print shop temporary labor proposed to convert to FTE, 2.0 FTE. Members selected Option 1 - Retain the positions, as proposed in the Executive's budget, which would be consistent with policy direction of maintaining the Print Shop operations.

Issue 2: Potential additional reductions in facilities management division.

--Courthouse Information Desk. Members selected Option 2 - Retain the position through the first quarter of 2010 and require through proviso that the Facilities Management Division install an electronic readerboard during the first quarter to help direct members of the public visiting the Courthouse. (Eliminating the position after the first quarter would yield savings of \$45,750, including \$43,462 in the General Fund.).

--Eliminate or Hold Open Vacant Positions. This issue remain open.

--Rebate and Additional Portion of Fund Balance. Members selected Option 3 - Rebate an additional \$1.5 million in fund balance. Savings to the General Fund would be about \$1.2 million.

Ms. SooHoo briefed the panel on the Employee Benefits budget.

Issue: Reduction in contribution to Puget Sound Health Alliance - (\$50,00). Members selected Option 2 - Eliminate dedicated staff support for the Puget Sound Health Alliance, a position that is now vacant. The total cost of this position is \$116,558. Elimination of the position would save \$38,000 in the General Fund.

5. [2009-0565](#) AN ORDINANCE that adopts the 2010 Annual Budget and makes appropriations for the operation of county agencies and departments and capital improvements for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010, and an ordinance that adopts the 2010/2011 Biennium Budget and makes appropriations for the operation of the department of transportation and capital improvements for the fiscal biennium beginning January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2011.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Action

6. [2009-0551](#) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to develop and administer an interim loan program to facilitate acquisition of property for low income housing; and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 24.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett and Ms. Patterson

Kelli Carroll, Panel Staff, briefed the panel and responded to members questions.

Mr. Phillips moved Striking Amendment S1. The amendment passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

7. [2009-0566](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the county regular property tax levies for collection in 2010; implementing RCW 84.55.0101, finding substantial need and providing for a limit factor of one hundred and one percent in accordance with RCW 84.55.0101.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Patrick Hamacher, Deputy Budget Manager, briefed the panel and responded to members questions.

Ms. Hague moved Amendment 1. The amendment passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

8. [2009-0567](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the county property tax levies for collection in 2010, and implementing RCW 84.55.120.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Patrick Hamacher, Deputy Budget Manager, briefed the panel and responded to members questions.

Ms. Hague moved Amendment 1. The amendment passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

9. [2009-0568](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2009 levy of property taxes in King County for collection in the year 2010.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Patrick Hamacher, Deputy Budget Manager, briefed the panel.

A motion was made that this matter be Passed Out of Committee Without a Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

10. [2009-0569](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2009 levy of property taxes in King County for collection in the year 2010; and amending Ordinance 16734, Section 1, Ordinance 16734, Section 2 and Ordinance 16734, Section 3.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Patrick Hamacher, Deputy Budget Manager, briefed the panel.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Passed Out of Committee Without a Recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

11. [2009-0570](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to changing handling fees for returned checks; and amending Ordinance 8328, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.92.010.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Amy Tsai, Panel Staff, briefed the panel.

Ms. Hague moved Amendment 1. The amendment passed.

Ms. Hague moved Title Amendment T-1. The amendment passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

12. [2009-0571](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to for-hire driver's licenses; increasing fees; adding a new fee; correcting dates; and amending Ordinance 10498, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.025 and Ordinance 10498, Section 25, and K.C.C. 6.64.450.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Amy Tsai, Panel Staff, briefed the panel.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent Ms. Hague moved Striking Amendment S1. The amendment passed.

Ms. Hague moved Title Amendment T-1. The amendment passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

13. [2009-0572](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation; implementing the Regional Fare Collection system; amending Ordinance 13480, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015, Ordinance 13480, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.165, Ordinance 12643, Section 23, and K.C.C. 28.94.265, Ordinance 16650, Section 1, and K.C.C. 21A.55.101, Ordinance 13480, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015 and Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.245 and repealing Ordinance 12643, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.175.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Arthur Thornbury, Panel Staff, briefed the panel and responded to members questions.

Ms. Hague moved Amendment 1. The amendment passed.

A motion was made that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

14. [2009-0534](#) AN ORDINANCE modifying the use of transit funding that is described and approved in Ordinance 15582 and Attachment A to make it available for other, more beneficial transportation purposes; and amending Ordinance 15582, Section 4, and K.C.C. 4.29.020.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Arthur Thornbury, Panel Staff, briefed the panel and responded to members questions.

Chair Gossett recessed the meeting at 11:34 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Passed Out of Committee Without a Recommendation. The motion failed by the following vote:

No: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

15. [2009-0573](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to county automotive parking facilities; and amending Ordinance 12077, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.055.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Wendy SooHoo, Panel Staff, briefed the panel.

Ms. Hague moved Striking Amendment S1. The amendment passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

16. [2009-0577](#) A MOTION identifying a project to be funded under the re-authorization of Public Law 106-393, Title III, the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000, and allocating to that project the Title III funds to be received from the federal government for federal fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and stating King County's election for the distribution of funds for federal fiscal year 2010.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Marilyn Cope, Panel Staff, briefed the panel.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

17. [2009-0578](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2010 King County 10 Step Hourly Squared Schedule, the 2010 King County 10 Step Annual/FLSA Exempt Squared Schedule, the 2010 King County Standardized Hourly Salary Schedule and the 2010 King County Standardized Annual/FLSA Exempt Salary Schedule, and the annual cost-of-living increase for nonrepresented King County employees as stipulated in K.C.C. 3.12.130 and 3.12.140.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Polly St. John, Panel Staff, briefed the panel. Beth Goldberg, Acting Budget Director, responded to members' questions.

Ms. Hague moved Striking Amendment S1. The amendment passed.

Ms. Hague moved Title Amendment T1. The amendment passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

18. [2009-0579](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to school impact fees; adopting the capital facilities plans of the Tahoma, Federal Way, Riverview, Issaquah, Snoqualmie Valley, Lake Washington, Kent, Enumclaw, Fife and Auburn school districts as subelements of the capital facilities element of the King County Comprehensive Plan for purposes of implementing the school impact fee program; establishing school impact fees to be collected by King County on behalf of the districts; and amending Ordinance 10122, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.460, Ordinance 10470, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.461, Ordinance 10472, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.462, Ordinance 10633, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.463, Ordinance 10722, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.464, Ordinance 10790, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.466, Ordinance 10982, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.467, Ordinance 12063, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.469, Ordinance 12532, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.470, Ordinance 13338, Section 13, as amended and K.C.C. 20.12.471 and Ordinance 10122, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.44.010.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

Rick Bautista, Panel Staff, briefed the panel.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

19. [2009-0608](#) AN ORDINANCE restricting the expenditure of moneys for the replacement of desktop computers.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson and Ms. Hague

Jenny Giambattista, Panel Staff, briefed the panel.

A motion was made by Ms. Hague that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. von Reichbauer

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature