



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 17, 2002

Motion 11624

Proposed No. 2002-0607.1

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION providing policy direction to the executive and
2 the department of development and environmental services
3 regarding the use of interfund borrowing.
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6 WHEREAS, the council has clearly demonstrated its commitment to providing
7 efficient and cost effective service to the customers of the department of development
8 and environmental services, and

9 WHEREAS, the council has clearly demonstrated its commitment to retaining the
10 valuable and well qualified employees who staff the services provided by the department
11 at a level that is appropriately matched with the projected demand for services, and

12 WHEREAS, the council commends the executive and department staff for
13 stabilizing the development and environmental services fund while the department faces
14 challenges due to the seasonal and highly cyclical nature of its business, and

15 WHEREAS, the council shares the executive's concern that an unanticipated
16 downturn in business for the department could result in a temporary negative balance in
17 the development and environmental services fund;

18 WHEREAS, the discussions relating to Proposed Ordinance 2002-0587 have
19 revealed that the department has been operating under a mistaken belief that a council
20 proviso adopted as part of the 1993 budget, which prohibited borrowing by the
21 department, still has legal weight and prohibits temporary loans to the department from
22 other stable county funds,

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

24 The council requests the executive to provide guidance to the department of
25 development and environmental services on established policies and practices governing
26 interfund borrowing including but not limited to those found in the Section 490 of the
27 King County Charter, K.C.C. 4.24.020, and those established by the executive finance
28 committee. Consistent with those policies, it is the council's expectation that any
29 interfund borrowing by the department will be temporary in nature and will be repaid
30 within a reasonable period of time, consistent with interfund borrowing done by other
31 county agencies. It is also the council's intent that the department maintain those
32 management practices already in place that would allow it to manage expenditures when
33 faced with changes in its business activity that are more permanent in nature.

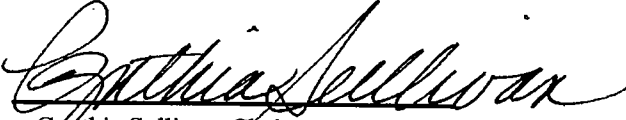
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34 It is the council's intent that upon transmittal of recommendations from the
35 executive's department of development and environmental services task force and
36 internal audit, the council will consider action on Proposed Ordinance 2002-0587.
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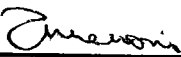
Motion 11624 was introduced on 12/16/2002 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 12/16/2002, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz,
Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague and Ms.
Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Irons

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None