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3/22/2010 Council Meeting

Sponsor: Patterson

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Proposed No.: 2010-0104

OP MOVED
PASSED 5-0 LP EXCUSED

1 **STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2010-0104, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, beginning on line 6, strike everything through page 3, line 46, and insert:

3 “WHEREAS, the federally owned and operated Howard Hanson dam has
4 provided flood protection for residents and businesses of the Green River valley in
5 Washington State since 1961, and

6 WHEREAS, the Howard Hanson dam has prevented potential flood damages
7 amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars over the last four decades, and

8 WHEREAS, the Green River valley contains the second largest warehouse and
9 product distribution center on the West Coast, and

10 WHEREAS, the Green River Valley Industrial Center represents thirty seven
11 billion and three hundred and sixty million dollars in gross business income, four
12 thousand five hundred businesses and over one hundred thousand jobs, and

13 WHEREAS, the population of the Green River valley watershed is estimated at
14 three hundred and fifty thousand residents, including many low-income families, and

15 WHEREAS, in January 2009, following a record high level storage of floodwater,
16 the Army Corps of Engineers discovered damage to the right abutment of the Howard

17 Hanson dam, which led to restrictions on the operating capacity of the dam and increased
18 the flood risk to the Green River valley, and

19 WHEREAS, in the event of a flood, residents and businesses of the Green River
20 valley could be displaced for weeks, months or permanently, and

21 WHEREAS, flood damage will cost individual citizens and businesses without
22 insurance thousands of dollars for repairs and relocation and severely impact an
23 economic engine for the entire state, and

24 WHEREAS, the looming threat of a potential flood has caused some businesses to
25 relocate from the Green River valley with a negative impact on economic development,
26 and

27 WHEREAS, since the damages were found, federal, state and local governments
28 have worked together to provide interim measures of flood protection until a permanent
29 fix to the dam is completed, and

30 WHEREAS, permanent repairs to the Howard Hanson dam have been estimated
31 to take as long as six years, and

32 WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers has identified an interim
33 solution that would extend the grout curtain over a deeper and wider area of the right
34 abutment of the Howard Hanson dam that would allow for the storage of water at higher
35 levels, and

36 WHEREAS, this interim solution, while not a permanent solution, would reduce
37 the flood risk threat levels to the same level that existed prior to damage to the dam, and

38 WHEREAS, the estimate for the interim solution is forty-four million dollars, and
39 is a modest investment compared to the three billion seven hundred million dollars that

40 Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates could result from just a single flood
41 from damage at the Howard Hanson dam;

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

43 A. The King County council requests the federal government and United States
44 Congress provide for an immediate appropriation of forty-four million dollars for interim
45 grout work and related repairs to the Howard Hanson dam so that this work can be
46 completed before the next flood season.

47 B. The King County council requests the United States Congress appropriate
48 sufficient funds to provide for permanent repair to the Howard Hanson dam, and direct
49 the Army Corps of Engineers to make the Howard Hanson dam permanent repair a
50 priority project and expedite their standard processes to assure the fastest and safest
51 approach.

52 C. Copies of the adopted motion shall be transmitted by the clerk of the council
53 to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States, the President of the
54 United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of
55 Congress from the state of Washington and the Secretary of Defense.”

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57 **EFFECT:** The striker reflects new efforts to obtain federal funding for an interim
58 solution (an extension of the grout wall) that will greatly increase the level of protection
59 from flooding until a permanent wall is constructed.

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1 **TITLE AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2010-0104, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, strike lines 1 through 5, and insert:

3 "A MOTION requesting the United States Congress
4 appropriate sufficient funds to provide for the interim and
5 permanent repairs to the Howard Hanson dam, and direct
6 the Army Corps of Engineers to make the Howard Hanson
7 dam permanent repair a priority project."

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9 **EFFECT:** Reflects revisions of striking amendment S1.