



King County

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516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

*Councilmembers: Dave Upthegrove, Chair;
Girmay Zahilay, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Jorge Barón, Rod Dembowski,
Teresa Mosqueda, Sarah Perry, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Barón led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2024

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024, 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 6-14 and 27-28

The following people spoke:

Alex Tsimmerman

Brad Padden

Saghar Amini

Consent Items 6-7

6. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0303](#)

AN ORDINANCE establishing the county hospital levy fund; and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 4A.200.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19841.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

7. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0312](#)

AN ORDINANCE maintaining emergent need thresholds at current levels as established in the 2021-2022 biennium; and repealing Ordinance 19534, Sections 1, 4, and 5.

Sponsors: Zahilay

The enacted number is 19842.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

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8. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0371](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Memorandum of Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 77, representing employees working in the transit facilities and rail divisions of the Metro transit department, and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19843.

Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council and answered questions.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

9. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0372](#)

AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the Memorandum of Agreement negotiated by and between King County and the Service Employees International Union, Local 925, representing employees in the department of natural resources and parks, and establishing the effective date of the agreement.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19844.

Jeff Muhm, Chief Policy Officer, briefed the Council and answered questions.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

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

Consent Items 10-12

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0341](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Tina Keys, who resides in council district three, to the King County Housing Authority board of commissioners, representing the resident commissioner.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 16687.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

11. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0342](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Jerry Lee, who resides in council district six, to the King County Housing Authority board of commissioners.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16688.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0360](#)

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Tyson Hartman to the citizens' elections oversight committee as the representative who has experience in technology.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

The enacted number is 16689.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

Budget and Fiscal Management

13. **Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2024-0279.2**

A MOTION requesting the executive develop a regional workforce housing initiative implementation plan.

Sponsors: Zahilay, Dembowski, Mosqueda and Barón

The enacted number is 16690.

April Sanders, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

Councilmember Perry moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

Councilmember Perry moved Title Amendment T1. The motion carried.

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

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

No: 1 - Dunn

Reappointment Consent Agenda Item 14

14. **Proposed Motion No. 2024-0376**

A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Elizabeth Umbanhowar, who resides in council district four, to the King County waterworks grant ranking committee, as the district four representative.

Sponsors: Barón

The enacted number is 16691.

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

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

15. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0281](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to execute an extension from ten to twenty years for a service agreement approved under Ordinance 18472, for the purchase of renewable electricity with Puget Sound Energy.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

16. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0373](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to enter into an agreement with the Washington state Department of Ecology for loan financing of a wastewater capital project.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

17. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0374](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to execute an amendment to the agreement approved under Ordinance 19361 with the Washington state Department of Ecology for loan financing for a wastewater capital project.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

18. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0375](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to enter into an agreement with the Washington state Department of Ecology for loan financing of a wastewater capital project.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

19. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0383](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to execute an amended and restated residential ground lease with an entity comprised of Bridge Housing Corporation and Community Roots Housing for the affordable housing elements of the existing mixed-use affordable housing project on county-owned land located at the Northgate Park and Pool lot, in council district one.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

20. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0384](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to execute an amended and restated commercial ground lease agreement with an entity comprised of Bridge Housing Corporation and Community Roots Housing for the child care and commercial space elements of the existing mixed-use affordable housing project on county-owned land located at the Northgate Park and Pool lot, in council district one.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

21. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0385](#)

AN ORDINANCE documenting approval of the fifty-fourth judge position of the King County superior court.

Sponsors: Zahilay

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

22. [Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-0387](#)

AN ORDINANCE relating to wineries, breweries, distilleries, and remote tasting rooms; amending Ordinance 1888, Article III, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.01.150, Ordinance 10870, Section 336, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.070, Ordinance 10870, Section 335, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.080, Ordinance 10870, Section 336, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.08.090, Ordinance 10870, Section 407, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.18.030, Ordinance 10870, Section 536, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.30.080, Ordinance 15606, Section 20, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.30.085, Ordinance 10870, Section 537, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.30.090, Ordinance 10870, Section 547, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.32.100, Ordinance 10870, Section 548, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.32.110, Ordinance 10870, Section 549, as amended, and K.C.C. 21A.32.120, Ordinance 13623, Section 37, as amended, and K.C.C. 23.32.010, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 21A.06, repealing Ordinance 19030, Section 3, Ordinance 19030, Section 4, and K.C.C. 6.74.010, Ordinance 19030, Section 5, and K.C.C. 6.74.020, Ordinance 19030, Section 6, and K.C.C. 6.74.030, Ordinance 19030, Section 7, and K.C.C. 6.74.040, Ordinance 19030, Section 8, and K.C.C. 6.74.050, Ordinance 19030, Section 9, and K.C.C. 6.74.060, Ordinance 19030, Section 10, and K.C.C. 6.74.070, Ordinance 19030, Section 11, and K.C.C. 6.74.080, Ordinance 19030, Section 14, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1427A, Ordinance 19030, Section 15, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1427B, Ordinance 19030, Section 16, and K.C.C. 21A.06.1427C, Ordinance 19030, Section 28, Ordinance 19030, Section 29, and K.C.C. 21A.55.110, Ordinance 19030, Section 32, prescribing penalties, and establishing an effective date.

Sponsors: Balducci

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

First Reading and Referral of Motions

23. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0378](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Richard Anderson, who resides in council district three, to the King County landmarks commission, representing a professional historian.

Sponsors: Perry

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

24. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0379](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Cecelia Gunn, who resides in council district five, to the King County landmarks commission, a representative from local heritage organizations.

Sponsors: Upthegrove

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

25. [Proposed Motion No. 2024-0381](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the food waste recycling alternatives analysis report as required by the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 129, Proviso P1.

Sponsors: Dembowski

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

26. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

No reports were given.

Other Business

Proclamation/Recognition Presented in the Community

27. Proclamation of November 22, 2024, as National Adoption Day in King County

Chair Upthegrove announced that the Proclamation of November 22, 2024, as National Adoption Day in King County has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community

28. Recognition of November 11, 2024, as Veteran's Day

Chair Upthegrove announced that the Recognition of November 11, 2024, as Veteran's Day has been officially acknowledged and presented in the community

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Dan Evans at 2:07 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature