



King County
Meeting Proceedings

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Operating Budget, Fiscal Management and
Mental Health Committee

*Councilmembers: Bob Ferguson, Chair; Jane Hague, Vice Chair;
Dow Constantine, Reagan Dunn, Julia Patterson*

*Staff: William Nogle (296-1632), Lead Analyst; Patrick Hamacher (296-1642),
Analyst; Mamie Marcuss (296-1638), Analyst; Wendy Soo Hoo (296-0352),
Analyst;*

Polly St. John (296-1641), Analyst

Gennevie Cook (205-5079), Committee Assistant

Room 1001

May 09, 2007

9:30 AM

Call to Order

The Metropolitan King County Council's Operating Budget, Fiscal Management and Mental Health Committee meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chair, Bob Ferguson.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Patterson

1. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Patterson moved to approve the special meeting minutes of May 01, 2007, as presented. The motion passed.

Consent Items

Ordinances

2. Proposed Ordinance No. 2007-0190

Mr. Ferguson

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of the county's limited tax general obligation bonds (payable from sewer revenues) in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$440,000,000 to provide funds for refunding certain bonds of the county payable from sewer revenues; providing for the form, terms and covenants of such bonds and for a plan of refunding; providing for the sale of the bonds; establishing funds for the receipt and expenditure of bond proceeds and for the payment of the bonds; providing for the annual levy of taxes to pay the principal thereof and interest thereon; and pledging sewer revenues as additional security for the bonds.

Patrick Hamacher, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding the consent items, proposed ordinances 2007-0191, 2007-0193, 2007-0195 and proposed motions 2007-0190, 2007-0192 and 2007-0194 relating to Biennial Budgeting.

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

Votes: Yes: 5 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Patterson

No: 0

Excused: 0

3. Proposed Ordinance No. 2007-0192

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Phillips

AN ORDINANCE providing for the issuance of one or more series of limited tax general obligation bonds of the county in an outstanding aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 to refund all or a portion of the county's Limited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds (Various Purpose), 1993 Series B, Limited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds (Various Purpose), 1996 Series A, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Various Purpose), 2001, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Various Purpose), 2002, Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2003, Series A and Limited Tax General Obligation and Refunding Bonds, 2003, Series B; providing for the public sale of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds of sale; establishing funds for the receipt and expenditure of bond proceeds and for the payment of the bonds; and providing for the annual levy of taxes to pay the principal thereof and interest thereon.

Patrick Hamacher, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding the consent items, proposed ordinances 2007-0191, 2007-0193, 2007-0195 and proposed motions 2007-0190, 2007-0192 and 2007-0194 relating to Biennial Budgeting.

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

Votes: Yes: 5 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

4. Proposed Ordinance No. 2007-0194

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Phillips

AN ORDINANCE relating to contracting indebtedness; providing for the issuance and sale of one or more series of taxable limited tax general obligation refunding bonds of the county (secured also by hotel/motel taxes) in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$7,000,000 to refund all or a portion of the county's outstanding Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds (Taxable), 1997, Series E, and providing for one or more series of tax-exempt limited tax general obligation refunding bonds of the county (secured also by hotel/motel taxes) in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$54,000,000 to refund all or a portion of the county's outstanding Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 1997, Series F; providing for the form, terms, covenants and other provisions of such refunding bonds; providing for the sale of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds of sale; establishing funds for the receipt and expenditure of bond proceeds and for the payment of the bonds; and providing for the annual levy of taxes to pay the principal thereof and interest thereon.

Patrick Hamacher, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding the consent items, proposed ordinances 2007-0191, 2007-0193, 2007-0195 and proposed motions 2007-0190, 2007-0192 and 2007-0194 relating to Biennial Budgeting.

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

Votes: Yes: 5 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

Motions

5. **Proposed Motion No. 2007-0191**

Mr. Ferguson

A MOTION of the county council approving a [bid/bond purchase agreement] for the county's Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Payable from Sewer Revenue), 20__, in the aggregate principal amount of \$_____ and establishing certain terms of such bonds and a plan of refunding, all in accordance with Ordinance _____.

Patrick Hamacher, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding the consent items, proposed ordinances 2007-0191, 2007-0193, 2007-0195 and proposed motions 2007-0190, 2007-0192 and 2007-0194 relating to Biennial Budgeting.

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

Votes: Yes: 5 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

6. **Proposed Motion No. 2007-0193**

Mr. Ferguson

A MOTION of the county council accepting a bond purchase contract for the purchase of the county's Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2007, in the aggregate principal amount of \$_____, and establishing certain terms of such bonds and the plan of refunding.

Patrick Hamacher, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding the consent items, proposed ordinances 2007-0191, 2007-0193, 2007-0195 and proposed motions 2007-0190, 2007-0192 and 2007-0194 relating to Biennial Budgeting.

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

Votes: Yes: 5 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

7. **Proposed Motion No. 2007-0195**

Mr. Ferguson

A MOTION of the county council accepting a bond purchase contract for the purchase of the county's Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Taxable), 2007 Series __, in the aggregate principal amount of \$_____, and the county's Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, 2007 Series __, in the aggregate principal amount of \$_____, and establishing certain terms of such bonds and the plan of refunding.

Patrick Hamacher, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding the consent items, proposed ordinances 2007-0191, 2007-0193, 2007-0195 and proposed motions 2007-0190, 2007-0192 and 2007-0194 relating to Biennial Budgeting.

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

Votes: Yes: 5 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

Discussion and Possible Action

8. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2007-0272.2](#) **Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Phillips**

AN ORDINANCE determining the monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2008, setting the sewer rate for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2008, and approving the amount of the sewage treatment capacity charge for 2008, in accordance with RCW 35.58.570; and amending Ordinance 12353, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.90.010, and Ordinance 11398, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.84.055.

Susan Neely, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding proposed ordinance 2007-0272 relating to sewer rates.

Bob Cowan, Director, Office of Management and Budget, King County Executive's Office, answered questions of the Committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Patterson to adopt proposed amendment A2. The motion passed 3-0 with Councilmembers Dunn and Hague excused.

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

Votes: Yes: 5 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

9. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2007-0216.2](#) **Mr. Ferguson**

AN ORDINANCE making a net supplemental appropriation of \$1,386,000 to various current expense fund agencies and \$5,392,687 to various non-CX agencies; and amending the 2007 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 15652, Sections 6, 8, 31, 32, 38, 41, 43, 44, 46, 48, 50, 58, 70, 72, 73, 76, 82, 83, 100, 106, 109, 111 and 119, as amended.

Polly St. John, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding proposed ordinance 2007-0216 relating to the first quarter operating omnibus.

Patrick Hamacher, Council Staff, William Nogle, Council Staff, Bob Cowan, Director, Office of Management and Budget, King County Executive's Office, and Rebecha Cusack, Council Staff, answered questions of the Committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Patterson adopt proposed striking amendment S1.

The Chair RECESSED the Committee meeting at 10:21 a.m.

The Chair RECONVENE the Committee meeting at 10:39 a.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Constantine to adopt a friendly amendment to striking amendment S1 on page 1, line 16, after 'the Kingdom North Lot', insert, ", less funds set aside for arts and cultural development under K.C.C. 4.56.130,". Also on the proposed revised financial plan named Attachment A. General Fund Financial Plan dated 05-09-07 change the 10 million dollar reserve for 2008 priorities to a 9 million dollars reserve, which is not the exact amount generated by 90 percent of the sale of the north Kingdom lot but an amount that could be placed in reserve based on the existence of additional undesignated fund balance. Staff will carry through with reducing the revenue side so that it all stays in balance. The motion passed 5-0.

Striking Amendment S1 passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hague to adopt proposed title amendment T1. The motion passed 5-0.

The Chair notified the Committee that proposed ordinance 2007-0216 is scheduled to be on the Monday, May 21, 2007 Metropolitan King County Council's agenda. However, Mr. Chair will ask the Council Chair for a one week courtesy delay, which means this item will be on the May 29, 2007 Council's agenda.

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

Votes: Yes: 5 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Dunn and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

10. Proposed Ordinance No. 2007-0281

Mr. Phillips, Mr. Ferguson and Ms. Patterson

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held on November 6, 2007, of a proposition to fund Medic One and emergency medical services by authorizing a regular property tax levy in excess of the limitations contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, for a consecutive six-year period, collection beginning in 2008, at a rate of not more than \$0.254 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year and using the annual growth in the medical care consumer price index to establish the limit factor for the levy in years two through six, for the purpose of providing an efficient and effective regional response to medical emergencies.

Polly St. John, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding proposed ordinances 2007-0281 and 2007-0282 relating to the EMS Levy. The Chair notified the Committee that proposed ordinances 2007-0281 and 2007-0282 will be deferred until the next Operating Budget, Fiscal Management and Mental Health Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2007.

Deferred

11. Proposed Ordinance No. 2007-0282

Mr. Phillips, Mr. Ferguson and Ms. Patterson

AN ORDINANCE relating to the funding and provision of Medic One emergency medical services; providing for the submission to the electorate of King County, at a special election on November 6, 2007, a proposition imposing the levy of a regular property tax each year for six years, collection beginning in 2008, at a rate of \$0.30 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to continue to provide Medic One emergency medical services.

Polly St. John, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding proposed ordinances 2007-0281 and 2007-0282 relating to the EMS Levy. The Chair notified the Committee that proposed ordinances 2007-0281 and 2007-0282 will be deferred until the next Operating Budget, Fiscal Management and Mental Health Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2007.

Deferred

Briefing

12. [Briefing No. 2007-B0107](#)

Transit Briefing - Capital Improvement Program Budget Overview

Patrick Hamacher, Council Staff, briefed and answered questions of the Committee regarding the Transit Briefing - Capital Improvement Program Budget Overview.

Kevin Desmond, General Manager, King County Metro Transit, answered questions of the Committee regarding Metro Transit Budgeting.

This matter was Presented.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature