



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Signature Report

February 5, 2007

Motion 12451

Proposed No. 2007-0049.2

Sponsors Ferguson

1 A MOTION adopting the 2007 work program for the
2 operating budget, fiscal management and mental health
3 committee.

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6 WHEREAS, the operating budget, fiscal management and mental health
7 committee is charged with: reviewing and monitoring of the operating budget, including
8 financial plans, revenues, expenditures, quarterly reports and operating programs;
9 monitoring the financial status of county funds; considering and making
10 recommendations on supplemental appropriations; and considering and making
11 recommendations on debt and investment proposals, levies, fees and taxes, and

12 WHEREAS, the committee shall also consider and make recommendations on
13 municipal annexations and incorporations and on all briefings and actions related to
14 Motion 12320 regarding mental health, chemical dependency and therapeutic court
15 services and the mental health recovery, and

16 WHEREAS, King County continues to experience financial challenges in its
17 current expense and other funds, and

18 WHEREAS, the committee has, therefore, developed a work plan for 2007 to
19 facilitate its review of budgets, financial policies and plans, annexations, debt and
20 investments and mental health issues and its development of policy options and
21 recommendations on these and other issues, and

22 WHEREAS, the committee seeks to be fully transparent and accountable to the
23 public for its work program, and

24 WHEREAS, the committee seeks full council involvement in and support for its
25 work program;

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

27 The operating budget, fiscal management and mental health committee's 2007
28 work program, as attached to this motion, is hereby adopted.
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Motion 12451 was introduced on 1/22/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/5/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Ferguson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. Metropolitan King County Council Operating Budget, Fiscal Management and Mental Health Committee 2007 Work Program - Revised 1-24-07

**Metropolitan King County Council
Operating Budget, Fiscal Management and Mental Health Committee
2007 Work Program**

Amendments to 2007 Budget

Goal: Review and make recommendations to the full Council on all proposed ordinances amending the 2007 budget ordinance.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review up to four quarterly omnibus budget supplemental ordinances;
- Review "stand-alone" budget supplementals;
- Track and report on budget provisos and responses;
- Review base budgets for biennial budget pilot.

Financial Analysis and Budget Monitoring

Goal: Review financial reports, budget reports, financial plans and other documents in order to track budget ordinance and policy compliance, financial conditions, operating results, reserve status, and other financial issues.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review quarterly management and budget reports from Office of Management and Budget;
- Review other reports and documents in order to track financial condition of major funds.

Financial Policies

Goal: Make recommendations to the full Council on revised financial, debt and budget policies as reported by the Financial Policies Advisory Task Force (FPATF).

Key Work Program Items:

- Lead the Council effort in appointing members to the FPATF;
- Support the FPATF in their work during 2007;
- Review the work plan and reports of the FPATF;
- Propose legislation to implement recommendations of the FPATF.

Office of Economic and Financial Analysis

Goal: Develop a new process for producing official economic and revenue forecasts.

Key Work Program Items:

- Develop options for establishing a new process;

- Propose legislation to implement the preferred option.

Debt and Investment Proposals

Goal: Make policy recommendations to the full Council on proposals for the issuance or short or long-term debt, refunding of bonds or investments of public funds.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review and pass on to the full Council ordinances that authorize the issuance of new debt or the refunding of existing debt;
- Attend monthly Executive Finance Committee meetings to review and approve investment policies and interfund loans and monitor investment and interest earnings results and projections;

Levies, Fees and Taxes

Goal: Make policy recommendations to the full Council on proposals to implement new fees, charges, levies or taxes or to change existing fees charges, levies or taxes.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review of 2008 sewer rate and capacity charge;
- Review of levy renewals:
 - Emergency Services levy;
 - Parks lid-lift.

Mental Health

Goal: Make policy recommendations to the full Council on the Mental Health Action Plan to significantly reduce crises for persons with disabling mental illness and/or chemical dependency and on options for financing the plan, including the one-tenth of one cent sales tax option.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review Phase I of the plan, an initial scoping out of: 1) the problems of serving increasing numbers of mentally ill and chemically dependent persons in repeated crises with expensive criminal justice and emergency medical services, and 2) potential solutions involving improved access to on-going treatment and housing and better coordination with the crisis systems. (The Phase I report was completed last fall. A committee briefing is planned for February.)
- Review Phase II of the plan, identification of: 1) potential diversion and re-entry points from the criminal justice, emergency medical and homeless services systems to improved treatment and housing options, and 2) the procedural and system changes needed to make best use of

potential new options. (The Phase II report will be completed in March. A committee briefing is planned for April.)

- Review and make recommendations on Phase III, the final complete plan. The plan will be based upon a prevalence study of persons with mental illness and chemical dependency currently involved in crisis intervention services. It will identify the key mental health and chemical dependency care system improvements needed to achieve plan goals for the populations identified in the study, project the costs and potential benefits of these improvements (including further cost-containment in the county criminal justice system) and make financing recommendations regarding the use of the sales tax option in conjunction with state-provided funding to maximize positive results for the residents of King County. (Phase III will be completed in June. Committee consideration of the proposal will begin in late June or July.)