



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 23, 2007

Motion 12617

Proposed No. 2007-0534.2

Sponsors Phillips

1 A MOTION requiring a review of the utility and
2 functioning of cordless compaction waste receptacle
3 systems in the maintenance of parks facilities.
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5 WHEREAS, the parks and recreation division of the department of natural
6 resources and parks manages over one hundred eighty parks and trails within the King
7 County system of parks and recreation; and

8 WHEREAS, these parks resources include over twenty-five thousand acres of
9 land which require management by the division, and

10 WHEREAS, among the routine maintenance tasks that responsible parks
11 management demands is the regular collection and disposal of garbage from garbage
12 receptacles placed for the convenience of the visiting public, and

13 WHEREAS, the voters of King County have recently approved a parks levy ballot
14 measure, with the expectation that maintenance standards at county parks facilities would
15 be increased, and

16 WHEREAS, innovative devices and techniques for receiving and managing this
17 waste stream, utilizing solar-powered self-compacting receptacles placed to receive

18 garbage generated in the parks from the visiting public, have been developed in recent
19 years; and

20 WHEREAS, these devices are being considered by public entities elsewhere in
21 the nation to evaluate the extent to which they can reduce the frequency with which waste
22 receptacles need to be attended for disposal, and

23 WHEREAS, these devices may hold promise for reducing the demand on parks
24 staff for routine waste-collection related maintenance duties, freeing staff for other parks
25 needs, and

26 WHEREAS, costs for purchasing and operating these devices, and maintenance
27 and management requirements, would need to be more clearly understood and evaluated
28 in any consideration of incorporating such devices into parks maintenance strategies,

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

30 That the parks and recreation division of the department of natural resources and
31 parks undertake a review of the potential for the use of the solar-powered "cordless
32 compaction system" waste receptacle devices in its maintenance of parks and recreation
33 facilities, and that the review include consideration of any savings in maintenance costs
34 associated with reduced staff waste collection demands, as well as consideration of costs
35 for purchase, maintenance and operation, and for ease of use and integration into current
36 parks maintenance practices, and

37 That the division submit a report to the council by February, 29, 2008, on the
38 results of its review, in the form of nine copies filed with the clerk of the council, who

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39 shall retain an original and forward copies to each member and the lead staff of the
40 growth management and natural resources committee, or its successor.

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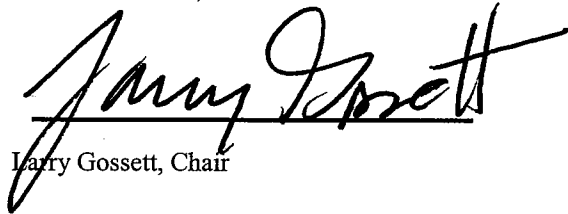
Motion 12617 was introduced on 10/8/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/22/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None