



Signature Report

Ordinance 18977

Proposed No. 2019-0375.1

Sponsors Dembowski

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of
2 business; amending Ordinance 11683 as amended, and
3 K.C.C. 1.24.035 and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

5 SECTION 1. Findings:

6 A. Section 220.40 of the King County Charter requires the council to adopt by
7 ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings.

8 B. Consistent with the county charter, the council adopted by ordinance rules of
9 procedure, which are codified in K.C.C. chapter 1.24, and passed motions related to the
10 organization and administration of the council.

11 C. The rules ordinance and organizational motion have been amended from time to
12 time to reflect desired changes in the council's rules of procedure and organization.

13 D. Currently, the council is scheduled to meet every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
14 However, because pressing, complex and time intensive issues that have recently come
15 before the council, meetings have run into the afternoon, disrupting other scheduled
16 meetings or otherwise required the council to schedule special meetings with earlier start
17 times to accommodate these issues, with the attendant special meeting requirements.

18 E. To better serve the public, to provide greater consistency of the regular meeting
19 time for the council and to avoid having to call special meetings, which imposes limitations

20 on a meeting, this ordinance should take effect immediately in order that that the regular
21 council meeting times are changed to 9:30 a.m. in an expeditious manner.

22 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035 are
23 hereby amended to read as follows:

24 = A.1.a. Except for a regular meeting of the council on Monday, April 1, 2019, at
25 10:30 a.m., the time of regular meetings of the council is ~~((10:30))~~ 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday
26 of each week. However, the regular meetings of the council shall not take place from April
27 2 through April 12, 2019, from August 1 through August 16, 2019, and from December 19,
28 2019, through January 3, 2020. All regular or special meetings of council committees shall
29 be regular or special council meetings, in accordance with subsection F. of this rule.

30 b. Each fifth Wednesday of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. shall be
31 reserved for special regional committee meetings as needed. Each fourth Wednesday from
32 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. is reserved for meetings of the flood control district executive
33 committee. Each Monday at 9:30 a.m. and the second and fourth Monday at 3:00 p.m. are
34 reserved for special meetings of standing committees. In order to allow each member
35 sufficient time to review legislation and to meet with constituents, staff and officials of
36 other jurisdictions, no special committee meeting may be called for any other time without
37 the prior written consent of the council chair or the consent of a majority of the members of
38 the committee. If a special meeting for more than one standing committee is called for the
39 same time and location, the meeting for which the agenda was first filed with the council
40 clerk shall have precedence for use of the meeting location. This subsection A.1.b. does
41 not apply to special meetings of the budget and fiscal management committee for purposes
42 of considering the county executive's biennial budget proposal, which shall be called by the

43 chair of the budget and fiscal management committee.

44 2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's
45 committees, except for the employment and administration committee, shall be held in the
46 council chambers on the tenth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington.
47 All regular meetings of the employment and administration committee shall be held in the
48 southwest conference room on the twelfth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle,
49 Washington.

50 b. Whenever, due to an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, it is
51 imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of the council at the regular or
52 usual place or places, the council may meet at any place within or without the territorial
53 limits of the county on the call of the chair or any two members of the council. After an
54 emergency relocation, the affairs of the council shall be lawfully conducted at the
55 emergency location for the duration of the emergency.

56 B.1. Except as provided in subsection B.2. of this rule, the times for regular and
57 special committee meetings are as follows:

58 a. Committee of the whole: except for April 1, 2019, the first and third Mondays
59 of each month at 1:30 p.m.;

60 b. Budget and fiscal management committee: the second and fourth Tuesdays of
61 each month at 9:30 a.m.;

62 c. Employment and administration committee: the first and third Mondays of
63 each month at 3:00 p.m.;

64 d. Government accountability and oversight committee: the second and fourth
65 Tuesdays of each month at 3:00 p.m.;

66 e. Health, housing and human services committee: the first and third Tuesday of
67 each month at 9:30 a.m.;

68 f. Law and justice committee: the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at
69 1:00 p.m.;

70 g. Local services, regional roads and bridges committee: the second and fourth
71 Mondays of each month at 1:30 p.m.;

72 h. Mobility and environment committee: the first and third Tuesdays of each
73 month at 1:30 p.m.;

74 i. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00
75 p.m.;

76 j. Regional transit committee: the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.;

77 and

78 k. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00
79 p.m.;

80 2. The regular meetings of the committees shall not take place during the the
81 times when the council meeting does not take place, as prescribed in subsection A. of this
82 rule.

83 C. Council and committee meetings must be held in accordance with the Open
84 Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW.

85 D. A meeting may be continued, in accordance with chapter 42.30 RCW, to
86 another date and does not conclude until adjourned in accordance with these rules.

87 E.1. An executive session may be held during a council or committee meeting if
88 one of the specific grounds under chapter 42.30 RCW for an executive session exists.

89 2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee
90 shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and
91 the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be
92 extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

93 3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees and those
94 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are
95 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the
96 confidentiality of the proceedings.

97 F.1. A legal analysis of the Open Public Meetings Act by the office of the Attorney
98 General, 2010 AGO No. 9, has advised that when a committee meeting is attended by a
99 quorum of the governing body it must be noticed not only as a committee meeting but also
100 as a meeting of the governing body. For this reason, all meetings of council committees
101 shall be noticed both as committee meetings and as council meetings whose agenda is
102 limited to the committee business.

103 2. In all committee meetings, which are council meetings in accordance with
104 subsection F.1. of this rule, only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply,
105 and not those rules and procedures applicable to full council meetings. This includes, but is
106 not limited to:

107 a. only those members who serve on the committee have the right to exercise
108 parliamentary rights in the meeting, including, but not limited to, raising points of order,
109 making motions and voting;

110 b. attendance shall be recorded only for members serving on the committee, and
111 the quorum for the meeting shall be the committee quorum; and

112 c. committee meetings shall be chaired by the committee chair.

113 SECTION 3. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency
114 exists and that this ordinance is necessary for the support of county government and its
115 existing institutions.

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Ordinance 18977 was introduced on 9/4/2019 and hearing held/closed and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/4/2019, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci
Excused: 1 - Mr. Gossett



KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None