



King County

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Meeting Minutes Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

*Councilmembers: Larry Gossett, Chair; Jane Hague, Vice
Chair;
Reagan Dunn, Bob Ferguson, Kathy Lambert, Julia Patterson*

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9:30 AM

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Room 1001

SPECIAL MEETING WEEK 5 Reconciliation Panel

**Items not discussed on today's agenda will be
carried over to the November 4th agenda.**

1. Call to Order

Chair Gossett called the meeting to order at 9:49 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Phillips

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Mr. Constantine

Briefing

3. [2009-B0234](#)

Public Safety & General Government Panel, Physical Environment Panel, and Health and Human Services Panel Recommendations

Patrick Hamacher, Deputy Budget Manager, briefed the committee on the General Fund budget. Issue: Councilmember & Executive Expense Exclusion. Members selected Option 1 to include County Executive and County Councilmembers salaries and benefits into the general fund overhead allocation plan.

Mike Alvine, Panel Lead, made remarks and introduced the Public Safety and General Government Panel presenters.

Wendy SooHoo, Panel Staff, briefed the panel on the Facilities Management Division budget and responded to members questions.

Issue 1: Print Shop Temp Labor Proposed to Convert to FTE, 2.0 FTE. This issue will remain open for further discussion.

Issue 2 -1: Courthouse Information Desk. This issue will remain open for further discussion.

Issue 2-2: Eliminate or Hold Open Vacant Positions

a) Director's Office Vacant Positions. Members selected Option 2 to allow the division an opportunity to propose a prioritization of identified positions and make a reduction equivalent to some combination of the positions in the Chair's Striking Amendment.

b) Capital Planning Vacant Positions. This issue will remain open for further discussion.

Issue 2-3: Rebate an Additional Portion of Fund Balance. Members selected Option 3 to rebate an additional \$1.5 million in fund balance. Savings to the General Fund would be about \$1.2 million.

Ms. SooHoo briefed the panel on the Employee Benefits budget and responded to members questions.

Issue 1: Reduction in contribution to Puget Sound Health Alliance. This issue will remain open for further discussion.

Ms. SooHoo briefed the panel on the Department of Assessments budget.

Issue 1: Assessor indicates cuts could require further staff reductions and impede ability to meet statutory requirements or identify new construction. Members selected Option 3: Approve as proposed with an expenditure restriction on new construction.

Amy Tsai, Panel Staff, briefed the committee on the Real Estate Services budget and responded to questions.

Issue 1 - Identify FTE reduction options in the Real Estate services budget. Members selected Option 2 to eliminate the government relations position.

Clif Curry , Panel Staff, briefed the panel on the following budgets: District Court budget, Judicial Administration budget, Prosecutors budget, King County Sheriff and Superior Court budget. The issues within each budget will remain open for further discussion.

Kendall Moore, Panel Lead, made remarks and introduced the Physical Environment Panel presenters.

John Resha Panel Staff, briefed the panel on the Public Transportation (Transit) budget and responded to members' questions. Arthur Thornbury, Panel Staff, and Patrick Hamacher, Deputy Budget Manager, also responded to questions.

Issue 1: Transit performance audit implementation. Members selected Option 2 to approve the hybrid approach to implementing the Transit Performance Audit and direct staff to prepare a proviso that withholds certain funds program funds until specific audit implementation work plan is reported via transmittal to Council and the Physical Environment Committee or its successor. This work plan should at least include (specific to the Transit Performance Audit Implementation Program): staff objectives and deliverables timelines; training plans for scheduling software; interbranch collaboration efforts; and base conditions and savings analysis timeline the Ride Free Area.

Issue 2: Transit Audit Follow-up. Members selected Option 2 to allow the unspent \$350,000 to revert to the Public Transportation Fund to be used for other transit purposes.

Issue 3: Non Revenue Vehicle Replacement. Members selected Option 2 to reduce the NRV replacement appropriation by \$360,006 to reflect the savings from deferring replacement of the fifteen vehicles until the next biennium.

Issue 4: Trolleywire Simplification CIP Project. Members selected Option 1 to remove Project A00616 Trolleywire Simplification from the CIP pending a trolley fleet procurement decision in the next biennium making the \$1.6 million County share of the project available for other purposes.

Issue 5: The Transit Financial Gap

The following issues (5.1-5.9) will remain open for further discussion:

Issue 5.1 Defer future transit service; Issue 5.2 Capital savings; Issue 5.3 Non-transit service reductions; Issue 5.4A Enact a property tax for public; transportation; Issue 5.4B Broaden the use of Transit Now funds; Issue 5.5 Operating Reserves; Issue 5.6 Fare Increases; Issue 5.7 Revenue Fleet Replacement Fund; Issue 5.8 Performance Audit Efficiencies;

Issue 5.9 Service Hour Reductions.

Paul Carlson, Panel Staff, briefed the panel and responded to members' questions on the Road Services Division budget. Kendall Moore, Panel Lead, also responded to members questions.

Issue: Roads Capital Improvement Program - South Regional Maintenance Facility. This issue will remain open for further discussion.

Rick Bautista, Panel Staff, briefed the panel on the WLRD/Surface Water Management - Local Drainage budget. Kendall Moore made remarks Issue Issue: Support for farmers markets. This issue will remain open for further discussion.

Mike Reed, Solid Waste Division, briefed the panel and responded to members questions.

Issue 1: Audit recommendation for formal overtime policies. Members selected Option 2 to Include a proviso to withhold a specified amount of program funds requiring the Executive to submit a report by August 1, 2010, for Council acceptance, on: (1) the Solid Waste Division's progress in implementing those Auditor's recommendations with which the Division concurred and any actual or projected savings derived from such implementation, and (2) the Division's development of a formal overtime policy.

Issue 2: Impact on public from proposed elimination of hour at Factoria Transfer Station. Members' selected Option 2 to Proviso the Solid Waste budget with a requirement that the Division evaluate all costs and benefits associated with providing limited access hours after 4 pm on weekday(s) at the Factoria transfer station. The results of this evaluation would be delivered in report form to the Council for its review and acceptance. The report should target the heaviest use periods after 4 pm weekdays, and should address hours, costs, and means of providing required resources. The report should be provided to the Council by February 15, 2010.

Beth Mountsier Panel Staff, provided responses to member's questions from previous panel meetings regarding the Wastewater Treatment Division budget and the WTD CIP budget. Kendall Moore, Panel Lead, also responded to questions.

Beth Goldberg, Acting Budget Director, made remarks and responded to member's

questions on the various topics that were present today.

Discussion

4. [2009-0565](#) AN ORDINANCE that adopts the 2010 Annual Budget and makes appropriations for the operation of county agencies and departments and capital improvements for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010, and an ordinance that adopts the 2010/2011 Biennium Budget and makes appropriations for the operation of the department of transportation and capital improvements for the fiscal biennium beginning January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2011.
Sponsors: Mr. Gossett
5. [2009-0551](#) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to develop and administer an interim loan program to facilitate acquisition of property for low income housing; and adding a new chapter to K.C.C. Title 24.
Sponsors: Mr. Gossett and Ms. Patterson
6. [2009-0566](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the county regular property tax levies for collection in 2010; implementing RCW 84.55.0101, finding substantial need and providing for a limit factor of one hundred and one percent in accordance with RCW 84.55.0101.
Sponsors: Mr. Gossett
7. [2009-0567](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the county property tax levies for collection in 2010, and implementing RCW 84.55.120.
Sponsors: Mr. Gossett
8. [2009-0568](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2009 levy of property taxes in King County for collection in the year 2010.
Sponsors: Mr. Gossett
9. [2009-0569](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2009 levy of property taxes in King County for collection in the year 2010; and amending Ordinance 16734, Section 1, Ordinance 16734, Section 2 and Ordinance 16734, Section 3.
Sponsors: Mr. Gossett
10. [2009-0570](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to changing handling fees for returned checks; and amending Ordinance 8328, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.92.010.
Sponsors: Mr. Gossett
11. [2009-0571](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to for-hire driver's licenses; increasing fees; adding a new fee; correcting dates; and amending Ordinance 10498, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 6.64.025 and Ordinance 10498, Section 25, and K.C.C. 6.64.450.
Sponsors: Mr. Gossett
12. [2009-0572](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation; implementing the Regional Fare Collection system; amending Ordinance 13480, Section 8, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015, Ordinance 13480, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.165, Ordinance 12643, Section 23, and K.C.C. 28.94.265, Ordinance 16650, Section 1,

and K.C.C. 21A.55.101, Ordinance 13480, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015 and Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.245 and repealing Ordinance 12643, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.175.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

13. [2009-0534](#) AN ORDINANCE modifying the use of transit funding that is described and approved in Ordinance 15582 and Attachment A to make it available for other, more beneficial transportation purposes; and amending Ordinance 15582, Section 4, and K.C.C. 4.29.020.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

14. [2009-0573](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to county automotive parking facilities; and amending Ordinance 12077, Section 18, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.32.055.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

15. [2009-0577](#) A MOTION identifying a project to be funded under the re-authorization of Public Law 106-393, Title III, the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000, and allocating to that project the Title III funds to be received from the federal government for federal fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and stating King County's election for the distribution of funds for federal fiscal year 2010.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

16. [2009-0578](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2010 King County 10 Step Hourly Squared Schedule, the 2010 King County 10 Step Annual/FLSA Exempt Squared Schedule, the 2010 King County Standardized Hourly Salary Schedule and the 2010 King County Standardized Annual/FLSA Exempt Salary Schedule, and the annual cost-of-living increase for nonrepresented King County employees as stipulated in K.C.C. 3.12.130 and 3.12.140.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

17. [2009-0579](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to school impact fees; adopting the capital facilities plans of the Tahoma, Federal Way, Riverview, Issaquah, Snoqualmie Valley, Lake Washington, Kent, Enumclaw, Fife and Auburn school districts as subelements of the capital facilities element of the King County Comprehensive Plan for purposes of implementing the school impact fee program; establishing school impact fees to be collected by King County on behalf of the districts; and amending Ordinance 10122, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.460, Ordinance 10470, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.461, Ordinance 10472, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.462, Ordinance 10633, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.463, Ordinance 10722, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.464, Ordinance 10790, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.466, Ordinance 10982, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.467, Ordinance 12063, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.469, Ordinance 12532, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 20.12.470, Ordinance 13338, Section 13, as amended and K.C.C. 20.12.471 and Ordinance 10122, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 27.44.010.

Sponsors: Mr. Gossett

18. Adjournment

Chair Gossett informed members that the briefing will continue tomorrow beginning with the Public Health & Medical Examiner Budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature