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WHEREAS, the council has specified by motion the chairs, vice-chairs and members of council committees and provided for any changes to these positions to be made by adoption for a formal legislative motion, and

WHEREAS, the charter provides that the council shall elect one of its members as chair, and Motion 10651, Section II, as amended, and OR 1-010 provides that the council shall elect a chair who shall serve at the pleasure of the council for a term of one year, unless otherwise ordered by the council, and

WHEREAS, the council has specified by motion the chairs, vice-chairs and members of council committees and provided for any changes to these positions to be made by adoption of a formal legislative motion;

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

I. Motion 11105 (part), as amended, and OR 1-040 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**OR 1-040. Chair and vice-chair elected.** Until a successor is elected, the council elects Councilmember Dave Upthegrove as council chair, Councilmember (~~(Jeanne Kohl-Welles)~~) Girmay Zahilay as council vice-chair of policy development and review, and Councilmember Reagan Dunn as council vice-chair of regional coordination.

II. Motion 11122, Section D, as amended, and OR 2-020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**OR 2-020. Standing committees - functions.** In addition to any committee otherwise established by law, the committees of the metropolitan King County council and their respective functions are established as follows:

A. **Budget and fiscal management committee.**

1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on: the county revenue and expenditure fiscal structural gap; capital and operating budget appropriations; the sale, lease, or transfer of real property to or by the county; debt and investment proposals; bond issues; the office of economic and financial analysis; levies unless referred to another committee; supplemental appropriations related to the COVID-19 pandemic response; and financial policies.

2. The committee shall develop recommendations on policy direction for the (~~(biennial)~~) county budget, based on the recommendations of other council committees and taking into account the estimated fiscal impacts of state and federal legislation.

3. In respect to consideration of the county's proposed (~~(biennial)~~) annual budget, all members of the council not assigned to the budget and fiscal management committee shall be considered ex officio voting members of the committee.

B. **Committee of the whole.** The committee shall consider: issues of interest to the entire council, including appointments to the state legislature and department directors and key subordinate units in the

executive branch; the annual legislative program; legislation before the federal, state, and local governments that affect King County; the King County Strategic Plan; oversight of Harborview Medical Center; arts and culture and associated levies, if any; the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account; gun safety; the immigrant and refugee commission; issues related to the census; the charter review commission; homelessness, including the King County Regional Homelessness Authority; COVID-19 pandemic response, excluding supplemental appropriations; racial equity; gender equity; and other program and policy matters. The committee of the whole shall conduct town hall meetings on issues of significance.

**C. Government accountability and oversight committee.**

1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on:

- a. improving the efficiency, cost effectiveness, and performance of all branches of county government (legislative, executive, and judicial);
- b. enhancing oversight, accountability and transparency in King County government, the annual county audit program and federal, state, or county audit reports, the administration of the Public Records Act, capital projects oversight, the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network, performance measurement and performance management, management organizational structure, and technology management; and
- c. general government oversight, including customer service, worker safety, and the department of assessments; elections; records and licensing; animal control; cable communications; the county fair; King County international airport; risk management; veterans, and executive services such as telecommunications, facilities management, purchasing, and real property management.

2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the ~~((biennial))~~ county budget.

**~~D. ((Law, justice, health and human services committee.~~**

~~1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to:~~

- ~~a. law, safety and criminal justice programs, including those related to: implementation of the~~

~~charter amendments related to the duties of the sheriff's office; public safety; adult detention; juvenile justice and youth services; superior and district courts; judicial administration; prosecuting attorney; public defense; emergency medical services; office of law enforcement oversight; bail reform; pretrial services; alternatives to incarceration; combating human trafficking; hate crime prevention; and civil rights;~~

~~b. health services provided to the community by county agencies and branches;~~

~~c. public health programs, including those related to the protection, promotion and provision functions of the department of public health, including the structure of the public health centers; and~~

~~d. human services programs, including review of human services-related levies.~~

~~2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the biennial budget.))~~

**Human services committee.**

1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to:

a. health services provided to the community by county agencies and branches;

b. public health programs, including those related to the protection, promotion, and provision functions of the department of public health, including the structure of the public health centers; and

c. human services programs, including review of human services-related levies.

2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the county budget.

**E. Law and justice committee.**

1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to law, safety, and criminal justice programs, including those related to:

a. implementation of the charter amendments related to the duties of the sheriff's office; public safety;

b. adult detention; juvenile justice and youth services;

c. superior and district courts; judicial administration; prosecuting attorney;

- d. public defense; emergency medical services;
- e. office of law enforcement oversight;
- f. bail reform; pretrial services;
- g. alternatives to incarceration;
- h. combating human trafficking;
  - i. hate crime prevention; and
  - j. civil rights.

2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the county budget.

**F. Local services and land use committee.**

1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to:
  - a. water supply;
  - b. unincorporated and rural areas;
  - c. local government;
  - d. permitting and zoning;
  - e. county roads and bridges;
  - f. levies to support county roads and bridges;
  - g. emergency management;
  - h. annexations;
  - i. local parks and trails;
  - j. housing;
  - k. water and sewer district plans;
  - l. growth management including regional planning, countywide planning policies((;)), and the

Comprehensive Plan; and

m. resource lands, including agricultural, forestry, and mineral resources.

2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the ((biennial)) county budget.

~~((F.))~~ **G. Transportation, economy, and environment committee.**

1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on:

a. transportation, including passenger ferries, regional trails and public transportation including spending plans for new revenue, if any, and fares and fare equity policies;

b. the environment, including:

(1) salmon recovery and barriers to recovery such as culverts;

(2) energy;

(3) water quality, including wastewater;

(4) regional parks and open space, including conservations futures tax;

(5) climate, including levy proposals or bond proposals to finance projects or programs to address, mitigate or respond to climate change and its impacts, and the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan;

(6) solid waste; and

(7) surface water management; and

c. economic development, including equity and pay disparity.

2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the ((biennial)) county budget.

III. Motion 11122, Section G, as amended, and OR 2-040 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**OR 2-040. Chairs and vice-chairs.** The council designates the following councilmembers as chairs and vice-chairs of the standing committees created in this motion and the regional committees established in the King County Charter.

Budget and fiscal management committee:

Chair: (~~Joe McDermott~~) Girmay Zahilay.

Vice-chair: Rod Dembowski.

Committee of the whole:

Chair: (~~Jeanne Kohl Welles~~) Claudia Balducci.

Vice-chair: (~~Claudia Balducci~~) Jorge Barón.

Employment and administration committee:

Chair: Dave Upthegrove.

Vice-chair: (~~Jeanne Kohl Welles~~) Girmay Zahilay.

Government accountability and oversight committee:

Chair: Pete von Reichbauer.

Vice-chair: (~~Joe McDermott~~) Dave Upthegrove.

~~((Law, justice, health and human services committee:~~

~~Chair: Girmay Zahilay.~~

~~Vice chair: Sarah Perry.))~~

Health and human services committee:

Chair: Teresa Mosqueda.

Vice Chair: Sarah Perry.

Law and justice committee:

Chair: Jorge Barón.

Vice Chair: Claudia Balducci.

Local services and land use committee:

Chair: Sarah Perry.

Vice-chair: Girmay Zahilay.

Transportation, economy, and environment committee:

Chair: Rod Dembowski.

Vice-Chair: (~~((Pete von Reichbauer))~~) Teresa Mosqueda.

Regional policy committee:

Chair: Pete von Reichbauer.

Regional transit committee:

Chair: (~~((Sarah Perry))~~) Teresa Mosqueda.

Regional water quality committee:

Chair: Claudia Balducci.

IV. Motion 11122, Section H, as amended, and OR 2-050 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**OR 2-050. Memberships.** The council designates the following councilmembers, in addition to the chairs and vice-chairs, as members of the standing committees created in this motion and the regional committees established in the King County Charter.

Budget and fiscal management committee:

Members: Claudia Balducci, Jorge Barón, (~~((Jeanne Kohl-Welles))~~) Teresa Mosqueda, Sarah Perry(~~((Girmay Zahilay))~~).

Committee of the whole:

Members: All councilmembers.

Employment and administration committee:

Members: (~~((Joe McDermott, Girmay Zahilay))~~) Teresa Mosqueda, Pete von Reichbauer.

Government accountability and oversight committee:

Members: (~~((Dave Upthegrove, Jeanne Kohl-Welles))~~) Claudia Balducci, Reagan Dunn.

~~((Law, justice, health and human services committee:~~

~~Members: Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, Jeanne Kohl-Welles.))~~

Heath and human services committee:



Members: Jorge Barón, Girmay Zahilay.

Law and justice committee:

Members: Rod Dembowski, Regan Dunn.

Local services and land use committee:

Members: Reagan Dunn, (~~Joe McDermott~~) Teresa Mosqueda.

Transportation, economy, and environment committee:

Members: Claudia Balducci, (~~Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Joe McDermott~~) Jorge Barón, Pete von Reichbauer.

Regional policy committee:

Members: Claudia Balducci, (~~Rod Dembowski~~) Girmay Zahilay.

Alternate: Jorge Barón

Regional transit committee:

Members: (~~Joe McDermott~~) Jorge Barón, Dave Upthegrove.

Alternate:

Regional water quality committee:

Members: Reagan Dunn, Dave Upthegrove.

Alternate: