



Legislation Text

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A MOTION relating council committees, establishing the chairs, vice-chairs and the membership and regular meeting times for the committees of the council; and rescinding Motions 10836 and 11043.

WHEREAS, in the interests of the citizens of King County and the efficiency of the operations of the county, the council appoints its duties and responsibilities among several council committees established in Motion 10836, and

WHEREAS, current committee chairs and vice-chairs were established by Motion 10836, and

WHEREAS, current committee membership was established by Motion 11043, and

WHEREAS, the council's rules provide that changes to current committee membership be made only by formal legislative motion adopted by a majority of the council members at a council meeting, and

WHEREAS, Section 270 of the King County Charter establishes the duties and responsibilities of three regional committees of the council, and

WHEREAS, K.C.C 1.24.035 establishes the time of the regular meetings of the council but does not establish the times for regular meetings of the standing and regional committees, and

WHEREAS, Motion 11043 previously established the regular meeting times of the standing and regional committees to formally notify the public and meet the requirements of chapter 42.30 RCW, and

WHEREAS, the council desires to establish new chairs, vice-chairs, membership and meeting times and to clarify the functions of the committees;

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

A. Motion 10836 and 11043 are hereby rescinded.

B. The council may go into committee-of-the-whole at anytime. The committee-of-the-whole shall consider: issues of interest to the entire council, including the annual work program and appointments to the state legislature and to the executive branch; the annual legislative program; agendas for council meetings; cultural resources issues; and other program and policy matters.

C. In the absences of the chair and vice-chair of a committee, a committee member, designated by the committee chair, may serve as chair of the meeting.

D. In addition to any committee otherwise established by law, the committees and subcommittees of the metropolitan King County council and their respective functions are established as follows:

1.a. Budget and fiscal management committee shall: review and monitor the budget, including financial plans, revenues, expenditures, quarterly reports, and capital improvement programs; monitor the financial status of county funds; consider and make recommendations to all supplemental appropriations; and consider and make recommendations on debt and investment proposals, levies, fees and taxes. In respect to consideration of the county's annual budget, all members of the council not assigned to the budget and fiscal management committee will be considered ex officio voting members of the committee. The committee will have two vice-chairs, a vice-chair for budget development and analysis and a vice-chair for capital budget. The vice-chairs will chair standing panels of the committee during the annual budget process. The vice-chairs shall recommend to the budget chair an organization for the budget process that augments and incorporates the committee's work under their direction as committee vice-chairs.

b.(1) Each vice-chair will act as chair of the committee when the committee considers and develops recommendations on broad policy and programmatic issues of great fiscal significance to the county as stated in subsection D.1.b.(1)(a) and (b) of this motion.

(a) Vice-chair for budget development and analysis - policy and programmatic issues of significance. The vice-chair for budget development and analysis shall: act as chair of the budget and fiscal management committee for the purpose of implementing a year-round zero-based budgeting review of King

County departments and divisions; research county overhead expenses and internal fund charges and establish standards for evaluating same; identify and recommend efficiencies and other cost-effectiveness measures; and utilize data and other information from King County's financial systems to assist it in achieving these objectives. Recommendations from these deliberations shall be forwarded to the chair of the committee for final budget and fiscal management committee review and approval. Final committee action will be taken under the direction of the committee chair.

(b) Vice-chair for capital budget - policy and programmatic issues of significance. The vice-chair for capital budget shall act as chair of the budget and fiscal management committee for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations regarding: King County's general fund capital improvement programs and related financial plans; proposed bond or levy-funded capital improvements; and the King County space plan (including space needs analyses and operational master plans), modifications to the space plan and consistency with the plan of proposed capital budgets and space usage by county departments, divisions and agencies. Recommendations from these deliberations shall be forwarded to the chair of the committee for final budget and fiscal management committee review and approval. Final committee action will be taken under the direction of the committee chair.

(2) Issues for consideration by the vice-chairs may be included on the agenda of any regular or special meeting of the budget and fiscal management committee with the consent of the chair. Each vice-chair shall act as chair when the committee reviews and comments upon such legislation as may be referred to them by the chair of the budget committee. The vice-chair shall report the results of such a review and comment to the committee chair and committee members together with any potential amendments that might improve the legislation. Final committee action will be taken under the direction of the committee chair.

(3) In the absence of the chair of the committee, the vice-chair for budget development and analysis shall act as chair. In the absence of the chair and the vice-chair for budget development and analysis, the vice-chair for capital budget shall act as chair. The committee may not act on referrals or recommendations resulting

from the vice-chair process during a meeting at which the chair of the committee is absent without prior approval of the chair.

2. Growth management and unincorporated areas committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to land use development, comprehensive planning, development regulations, regulatory reform and recommendations to the department of development and environmental services (DDES). In respect to consideration of the annual update of the Comprehensive Plan, all members of the council not assigned to the growth management and unincorporated areas committee will be considered ex officio voting members of the committee. The chair of the committee may refer various portions of the Comprehensive Plan to panels of members. The chair of the committee may employ the various standing committees as panels. The panels shall transmit their recommendations to all councilmembers for their consideration as regular or ex officio members of the growth management and unincorporated areas committee before the committee refers the annual update of the Comprehensive Plan to the full council.

The committee shall consider and make recommendations relating to: market rate housing and housing affordability; Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC), including GMPC task forces, timelines, products (such as benchmarking and land capacity), and Countywide Planning Policies; Potential Annexation Areas and interlocal agreements; boundary review board and nonutility annexations; planned action environmental impact statements and related phased state Environmental Policy Act review; and the Puget Sound Regional Council.

The committee shall: consider and make recommendations on King County motions and ordinances which have force and effect only in the unincorporated areas of the county; evaluate and make recommendations on the quality of service delivery in areas such as police, roads and human services; and consider and make recommendations relating to sub-area planning community councils and other unincorporated self-government strategies.

3. Law, justice and human services committee shall:

a. consider and make recommendations on policies relating to: public safety; adult detention; constitutional and human rights; discrimination; civil and criminal liability; ethics; campaign practices; juvenile justice programs; youth services; the superior and district courts; judicial administration; prosecuting attorney; and public defense;

b. consider and make recommendations on matters relating to personal and environmental health; mental health; developmental disabilities; alcoholism and substance abuse; emergency medical services; human services; women's programs; and aging programs; and

c. oversee implementation of the children and families initiative.

4. Legislative steering committee shall consider and make recommendations to the full council on legislation before the federal, state and local governments that affect King County. The committee shall meet regularly with all branches of King County government to review legislation and policies that affect them and to coordinate the county response to issues from other levels of government.

5. Management, labor and customer services committee shall:

a. consider and make recommendations on policies relating to management organizational structure, customer service and performance of county departments, including: assessor; personnel; purchasing; civil rights and compliance; real property management; general services; records and elections; facilities management; risk management; safety and worker's compensation; and cooperative extension community services;

b. consider and make recommendations to the full council on the annual audit program;

c. consider and make recommendations to the full council on labor relations;

d. act as the labor policy committee;

e. consider and make recommendations relating to municipal service contracts; and

f. consider DDES efficiency and customer service.

6. Natural resources, parks and open space committee shall consider and make recommendations

on natural resources policies relating to: recreation programs; issues relating to the Endangered Species Act; parks; open space; agricultural lands; and resource lands.

7. Transportation committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating to: transportation; planning; roads; engineering; and public transportation.

8. Utilities and technology committee shall make recommendations relating to: cable communications; planning of long range technology and its economic development on the region; telecommunications including wireless; and utility services and utility annexations, comprehensive plans and franchises.

E. Consideration of previously introduced legislation. Each committee shall consider legislation referred to it by the council chair. When the council by motion reassigns some or all of the subject area duties of certain committees to different committees, or renames committees, all legislation in the subject area assigned to a committee that was previously assigned to a different committee is thereby relieved from the committee it was previously referred to and rereferred to the new committee.

F. Interim staff assignments. Pending consideration by the employment committee and action by the full council on general staffing adjustments necessary as a result of committee reorganization, the council authorizes the staff previously assigned to legislation to continue to staff it. The policy staff director, in consultation with the chair, the affected committee chairs and the chief of staff, is hereby authorized to temporarily assign any committee staff to newly introduced or unassigned legislation. Such assignments shall give due consideration to existing areas of expertise, workload and priorities of committee chairs

G. The council hereby confirms the chairs and vice-chairs of the standing committees created in this motion and the regional committees established in the King County Charter.

Committee-of-the-whole:

Chair: Chair of the council, Pete von Reichbauer.

Vice-chair: Louise Miller.

Budget and fiscal management committee:

Chair: Rob McKenna.

Vice-chair for budget development and analysis: Jane Hague.

Vice-chair for capital budget: Larry Phillips.

Employment committee:

Chair: Louise Miller.

Vice-chair: Pete von Reichbauer.

Growth management and unincorporated areas committee:

Chair: Cynthia Sullivan.

Vice-chair: Chris Vance.

Law, justice and human services committee:

Chair: Greg Nickels.

Vice-chair: Kent Pullen.

Legislative steering committee:

Chair: Dwight Pelz.

Vice-chair: Louise Miller.

Management, labor and customer services committee:

Chair: Kent Pullen.

Vice-chair: Larry Gossett.

Natural resources, parks and open space committee:

Chair: Larry Phillips.

Vice-chair: Louise Miller.

Transportation committee:

Chair: Chris Vance.

Vice-chair: Maggi Fimia.

Utilities and technology committee:

Chair: David Irons.

Vice-chair: Jane Hague.

Regional policy committee:

Chair: Larry Gossett.

Regional transit committee:

Chair: Maggi Fimia.

Vice-chair: Chris Vance.

Regional water quality committee:

Chair: Louise Miller.

Vice-chair: Larry Phillips.

H. The council hereby confirms the memberships of the standing committees created in this motion and the regional committees established in the King County Charter.

Committee-of-the-whole:

Members: All councilmembers.

Budget and fiscal management committee:

Members: Nickels, Sullivan, Vance, von Reichbauer.

Employment committee:

Members: Gossett, Hague, Nickels, Pelz.

Alternate members: McKenna, Sullivan.

Growth management and unincorporated areas committee:

Members: Hague, Irons, McKenna, Pelz, Phillips.

Law, justice and human services committee:

Members: Gossett, Irons, McKenna, Pelz.

Legislative steering committee:

Members: Fimia, Hague, McKenna, Nickels, von Reichbauer.

Management, labor and customer services committee:

Members: Irons, Sullivan, von Reichbauer.

Natural resources, parks and open space committee:

Members: Gossett, Irons, von Reichbauer.

Transportation committee:

Members: Hague, Irons, McKenna, Nickels, Pelz.

Utilities and technology committee:

Members: Miller, Gossett, Sullivan.

Regional policy committee:

Members: Fimia, Pelz, Pullen, Vance, von Reichbauer.

Regional transit committee:

Members: Irons, McKenna, Nickels, Pelz.

Regional water quality committee:

Members: Gossett, Pullen, Irons, Sullivan.

I. The council hereby confirms the regularly scheduled meeting times of the standing committees created in this motion and the regional committees established in the King County Charter.

Committee-of-the-whole:

Monday of each week at 9:30 a.m., or Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. if Monday is a state or county holiday.

Budget and Fiscal Management Committee:

The first, second and third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and the fourth Wednesday of

each month with five Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Employment committee:

The second and fourth Monday of each month, fifteen minutes after the close of the regular council meeting.

Growth management and unincorporated areas committee:

The first and third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m., and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Law, justice and human services committee:

The first and third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Legislative steering committee:

The first, second, third and fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

Management, labor and customer services committee:

The second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Natural resources, parks and open space committee:

The first and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:45 p.m., and third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Transportation committee:

The second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Utilities and technology committee:

The second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Regional policy committee:

The fourth Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

Regional transit committee:

The third Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

Regional water quality committee:

The second Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m.