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INTRODUCED BY: Gary Grant

PROPOSED NO.: 88-71

MOTION NO. 7055

A MOTION establishing and defining the composition and functions of the committees of the King County Council and rescinding Motion 6708.

WHEREAS, the interests of citizens of King County and the efficiency of the operations of the county council are best served by apportioning the duties and responsibilities of the council among several committees;

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

A. Motion 6708 is hereby rescinded.

B. The council may go into committee-of-the-whole at any time. The committee-of-the-whole shall consider issues of interest to the entire council that may include decisions on projects included in the 1988 work program; appointments to the state legislature, the executive branch and numerous boards and commissions; review of countywide budget and program policy matters; and review of agendas for council meetings.

C. The chair of the council shall appoint the chair, vice-chair and the membership of the standing committees, and any special ad hoc committees with consent of a majority of the councilmembers.

The standing committees are established as follows:

1. Parks, Planning & Resources -- Function

To consider and make recommendations on community plan amendments. To review and make recommendations on matters pertaining to special purpose district formations, mergers, annexations and other organizational changes; sewer and water agency comprehensive plans; utility franchises and easements; grading, building, fire, plumbing and energy codes; fire flow and water pressure standards; and to

1 oversee other major relevant internal county operational  
2 processes. To review and make recommendations on policies  
3 related to parks operations, cultural and natural resources,  
4 surface water management, water quality, basin plans, interlocal  
5 agreements on planning, functional plans and economic  
6 development. Special projects include billboard regulatory  
7 legislation, centennial project approvals, shooting facility,  
8 Goodwill Games, and PSCOG water quality plan implementation. Ad  
9 hoc council panels will be established to review and make  
10 recommendations on community plans.

11 2. Finance -- Function

12 To review and make recommendations on the executive proposed  
13 budget, financial plan, revenue estimates, and capital  
14 improvement program; to consider and make recommendations on all  
15 proposed supplemental appropriations, bond and investment  
16 proposals, and tax levies. Also to receive and examine reports  
17 of the county and/or state auditors and prepare appropriate  
18 recommendations to the county council. Special projects include  
19 monitoring of the 1988 adopted budget, review of bond proposals,  
20 bond refunding recommendations, solid waste rates, implementation  
21 of the 1988-1990 parks development CIP, budget policy revisions,  
22 employee benefits cost analysis, capital project financing and  
23 budgeting issues, centennial funding goals and centennial trust  
24 account; and oversight of CIP implementation conducted by  
25 facilities management.

26 3. Administration and Justice -- Function

27 To consider and make recommendations on matters relating to:  
28 superior courts; district courts; judicial administration;  
29 assessments; and executive administration including personnel  
30 policies, records and elections, property retention and  
31 transfers, and cable television. To oversee and receive reports  
32 from the office of citizen complaints and the board of  
33 equalization. Special projects include monitoring, adoption and  
implementation of the comparable worth study and affirmative  
action plan; the health personnel system; review of local

1 government reorganization proposals; consideration of new cable  
2 television recommendations, and business license code revisions.

3 4. Growth Management and Environment -- Function

4 To consider and make recommendations on matters related to  
5 countywide comprehensive land use policies and long-range  
6 planning for open space, resource lands, and rural and urban  
7 areas. To review and make recommendations on policies related to  
8 title 20 code revisions, shoreline management, and the sewerage  
9 general plan. Special projects include review of recommendations  
10 to implement the 1985 Comprehensive Plan such as the open space  
11 plan, agricultural lands, sensitive areas ordinance amendments,  
12 and administrative rules for sensitive areas.

13 5. Transportation and Public Utilities -- Function

14 To review and make recommendations on policies related to  
15 public works, the county airport, and the Municipality of  
16 Metropolitan Seattle (METRO) transportation and water quality  
17 issues. Also to review and make recommendations on matters  
18 relating to the establishment and vacation of county streets and  
19 roads; and other public works related policies and fees. Special  
20 projects include update of the county's transportation plan,  
21 oversight of the regional transportation plan, oversight of the  
22 public works long-range computer systems planning and oversight  
23 of METRO projects and decisions.

24 6. Public Safety and Legal Services -- Function

25 To consider public policies related to public safety, adult  
26 detention, prosecutor, public defense, youth detention and  
27 Juvenile Court services.

28 Special projects include oversight of the county jail; the  
29 law and safety master plan, the youth service center plan,  
30 implementation of police patrol improvements including the  
31 car-per-officer project; monitoring of progress on implementation  
32 of the new AFIS program.  
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1           7. Health, Housing & Human Services -- Function

2           To review and make recommendations on policies related to  
3 human services issues such as mental illness, developmental  
4 disabilities, aging, and women's programs, public defense, and on  
5 housing policies and plans. To review and make recommendations  
6 on county health related programs and facilities. Special  
7 projects include review of proposals for allocating funds  
8 earmarked for health and human services in the 1988 budget,  
9 review of community development block grant policy and proposals,  
10 and review of human services program plans and policy proposals.

11           8. Solid Waste -- Function

12           To review and make recommendations on solid waste. Special  
13 projects include consideration of solid waste planning and  
14 operating issues including the operating plan, recycling policy  
15 and programs, waste reduction, energy resource recovery and Cedar  
16 Hills landfill matters.

17           D. Proposed legislation may be introduced by any  
18 councilmember. Ordinarily proposed legislation will be  
19 introduced by the particularly effected district representative.  
20 Proposed legislation to be heard by the zoning and subdivision  
21 examiner will customarily be introduced by the chair of the  
22 parks, planning and resources committee.

23           E. The date and time of standing committee meetings shall be  
24 determined by the chair of each such committee. At least  
25 twenty-four hours prior to the meeting, an agenda shall be posted  
26 outside the council chambers and shall include the time and place  
27 of the committee meeting. Any member of the council present at a  
28 meeting of any standing committee, though not a member thereof,  
29 shall be entitled to participate in the deliberations of such  
30 committee, but shall not be entitled to vote therein unless  
31 designated a member pro tem by the committee chair.  
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F. In order for a proposed ordinance or motion to be reported out by a standing committee, a majority of the membership of that committee must sign a majority recommendation. The majority recommendation of the committee may be "do pass," "do pass as amended," "do pass attached substitute," "do not pass," "no recommendation,". Minority reports may also be submitted by one or more members of the committee.

G. A committee vote to take no action or postpone indefinitely shall end further consideration of the measure unless ordered by a majority of the council.

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

PASSED this 11th day of January, 1988.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Gary Grant  
Chair

ATTEST:

Jane M. Quinn  
Clerk of the Council