

#### **King County**

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

# Meeting Agenda Metropolitan King County Council

Councilmembers: Girmay Zahilay, Chair; Sarah Perry, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review; Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination; Claudia Balducci, Jorge L. Barón, Rod Dembowski, Teresa Mosqueda, De'Sean Quinn, Pete von Reichbauer

1:30 PM Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Hybrid Meeting

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1. <u>Call to Order</u>

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- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember von Reichbauer

4. Approval of Minutes of March 18, 2025

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Councilmember Perry

- 5. Additions to the Council Agenda
- 6. Special Item

Proclamation of March 31, 2025, as Transgender Day of Visibility in King County

Councilmember Barón and Councilmember Balducci

Proclamation of March 2025 as Women's History Month in King County

Councilmember Balducci, Councilmember Perry and Councilmember Mosqueda

7. Public Comment



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#### Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective **Bargaining**

There will be one public hearing on Items 6-14

#### Consent Items 8-9

Councilmember Perry

Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2024-0409.2 8. Pg. 18

> AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into a renewal of cable television franchise 5602 with WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, for a period ending July 31, 2033.

> > von Reichbauer Sponsors:

On 2/4/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

On 3/11/2025, the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.

Pg. 26 Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0012

> AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a lease amendment to support the operation of natural resources and parks.

> > Zahilay Sponsors:

On 1/21/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

On 3/12/2025, the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.



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## Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

#### Consent Items 10-11

Councilmember Perry

#### **10.** Proposed Motion No. 2024-0407

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A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Amy Calderwood, who resides in council district four, to the King County board of ethics.

Sponsors: Barón

On 1/21/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Introduced and Referred to Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

On 1/21/2025, the Metropolitan King County Council Reintroduced.

On 3/11/2025, the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee Recommended Do Pass Consent.

#### **11.** Proposed Motion No. 2025-0042

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A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Nicole Cain, who resides in council district six, to the King County Museum of Flight Authority board of directors.

**Sponsors:** Balducci

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#### Reappointment Consent Agenda Items 12-14

Councilmember Perry

#### **12.** Proposed Motion No. 2025-0029

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A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Annu Luthra, who resides in council district nine, to the King County children and youth advisory board.

Sponsors: Dunn

#### **13.** Proposed Motion No. 2025-0050

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A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of Teresa Platin, who resides in council district nine, to the Washington state boundary review board for King County.

Sponsors: Dunn

#### **14.** Proposed Motion No. 2025-0098

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A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of the Honorable Ariana Sherlock, councilmember, city of Newcastle, who resides in council district nine, to the King County children and youth advisory board, filling a position nominated by the Sound Cities Association.

Sponsors: Dunn

#### First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

#### 15. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0089

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to execute an airspace lease agreement with the Washington state Department of Transportation for land and facilities in the State Route 520 interchange at Montlake Boulevard for a term of twenty years with the possibility of two twenty-year extensions; and to take all actions necessary to implement the terms of the lease.

**Sponsors:** Dembowski

First Reading and Referral to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee



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#### First Reading and Referral of Motions

#### 16. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0091

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Adrien Leavitt, who resides in council district two, to the King County public defense advisory board, representing areas or issues that may affect public defense clients.

> Zahilay Sponsors:

First Reading and Referral to the Law and Justice Committee

#### 17. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0099

A MOTION confirming the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative sponsored by a junior taxing district or a city with a population of under twenty thousand.

> Zahilay Sponsors:

First Reading and Referral to the Employment and Administration Committee

#### 18. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0100

A MOTION approving a job description for the position of director of the office of law enforcement oversight; and rescinding Motion 15790 and Motion 15790, Attachment A.

> Zahilay Sponsors:

First Reading and Referral to the Employment and Administration Committee



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**19.** Proposed Motion No. 2025-0101

A MOTION relating to the organization of the council; and amending Motion 15998, Section I, as amended, and OR 3-120.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay

First Reading and Referral to the Employment and Administration Committee

#### 20. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

#### **Other Business**

21. Capital Project Notice to Release Moneys Withheld by Proviso Per Ordinance 19712, Section 89, ER2 and P3.

#### **Adjournment**



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#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes** 

#### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

#### 3. Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Balducci led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2025

Councilmember Perry moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

#### 5. Additions to the Council Agenda

There were no additions.

#### 6. Special Item

## Proclamation of the week of March 16-22, 2025, as Transit Appreciation Week in King County

Councilmember Quinn made remarks, presented the proclamation, and introduced Executive Constantine; Michelle Allison, General Manager, Metro Transit Department; Thulin Tolliver, Co-Transit Operator of the Year; Pardeep Kaile, Light Rail Employee of the Year; Lyn Winfield, Project and Program Manager, Metro Wall of Fame Recipient; and Michael Mitchell, Utility Laborer, General Manager Award Recipient. Executive Constantine and Michelle Allison made remarks and thanked the Council.

### Recognition of Kregg Jorgenson for service to his community and documenting experiences of soldiers in Vietnam

Councilmember von Reichbauer and Councilmember Mosqueda made remarks, presented the recognition, and introduced Kregg Jorgenson. Kregg Jorgenson made remarks and thanked the Council.

#### **County Service Awards**

The following executive branch employees were recognized for their service to King County:

METRO TRANSIT DIVISION Gregory Beiter - 20 years Evangelina Corona-Gutierrez - 20 years Stacy Gosby - 20 years Soucharath Thiraphouth - 20 years Kevin L.H. Banks - 25 years Travis Raynor - 25 years Shannon Strozier - 30 years Allan Calimlim - 35 years Azziem Hassan Underwood - 35 years

EXECUTIVE
James Bush - 20 years

ASSESSMENTS Brian Ogilvie - 20 years

ADULT AND JUVENILE DETENTION Michelle Mihail - 20 years

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION Brenda Belcher - 25 years

NATURAL RESOURCES AND PARKS Dr. Emir Dizdarevic - 30 years Doug Hodson - 30 years

PUBLIC HEALTH Tracy Belvill - 25 years Andrea Gerber - 30 years

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METROPOLITAN KING COUNTY COUNCIL

# Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective Bargaining

There will be one public hearing on Items 6-8 and 12-13

The following people spoke: Manny Cawaling Alex Tsimmerman

#### **Consent Item 7**

#### 7. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0030

AN ORDINANCE approving the King County Consortium Consolidated Plan for 2025-2029.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda

The enacted number is 19901.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that this Ordinance be Passed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

#### **Regional Policy**

#### 8. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0073

AN ORDINANCE amending the King County Doors Open Program implementation plan, required by Ordinance 19710, Section 9; amending Ordinance 19868, Section 1, as amended, and repealing Ordinance 19868, Attachment B.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 19902.

Brian Carter, Executive Director, Doors Open King County, made remarks and thanked the Council.

Gene Paul, Council Staff, briefed the Council and answered questions.

A motion was made by Councilmember von Reichbauer that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

#### **Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda Items 9-11**

#### 9. Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0004.2

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Ernest and Loralynn Antin for property located at 24233 SE 164th Street, Issaquah WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT008.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19903.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

#### 10. Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0005.3

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Elena Zakharova and Kiril Van Orman for property located at 515 286th Avenue SE, Fall City, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT002.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19904.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

#### 11. Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0006.2

AN ORDINANCE concurring with the recommendation of the hearing examiner to approve, subject to conditions, the application for public benefit rating system assessed valuation for open space submitted by Yasuhiro and Dorothy Matsui for property located at 6403 206th Place NE, Redmond, WA, designated department of natural resources and parks, water and land resources division file no. E24CT007.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

The enacted number is 19905.

This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

#### **Passed On The Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Councilmember Quinn that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

# Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

#### **Consent Items 12-13**

#### 12. Proposed Motion No. 2024-0008

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the new pandemic response plan required by Motion 15650.

Sponsors: Balducci

The enacted number is 16785.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

#### 13. Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2024-0228.2

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the second annual report on the second Best Starts for Kids initiative, in accordance with Ordinance 19354.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer and Mosqueda

The enacted number is 16786.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

#### Passed On The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Perry that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay

#### First Reading and Referral of Ordinances

#### 14. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0090

AN ORDINANCE relating to privacy rights, limiting the collection of gender information; and amending Ordinance 12550, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.14.030.

Sponsors: Dembowski, Barón and Mosqueda

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

#### 15. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0092

AN ORDINANCE relating to the leasing of county real property; and amending Ordinance 12045, Section 15, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.56.160 and Ordinance 12045, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 4.56.180.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda and Quinn

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

#### 16. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0093

AN ORDINANCE related to establishing responsibility criteria for contracts for public works, tangible personal property, and services; and amending Ordinance 12138, Section 11, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.93.120 and Ordinance 12138, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.93.190.

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda and Quinn

Councilmember von Reichbauer made a motion to change the referral from the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

Monique Cohen, Legal Counsel, made remarks and answered questions.

This matter was Introduced and Referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

#### First Reading and Referral of Motions

#### 17. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0087

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Paul Graves, who resides in council district nine, to the Harborview Medical Center board of trustees, as the district nine representative.

**Sponsors:** Dunn

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### 18. Proposed Motion No. 2025-0088

A MOTION adopting the King County 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Sponsors: Zahilay

This matter had its first reading and was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

#### Rereferral

#### 19. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-0039

AN ORDINANCE relating to the sale of the surplus property located at 33431 13th Place S., Federal Way, Washington, in council district seven.

**Sponsors:** Zahilay and von Reichbauer

Councilmember von Reichbauer made a motion to rerefer Proposed Ordinance No 2025-0039 to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

This matter was Re-referred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

This item is being rereferred to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

#### 20. Reports on Special and Outside Committees

Councilmember Balducci announced the Council will celebrate Women's History Month on March 25, 2025, Chinook Building, room 121 and 123, 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.

#### **Other Business**

No other business was presented.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Approved this	day of	·
-		Clerk's Signature



#### **Signature Report**

#### **Ordinance**

	Proposed No. 2024-0409.2 Sponsors von Reichbauer
1	AN ORDINANCE authorizing the executive to enter into a
2	renewal of cable television franchise 5602 with
3	WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, for a period ending July 31,
4	2033.
5	STATEMENT OF FACTS:
6	1. In accordance with K.C.C. chapter 6.27A and the federal Cable Act, 47
7	U.S.C. Sec. 521, et seq., as well as regulations and orders issued by the
8	Federal Communications Commission, King County is authorized to
9	negotiate, award, and renew nonexclusive franchise agreements with cable
10	television companies.
11	2. It is in the interests of the residents of unincorporated King County that
12	the county negotiates franchise agreements with cable television
13	companies that are willing to serve these residents.
14	3. County staff and the management of WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a
15	Washington limited liability company doing business as Astound
16	Broadband ("Astound"), have negotiated a renewal of cable television
17	franchise 5602.
18	4. Astound acquired this franchise from the former franchisee,
19	Broadstripe Communications. Ordinance 17251, enacted January 21,
20	2012, approved the transfer to Astound.

21	5. Ordinance 17430, enacted October 12, 2012, approved a change in
22	control within Astound, and extended the franchise term to September 11,
23	2013.
24	6. Ordinance 17670, enacted September 26, 2013, approved a renewal of
25	the franchise to July 31, 2023.
26	7. King County and Astound began negotiations for a renewed franchise
27	in June 2023.
28	8. Under the federal Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. Sec. 521, et seq., the franchise
29	continues during franchise renewal negotiations unless and until the
30	franchisee voluntarily terminates the franchise or the franchising authority
31	denies renewal.
32	9. The county has identified future cable-related needs and interests of the
33	county and its residents, has considered the financial, technical, and legal
34	qualifications of Astound, and finds that renewal of the nonexclusive
35	franchise agreement, which is Attachment A to this ordinance, is
36	consistent with the public interest.
37	10. The council has published its intent to consider the renewal of
38	franchise 5602 in a local newspaper of broad public circulation.
39	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
40	SECTION 1 The council hereby authorizes the executive to enter into a renewa

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	KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ATTEST:	Girmay Zahilay, Chair
Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council	
APPROVED this day of	,
	Dow Constantine, County Executive
Attachments: A. Cable System Franci County - Updated 3-6-25	hise and Agreement Between WAVEDIVISION I LLC and

In an effort to save paper, rather than print out the 55 pages that make up 2024-0409 A, we have created a direct link, please click (anywhere) in the black title below:

Attachment A, Updated March 6, 2025

Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_

# AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAVEDIVISION I, LLC, a Washington limited liability company d/b/a Astound Broadband; AND KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON \_\_\_\_\_, 2024



## Metropolitan King County Council Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

#### REVISED STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item:	9	Name:	Brandi Paribello
Proposed No.:	2024-0409	Date:	March 11, 2025

Proposed Substitute Ordinance 2024-0409.2, authorizing renewal of a cable franchise with Wave Division I, doing business as Astound Broadband, passed out of committee on March 11, 2025, with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The Proposed Ordinance was amended in committee with Amendment 1 and Title Amendment T1.

#### **SUBJECT**

An ordinance authorizing renewal of cable franchise 5602 with Wave Division I, doing business as Astound Broadband.

#### SUMMARY

The Federal Cable Act (47 U.S.C. Section 521, et seq.) in accordance with regulations and orders issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authorize local governments to negotiate franchise agreements with cable television providers. The County has franchise agreements with two cable companies, Comcast and Wave, regarding their use of rights-of-way to provide cable television service to customers in unincorporated areas of the county.

The previous agreement with Wave was signed on September 2013 and expired on July 31, 2023. The County and Wave entered renewal negotiations in June 2023 and the proposed ordinance and renewal agreement were transmitted to Council in December 2024.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**Cable Companies in Unincorporated King County.** The Federal Cable Act (47 U.S.C. Section 521, et seq.) in accordance with regulations and orders issued by the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ordinance 17670 adopted September 23, 2013.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authorize local governments to negotiate franchise agreements with cable television providers.

The County has franchise agreements with two cable companies, Comcast and Wave, regarding their use of rights-of-way to provide cable television service to customers in unincorporated areas of the county. As of 2021, Comcast had approximately 49,000 subscribers (customers) in unincorporated King County, mostly near the boundaries of incorporated cities and on Vashon Island. Wave has approximately 600 subscribers and serves unincorporated King County near the towns of Carnation, Duvall, and Woodinville.

**K.C.C.** Chapter 6.27A (Cable Communications). K.C.C. Chapter 6.27A includes provisions related to cable communications in unincorporated King County, particularly requirements related to cable franchises and the responsibilities of the Office of Cable Communications, which is a division of the Department of Information Technology (KCIT). Washington State laws (Chapter 35.99 and Chapter 36.55 RCW) provide some guidance related to use of rights-of-way for franchises and cable television service, however, federal guidelines preempt all state and local laws on major provisions related to cable franchises.

As per K.C.C. 6.27A.020.D., Comcast and Wave must pay the county a franchise fee equal to 5% of the franchisee's gross revenues for the use of the public rights-of-way or roads to lay their cable and provide cable TV service to subscribers in unincorporated King County. Federal law allows cable companies to pass on this fee to their customers. The fee revenues are deposited into the county's General Fund to support the Office of Cable Communications. The 2025 Adopted Annual Budget assumed \$2.975 million in cable franchise revenue.

**Franchise 5602.** The initial 10-year franchise was granted to Summit Cablevision L.P. Summit, which was taken over by Millennium L.L.C. that later became known as Broadstripe Communications. Summit's initial 10-year franchise expired on October 11, 2009 and was extended to October 11, 2011 pursuant to Ordinance 16772.<sup>2</sup> The purpose of this extension was to give Broadstripe Communications time to reorganize or find a buyer because it was operating in Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

In 2012, Wave Broadband bought Broadstripe Communications which was under the supervision of a bankruptcy court. On October 8, 2012, the Council approved transfer of the ownership of the franchise by adopting Ordinance 17430.<sup>3</sup>

In December 2012, Wave Broadband and the County began negotiations on a successor franchise agreement. Negotiations resulted in a new agreement that was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Enacted March 22, 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Enacted October 12, 2012.

similar to the prior agreement. On September 23, 2013, the Council approved the new agreement via Ordinance 17670<sup>4</sup>. The agreement expired on July 31, 2023.

#### **ANALYSIS**

The current agreement between the County and Wave expired on July 31, 2023. Under the Federal Cable Act, 47 U.S.C. Sec. 521, et seq., the franchise continues during renewal negotiations unless and until the franchisee voluntarily terminates the franchise or the franchising authority denies renewal. Since June 2023, the County and Wave have been in negotiations and, in addition to numerous standard provisions as required by King County Code such as signal quality and technical performance standards, key elements of the new agreement are as follows:

**Agreement Term:** Franchise term is 10 years, expiring July 31, 2033.

**Franchise Fee:** Wave will pay the County a franchise fee in an amount equal to 5% of gross revenues. Given its subscriber base of approximately 600 households, Wave's 5% franchise fee is expected to generate approximately \$5,500 annually for the General Fund.

Gross revenues include revenues from: 1) cable services; 2) related equipment rentals; 3) advertising revenues; 4) service installations; 5) sales occurring because of home shopping or similar programming; 6) leased access channels; 7) sales of programming guides; and 8) fees, payments, or other consideration paid by programmers and commissions on advertising provided to subscribers in the franchise area and accounted for in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**PEG Channels and Fees:** Wave agrees to maintain the existing fiber optic Institutional Network (I-Net) for the exclusive use of the County to use 10 public, educational or governmental ("PEG") channels. At least one PEG channel must be available in high-definition format and the County will designate that channel.

Wave will provide basic, and expanded basic cable, or their equivalents, including all required PEG channels, free of charge to each public school and public school administrative facility; each King County Library System facility; each fire station; and each County office and agency whether located in a County-owned or County-leased facility.

Wave will continue to set aside storage capacity on its video-on-demand ("VOD") server to store up to thirty (30) hours of PEG channel programming.

PEG fees remain at \$0.76 per month per subscriber.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Enacted September 23, 2013.

Wave will provide a one-time equity and social justice grant of \$25,000 for an upgrade of the automation system, providing multi-language enhancement, for King County Civic Television.

**Marketing Campaign:** To increase the number of Cable TV subscribers in unincorporated King County, Wave will conduct an annual marketing campaign during the month of September to all current and potential customers, including those who are broadband only. Results will be reported to the King County Office of Cable Communications by April 30th each year.

**Other Financial Requirements:** Wave will provide security for the franchise in the form of a \$25,000 letter of credit and \$50,000 performance bond. Construction bonds will be required for work in the rights-of-way.

King County Code requires public notice for ordinances related to cable franchise renewals. A copy of the public notice to be published in the Seattle Times for a March 25th public hearing is included as Attachment 6 to this staff report.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Council staff has prepared Title Amendment T1 to make a technical correction to the date in the title, and Amendment 1 which would make a technical correction to both correct the statement of facts as to the term of the agreement by removing reference to a ten-year term and to replace Attachment A with an updated version which also removes the reference to a ten-year term on page 10.



#### KING COUNTY

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#### Signature Report

#### Ordinance

**Sponsors** Zahilay **Proposed No.** 2025-0012.1 1 AN ORDINANCE authorizing the execution of a lease 2 amendment to support the operation of natural resources 3 and parks. STATEMENT OF FACTS: 4 5 For the lease amendment from 201 SW 34th Street, LLC, located at 201 SW 34th Steet, Renton, within council district eight, the facilities 6 7 management division determined that there was not an appropriate county-8 owned option and successfully negotiated to lease space. 9 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY: 10 <u>SECTION 1.</u> The executive is authorized to execute a lease amendment for the 11 property located at 201 SW 34th Steet, Renton, with 201 SW 34th Street, LLC,

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substantially in the form of Attachment A to	this ordinance, and to take all actions
necessary to implement the terms of the leas	se amendment.
	KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ATTEST:	Girmay Zahilay, Chair
Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council	
APPROVED this day of,	·
	Dow Constantine, County Executive
Attachments: A. Lease Amendment	

#### **ATTACHMENT A:**

LEASE AMENDMENT

#### SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT ("Second Amendment"), is made by and between 201 SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street LLC, an Oregon limited liability company ("Landlord"), and King County, a home rule charter county and political subdivision of the State of Washington ("Tenant"), in connection with the Lease Agreement ("Lease") with a Commencement Date of April 1, 2021.

#### RECITALS

- A. This is the Second Amendment between Landlord and Tenant to the Lease having been fully executed and with a Commencement Date of April 21, 2021, and amended by a First Amendment to Lease dated October 21, 2021.
- B. Landlord and Tenant wish to extend the Initial Term of the Lease three (3) years with the opportunity to extend the lease with two one (1) year options.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, effective June 1, 2024, Landlord and Tenant hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Any capitalized, undefined term used herein shall have the same meaning given such term in the Lease.
- 2. Section 1.7 ("Initial Term") is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:
  - 1.7. Initial Term: Eight (8) years. The "Initial Term" and any "Extended Term" are the "Term."
- 3. Section 1.8 ("Intentionally Deleted") is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:
  - 1.8. Extended Term: Two consecutive one-year option (1) terms.
- 4. Section 1.11 ("Expiration Date") is deleted in its entirety and replaced with:
  - 1.11. This Lease shall expire on March 31, 2029, unless extended as provided below.
- 5. Section 1.12 ("Base Rent") is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following table:

Years	Base Rent per Month
1	\$75,000.00
2	\$77,250.00
3	\$79.567.50
4	\$81, 954.53
5	\$84,413.17
6	\$86,945.57
7	\$89,553.94
8	\$92,240.56

- 6. Section 3.2 ("Expiration Date") is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:
  - 3.2. <u>Expiration Date</u>. This Lease shall expire on March 31, 2029, unless extended as provided below.
- 7. Section 3.3 ("Intentionally Deleted") is hereby deleted and replaced with the following language:
  - 3.4 Extension Option. Provided Tenant is not in default under this Lease on the date this option is exercised and as of the last day of the Term, Tenant shall have the option to extend the initial Term for two successive periods of one year each (each an "Extended Term"). This option to extend may be exercised by Tenant only by giving Landlord written notice no more than twelve (12) months and no less than six (6) months prior to the last day of the then-current expiration date of the Lease. Tenant's extension option shall apply to all of the Premises then leased by Tenant under this Lease. From

and after the commencement of the Extended Term, all of the terms, covenants, and conditions of this Lease shall continue in full force and effect as written, except that Base Rent for the Extended Term shall be subject to a 3% annual increase, as follows:

Optional Years	Base Rent per Month
9	\$95,007.78
10	\$97,858.01

- 8. Section 26 ("Early Termination") is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with "Intentionally Deleted."
- 9. **Estoppel.** Tenant represents to Landlord that (a) to Tenant's actual knowledge, there are no uncured defaults by Landlord or Tenant under any of the terms or conditions of the Lease; (b) to Tenant's actual knowledge, Tenant knows of no circumstances or occurrences which, with the passage of time or otherwise, would constitute a default by Landlord or Tenant under the Lease; and (c) to Tenant's actual knowledge, Tenant has no basis for asserting any charges, liens, claims, offsets, abatements, credits or defenses to the payment of the rent, additional rent or any other sums due under the Lease. Landlord represents to Tenant that (d) to Landlord's actual knowledge, there are no uncured defaults by Landlord or Tenant under any of the terms or conditions of the Lease; and (e) to Landlord's actual knowledge, Landlord knows of no circumstances or occurrences which, with the passage of time or otherwise, would constitute a default by Landlord or Tenant under the Lease.
- 10. **All Other Terms Reserved.** Except to the extent herein revised, amended, or modified, all terms, conditions, and provisions of said Lease are hereby affirmed and ratified in all respects with respect to the Initial Term and Extension Options.
- 11. **Authority.** Landlord and Tenant each represent and warrant that it has the authority to enter into this Amendment, and that the signatories hereto are authorized representatives of Landlord and Tenant respectively.
- 12. **Council Approval Contingency**. This Lease Amendment is contingent on and shall not take effect unless and until it is approved by ordinance by the Metropolitan King County Council. This King County Council Approval Contingency will be satisfied when an ordinance passed by the Metropolitan King County Council approving this Lease Amendment becomes effective.

- 13. **Entire Agreement.** This Amendment, together with the Lease, contains the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior understandings and agreements on such subject matter. This Amendment cannot be changed in any manner except by a written agreement signed by Landlord and Tenant.
- 14. **Full Force and Effect.** Except as expressly amended or modified herein, all other terms, covenants and conditions of the Lease shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and confirmed. To the extent the provisions of this Amendment are inconsistent with the Lease, the terms of this Amendment shall control.
- 15. **Effective Date.** Upon mutual execution by Landlord and Tenant, this Second Amendment is effective June 1, 2024.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Second Amendment effective as of both signatures. This Second Amendment may be executed in counterparts and each counterpart constitutes an original document.

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By: Farwest Steel Properties, Inc., Member	
By:	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Name: MCK SINHU	·
Title: VP W FINANCE	
Date 27 31/24	
TENANT:	
KING COUNTY, a political subdivision of the	State of Washington
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Name:	-
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Date	en e
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
By:	
Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney	

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COUNTY OF LANE	) ss. )	
person who appeared before stated that he was authorized VP of Finance of 201 SW 34th Steet LLC, a	or have satisfactory evidence that me, and said person acknowledged that he said to execute the instrument and acknowledged of Farwest Properties, Inc., an Oregan Oregon limited liability company, to be the ses mentioned in the instrument.	gned this instrument, on oath d it as the gon corporation, the sole member
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person who appeared before stated that was authorize	or have satisfactory evidence that me, and said person acknowledged that ed to execute the instrument and acknowledg of KING COUNTY, a home rule charte to be the free and voluntary act of such party.	ed it as the r county and political subdivision
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#### Metropolitan King County Council Budget and Fiscal Management Committee

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Item:	4	Name:	Sherrie Hsu
Proposed No.:	2025-0012	Date:	March 12, 2025

#### **SUBJECT**

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0012 would authorize a lease renewal with 201 SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, LLC to allow Truck Maintenance Facility operations to continue while construction is underway at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

#### **SUMMARY**

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0012 would authorize the Executive to sign a lease renewal with 201 SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street, LLC, for space located at 201 SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street in Renton used by the DNRP's Solid Waste Division. Currently, the Truck Maintenance Facility operations use this location as an interim location for the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill (CHRLF) operations while an alternative site analysis is being conducted prior to the construction of a new maintenance facility.

The original lease was signed April 21, 2021, amended October 21, 2021, and set to expire on March 31, 2026. The proposed ordinance would extend the lease by three years, through March 31, 2029, with the opportunity to extend the lease with two one-year options. The monthly rent rate would start at \$75,000 per month.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Truck Maintenance Facility (TMF) was originally located onsite at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill (CHRLF). In April 2021, an initial five-year lease was executed for the Farwest Steel Building to temporarily relocate the TMF from its location at CHRLF to allow TMF operations to continue, while construction of a new facility at CHRLF is underway. Construction of a new facility at CHRL would support of the 2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. The space is 98,306 square feet.

According to the property summary provided by Executive staff, the construction project was temporarily put on hold to allow for an alternative site analysis due to rising construction costs. This proposed lease extension would allow TMF operations to continue while construction is underway at the CHRLF.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Proposed Ordinance 2025-0012 would authorize a lease renewal for space located at 201 SW 34th Street in Renton used by the DNRP and Solid Waste Division for the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill (CHRLF) operations.

Rationale for leasing. According to the property summary provided by Executive staff, this lease extension would support continued landfill operations while alternative analysis for the permanent facility is being completed.

Lease terms. The original lease was signed April 21, 2021, amended October 21, 2021, and set to expire on March 31, 2026. The proposed ordinance would extend the lease by three years, through March 31, 2029, with the opportunity to extend the lease with two one-year options. The monthly rent rate would start at \$75,000 per month triple net lease. The lease would increase by 3% annually.

The agreement would also include a \$45,000 tenant improvement allowance. Current tenant improvement costs total \$74,728 to paint the administration area and restrooms. The Solid Waste Division will cover the remaining \$29,728 to complete the tenant improvement project.

Table 1. Summary of the Lease Terms of Proposed Ordinance 2025-0012

Category	Terms	
Square Footage	98,306 square feet	
Cost per Square Foot (Base Rent)	\$9.71 per sq. ft. per year	
Operating Costs	\$3.72 per sq. ft. per year	
Term	Three years (April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2029), with options to extend with two one-year options.	

Consistency with County Policies. In accordance with King County's Real Property Asset Management Plan (RAMP) policy, FMD and Transit reviewed this legislation for potential equity and social justice (ESJ) impacts. According to the property summary provided by Executive staff, this lease is located in the Cedar Hills neighborhood of Renton. The proposed continued use is consistent with existing services in the area. The SWD Truck Maintenance Facility program supports solid waste services in all areas of King County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This means the tenant would be responsible for taxes, insurance, and utilities.

Legal Review. The lease has been reviewed by Council's legal counsel.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Proposed Ordinance 2025-0012 with attachment
- 2. Transmittal Letter
- 3. Fiscal Note
- 4. Lease Property Summary



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# **Signature Report**

#### Motion

	<b>Proposed No.</b> 2024-0407.1	Sponsors Barón
1	A MOTION confirmi	ing the executive's appointment of
2	Amy Calderwood, wl	no resides in council district four, to
3	the King County boar	ed of ethics.
4	BE IT MOVED by the Coun	cil of King County:
5	The county executive's appoin	intment of Amy Calderwood, who resides in council
6	district four to the King County boa	rd of ethics for a partial term to expire on July 31

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Girmay Zahilay, Chair



# Metropolitan King County Council Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Item:	8	Name:	Gene Paul
Proposed No.:	2024-0407	Date:	March 11, 2025

#### **SUBJECT**

Proposed Motion 2024-0407 would confirm the Executive's appointment of Amy Calderwood to the King County Board of Ethics for a partial term expiring on July 31, 2026. Ms. Calderwood would be filling a Council-nominated position.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The King County Board of Ethics was created by Ordinance 1321 in 1972 "to insure proper implementation of the code of ethics and to investigate and report on conflicts of interest." The Board consists of five members: two to be appointed by the County Executive, two to be appointed by the County Executive from a list of nominees submitted by the County Council, and a fifth member, who serves as chair and is appointed by the County Executive from a list of nominees submitted by the other four members. Each member serves a term of three years. All appointments to the Board are subject to confirmation by the Council.<sup>1</sup>

According to the King County Code, Board members "shall have demonstrated experience applicable to carrying out the responsibilities of the board, such as experience in the areas of ethics, law, finance, administration, compliance, human resources, or other relevant experience." The code also specifies that members should have a "strong commitment to an accountable, transparent, and well-managed board of ethics."

#### **APPOINTEE INFORMATION**

Amy Calderwood is a resident of Council District 4 and a retired public servant. According to her application materials, she served as the Director of the King County Office of the Ombuds from 2002 until her retirement in 2023. Since the Office of the Ombuds is responsible for investigating alleged violations of the Employee Code of Ethics (K.C.C. Chapter 3.04), Ms. Calderwood has years of experience overseeing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> K.C.C. 3.04.080.A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> K.C.C. 3.04.080.B.

investigations into ethics complaints and investigating them directly. Additionally, she has firsthand experience working with the Board of Ethics and a broad cross-section of the County government. She has expressed familiarity with the types of ethics concerns that typically arise at King County. She has also expressed her belief that a clear code of ethics is essential for government to be able to carry out its work.

#### **ANALYSIS**

As noted, the Board of Ethics is a five-member board consisting of the following members: two appointed and confirmed by the executive, two appointed by the Executive from a list provided by the Council, and the Executive's appointment of the chair who is selected from a list of nominees provided by the four members. This motion would approve the appointment of Amy Calderwood as a Council-nominated member.

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements of the King County Code.

#### <u>INVITED</u>

- Amy Calderwood, Appointee, King County Board of Ethics
- Thomas Barrington, Staff Liaison, King County Board of Ethics

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Proposed Motion 2024-0407
- 2. Transmittal Letter



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# **Signature Report**

#### **Motion**

	<b>Proposed No.</b> 2025-0042.1	Sponsors Balducci
1	A MOTION confirming	the executive's appointment of
2	Nicole Cain, who reside	s in council district six, to the King
3	County Museum of Flig	ht Authority board of directors.
4	BE IT MOVED by the Council	of King County:
5	The county executive's appoints	ment of Nicole Cain, who resides in council
6	district six to the King County Museur	m of Flight Authority board of directors, for the

remainder of a three-year term to exp	to expire on December 31, 2027, is hereby confirmed	
	KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON	
ATTEST:	Girmay Zahilay, Chair	
Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council		
Attachments: None		



# Metropolitan King County Council Government Accountability and Oversight Committee

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Item:	7	Name:	Gene Paul
Proposed No.:	2025-0042	Date:	March 11, 2025

#### **SUBJECT**

Proposed Motion 2025-0042 would confirm the Executive's appointment of Nicole Cain, who resides in Council District Six, to the King County Museum of Flight Authority Board of Directors for the remainder of a three-year term expiring on December 31, 2027.

#### **BACKGROUND**

King County created the King County Museum of Flight Authority ("Authority") in 1985 to "provide for the development and operation of a first class air and space museum." The Authority is an independent legal entity governed by its Charter and By-laws. The Authority's Board of Directors consists of seven individuals appointed as follows by the King County Executive, subject to confirmation by a majority of the County Council:

- Three at-large members;
- Three members from nominations made by the Board of Trustees of the Museum of Flight or its successor; and
- One member from nominations of the Board of Directors.

**Scope of Powers**: Article V, Section 5.01 of the Authority's Charter sets forth its powers. These include the power to:

- Own and sell real and personal property;
- Contract for any corporate purpose with the federal government, a state, and any
  political subdivision or agency of either, and with individuals, associations and
  corporations;
- Lend and borrow funds;
- Perform all manner and type of community services and activities; and
- Issue negotiable bonds and notes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> K.C.C. 15.90.010 as authorized under RCW 35.21.730 through 35.21.755

Other powers and limitations on powers are set forth in Sections 5.01 and 5.02 of the Authority's Charter.

#### **APPOINTEE INFORMATION**

Nicole Cain is a resident of Council District 6 and has been nominated by the Museum of Flight Authority Board of Directors for her position on the Board. According to her application materials, Ms. Cain worked at King County International Airport for 11 years, including serving as Chief Flight Instructor for Galvin Flying Service until its closure in November 2024. Her professional licenses from the Federal Aviation Administration include Airline Transport Pilot, Certified Flight Instructor for single and multiengine airplanes, Certified Flight Instructor for Instruments, and a remote pilot. In addition to her aviation background, Ms. Cain previously worked at the Maxey Museum in Walla Walla, WA, where she curated multiple exhibits and worked on the conservation of artifacts and the repatriation of Native American remains. Ms. Cain has also served on two advisory committees, the Museum of Flight Aeronautical Science Pathway Advisory Committee and the Green River College Aviation Advisory Committee.

#### **ANALYSIS**

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointment. It appears to be consistent with the requirements set by the King County Code and the King County Museum of Flight Authority Charter.

#### **INVITED**

- Nicole Cain, Appointee to the Museum of Flight Authority Board of Directors
- Lynda King, Vice President of Finance and Administration at the Museum of Flight, Staff Liaison to the Museum of Flight Authority Board of Directors

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Proposed Motion 2025-0042
- 2. Transmittal Letter



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# **Signature Report**

#### **Motion**

	<b>Proposed No.</b> 2025-0029.1	Sponsors Dunn
1	A MOTION confirmi	ng the executive's reappointment of
2	Annu Luthra, who res	ides in council district nine, to the
3	King County children	and youth advisory board.
4	BE IT MOVED by the Counc	cil of King County:
5	The county executive's reapp	ointment of Annu Luthra, who resides in council

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district nine, to the King County childre	en and youth advisory board, for a three-year ten
to expire on January 31, 2028, is hereby	
	KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ATTEST:	Girmay Zahilay, Chair
Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council	
Attachments: None	



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# **Signature Report**

#### **Motion**

	Proposed No. 2025-0050.1 Sponsors D	unn
1	1 A MOTION confirming the executive's rea	ppointment of
2	2 Teresa Platin, who resides in council distric	et nine, to the
3	Washington state boundary review board for	or King County.
4	4 BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:	
5	The county executive's reappointment of Teresa Plants	atin, who resides in council
6	6 district nine, to the Washington state boundary review boa	rd for King

	KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ATTEST:	Girmay Zahilay, Chair
Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council	
Attachments: None	



**Proposed No. 2025-0098.1** 

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# **Signature Report**

#### **Motion**

**Sponsors** Dunn

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1	A MOTION confirming the executive's reappointment of
2	the Honorable Ariana Sherlock, councilmember, city of
3	Newcastle, who resides in council district nine, to the King
4	County children and youth advisory board, filling a
5	position nominated by the Sound Cities Association.
6	BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
7	The county executive's reappointment of the Honorable Ariana Sherlock,
8	councilmember, city of Newcastle, who resides in council district nine, to the King

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9	County children and youth advisory board, filling a position nominated by the Sound		
10	Cities Association, for a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2028, is hereby		
11	confirmed.		
		KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON	
	ATTEST:	Girmay Zahilay, Chair	
	Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council		
	Attachments: None		



Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget Chinook Building 401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 810 Seattle, WA 98104

March 19, 2025

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay Chair, King County Council Room 1200 COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

Consistent with the requirements of Ordinance 19712, Section 89, ER2 and P3, I hereby certify that the requirements of this Expenditure Restriction and Proviso have been satisfied for the Property Tax Administration System (PTAS).<sup>1</sup> As required by the Proviso, this letter requests that the Clerk list this notice on two consecutive County Council agendas to allow Councilmembers to object to proceeding with the project if they choose to do so.

Ordinance 19712 appropriated funds for PTAS but specified that no more than \$7 million of the \$73 million be spent for the procurement phase and restricted the remaining funds until this notice was provided and no objections were made. As required by the Ordinance, the project has completed the procurement phase and is ready to proceed with a contract with the selected development vendor, WWT. The project has developed a budget that fits within the total appropriation while maintaining an appropriate contingency.

The approach has been approved by the PTAS Steering Committee, representing the Department of Assessments, the Finance and Business Operations Division of the Department of Executive Services, and King County Information Technology. It has also been approved by the members of the Project Review Board: Lorraine Patterson-Harris, Stephen Heard (who also serves as the Project Sponsor), and me.

As you know, the current property tax assessment, billing, and collection system is over 40 years old. It was developed to run on a mainframe computer and was migrated to servers about seven years ago when the mainframe computer approached failure. The computer code

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> PTAS is misnamed as the "Property Tax Accounting System" in the ordinance.

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay March 19, 2025 Page 2

is inefficient and is difficult to update when new legal requirements are created. It is increasingly challenging to maintain this code and the potential for system failure is real. It is critical that the County proceed with the new PTAS system as soon as possible.

Staff from the agencies involved with this project are happy to provide additional information as needed. We look forward to proceeding with this project.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

**Dwight Dively** 

Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

cc: Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Lorraine Patterson-Harris, DES Director

Stephen Heard, interim Chief Information Officer and KCIT Director

Al Dams, Deputy Assessor

Ken Guy, FBOD Director

Nora Bennett, FBOD

Brent Veenstra, KCIT

Helene Ellickson, PSB

Sierra Anderson, PSB

Robert Schein, ISG