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A MOTION declaring Council priorities for the 1974 budget.

WHEREAS the County Council has reviewed activities of the County during 1973, and

WHEREAS the Council has concluded that emphasis on certain programs in the 1974 budget is appropriate, and

WHEREAS Council concern regarding the 1974 budget preparation should be presented to the County Executive for incorporation in his budget proposal,

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

The 1974 Executive Budget Proposal should incorporate:

1. An operational budget for the Department of Public Works in the County Road Fund based on the following criteria:
 - a. The unencumbered balance in the River and Flood Control Construction Fund at the end of 1973 should be reserved and used only for capital construction; the operations of the Hydraulics Division should be maintained at the 1973 level and be fully funded from the appropriation to the Department of Public Works in the County Road Fund.
 - b. The 1974 appropriated budget should not exceed the 1973 appropriation except for increases that may be required for rehabilitation of County-operated gravel pits on the same schedule required of private operator
 - c. Vacant positions at the date this motion is passed shall be eliminated in the 1974 budget, and the funds made available shall be used to plan a County-wide drainage district.
 - d. Economies should be made in road maintenance if possible to meet the above criteria.

1 2. In reference to the Capital Improvement Budget, to
2 assure that funded road projects will be able to be completed
3 in an orderly fashion, the Public Works Department shall involve
4 citizen input at the early stages of planning to minimize the
5 social and environmental impact.

6 3. Additional operational revenues to the County in 1974
7 should be used to fund priorities in the following order:

8 a. Cost of living salary increases for County
9 employees.

10 b. Inflationary costs of maintaining current programs
11 at 1973 service levels.

12 c. Improving maintenance of County parks.

13 d. Increasing service levels in departments and
14 divisions directly serving the community, especially
15 Land Use Management and Community Development.

16 4. Emphasis in Parks Capital programs should be on
17 development rather than on acquisition of additional acreage.
18 Funds should be provided for development of accurate and
19 reliable forecasts as to types of uses and of the operating
20 costs of parks to be developed over the next one-three-five
21 years.

22 5. Appropriations to the Law, Safety and Justice Program
23 should be maintained basically at 1973 levels adjusted for 1974
24 salary and inflationary factors to give that portion of County
25 government an opportunity to organize the efficient application
26 of the resources dedicated to that program over the last few
27 years. Public Safety positions related to enforcement of the
28 Gambling Law should be provided in 1974 from vacancies within
29 the number of positions authorized at the beginning of 1973.
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6. The benefits accruing to the County from the operation of the Office of Emergency Services should be carefully evaluated to determine if the continuation of the program at the current level is warranted.

7. The Council should be advised either in the 1974 CBP document or in a separate report of what projects are being added, what projects have been deleted since 1973 and what projects have been significantly changed in budget or otherwise.

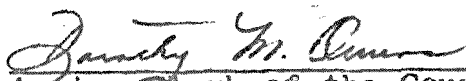
8. The Council should be presented with a set of realistic alternatives for funding Solid Waste in view of the experience of the past few years. Funds should be included for the beautification of Transfer Stations.

PASSED this 10th day of September, 1973.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


VICE Chairman

ATTEST:


Acting Clerk of the Council