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A MOTION expressing Council priorities for the 1976 King County Operating Budget and requesting the Executive to include the expressed priorities in his 1976 proposed budget document together with narrative explanation of their implementation in the proposed budget.

WHEREAS, the County Council has traditionally prepared and transmitted budget priorities to guide the development of the yearly operating budget, and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed and considered budget issues for 1976, and

WHEREAS, both the County Executive and the citizens of King County have provided comment on the proposed budget issues,

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

The cross-departmental and departmental budget issues listed below are hereby adopted as priorities for 1976. Further, the County Executive is requested to consider and address these priorities in developing the 1976 Operating Budget for King County and report on the manner and extent to which they have been implemented in both the annual budget message and the narrative of the budget document.

1976 OPERATING BUDGET PRIORITIES

CROSS DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES

1. County Capital Facilities

A range of common functions are required to construct and maintain the county transportation and park system. In light of the continued reduction of available construction funds and increases in operation and maintenance costs, consideration should be given to consolidating all or some of the functions of the Engineering, Parks and Architecture divisions.

2. Environmental Management

Responsibilities for environmental management are at present fragmented between several departments. Consideration should be given to consolidating and streamlining management responsibility for functions such as shoreline management, noise control, flood control, water quality and compliance with SEPA.

3. Small Town Assistance Program

Through Housing and Community Development, the County has begun a program of planning and development assistance to small towns and rural areas of King County. Consideration should be given in the 1976 Operating Budget, particularly for the Snoqualmie River Valley, to expand this program.

1 4. Surface Water Management

2 Planning in accordance with Motion 1845 is currently under way for the
3 County's surface water management program and a proposed work program
4 is scheduled for review by the Council in June, 1976. Provision should
be made in the 1976 Operating Budget to continue implementation as
specified in the surface water work program.

5 5. Youth Services

6 At present, youth service functions and their management are divided
7 between several County agencies, departments and local jurisdictions.
8 Provision has been made in the 1975 Budget to develop a plan for
9 consolidation of Jobline, Work Training Program (formerly Neighborhood
10 Youth Corps), Juvenile Court services and the Youth Service Bureaus.
11 Provision should be made in the 1976 Operating Budget to consider and,
12 to the extent feasible, implement the recommendations of this plan as
13 approved by the Council.

14 6. Rehabilitative Services

15 At present, uniformed personnel from Public Safety serve as corrections
16 officers in Rehabilitative Services. Provision should be made in the
17 1976 Operating Budget for civilian corrections officers and scheduled
18 return of uniformed personnel back to Public Safety.

19 7. Bicentennial Programs

20 To date, the County has not begun to develop programs to commemorate
21 the bicentennial, and planning by local bicentennial committees does
22 not encompass all areas of the County. Provision should be made in the
23 1976 Operating Budget to develop, in conjunction with the King County
24 Arts Commission, the Policy Development Commission, and the various
25 local Bicentennial Committees, bicentennial programs including a heritage
26 program of performing arts in County facilities.

27 DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES

28 1. Budget and Program Planning

- 29 A. Provision should be made to implement the recommendations of the
30 contract services study scheduled for consideration by the Council
31 in July, 1975.
- 32 B. Prior to the development of the 1976 Budget of the Department
33 consideration should be given to the reassignment of comprehensive and
functional planning responsibilities and staff for transportation,
parks and recreation, flood control and environmental management to
the respective operating departments of the County.
- C. Provision should be made in the 1976 Operating Budget to ensure that
the Capital Budget and Program for 1977 - 82 shall comply with
the Council schedule for public review and comment as outlined in
Motion 1924 passed by the Council on April 11, 1975.
- D. Provision should be made to implement the internal system of grant
development, evaluation and administration currently under development
by the Department. At a minimum the system should encompass
procedures, processes and administrative responsibilities for the
fiscal administration of county sponsored activities.

1 E. Provision should be made in the 1976 Budget of the Department to
2 revise and update all County functional plans on flood control and
3 parks and recreation.

4 2. Community and Environmental Development

5 A. The Land Use Management Division is developing a series of suggested
6 programs to be presented to the County Council to implement the
7 recommendations of the Bastian/Hillis Study. Provisions should be
8 made in the 1976 Budget of the Department for those programs approved
9 by the Council.

10 B. Provision should be made to implement the recommendations of the
11 regional park and recreation authority study as approved by the
12 County Council.

13 C. Any reduction in services or closure of park facilities due to
14 increased operation and maintenance costs should be clearly identified
15 in the Department budget.

16 D. Where community capability has been demonstrated, provision should
17 be made for turning over the operation and maintenance responsibilities
18 of neighborhood parks to community organizations.

19 3. Health Department

20 A. Provision shall be made to continue the implementation of the
21 Emergency Medical Program approved by the County Council.

22 B. Provision shall be made to implement the noise control program
23 under consideration by the City and County Council.

24 C. By December, 1975, reassess the County's responsibilities and
25 appropriate role with respect to the Health Department. In particular,
26 the County Executive should develop a recommendation to the Council
27 considering the costs and benefits of having the County completely
28 responsible for the administration of the Department.

29 D. The 1975 Operating Budget provides that additional reorganization
30 changes be completed and approved by the Council by September, 1975.
31 Provision shall be made to continue to implement those reorganization
32 changes that have been approved by the County Council.

33 4. Public Works

A. Provision should be made for a self-supporting solid waste
management program.

B. The 1976 Budget of the Department should provide for the development
of a program for the effective delivery of sewer services by the
County.

5. Juvenile Court

The Juvenile Court has been the subject of two major management audits.
Provision should be made in the 1976 Budget to demonstrate that the
recommendations contained in those reports have been addressed fully.
Further, the transfer of the nonjudicial functions of the Youth Service
Center to the County Executive is the intent of the Council.

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6. Public Safety

Provision should be made in the 1976 Budget to expand the burglary prevention and community relations programs of Public Safety.

PASSED this 16th day of June, 1975

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council