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A MOTION establishing a task force to develop policy recommendations on the future role of the County in Parks and Recreation and authorizing the expenditure of \$10,000 pursuant to Ordinance No. 2544, Section 43 (4).

WHEREAS, at the request of the County Council, the County is in the process of developing the new Park and Recreation Master Plan to carry on a post Forward Thrust acquisition and development program, and

WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes that an underlying concern that must be addressed in the Master Plan is the question of equity between who pays for park and recreation facilities and services and who receives the benefits of such expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes that an underlying concern that must be addressed in the Master Plan is the consolidation of park and recreation functions with the City of Seattle and other municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the initial study, Policy Options in Park and Recreation, has been completed and the recommendations contained in the Study have been adopted by the County Council, and

WHEREAS, the County Council appropriated \$10,000 in Ordinance No. 2544, Section 43 (4) to implement the recommendation of this study, and

WHEREAS, more detailed recommendations on the County's post Forward Thrust role in park and recreation are required,

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

1. In order to identify in more detail those basic policy directions that must be established in the development of a new Park and Recreation Master Plan, there is hereby established a Task Force to complete the attached work program and its

1 recommendations to the County Council by March 31, 1977.

2 a. Composition - The Task Force shall be composed of
3 representatives from the following jurisdictions,

4 2 representatives from unincorporated King County

5 2 representatives from the City of Seattle

6 2 representatives from the suburban cities and towns

7 1 ex officio representative from Educational Services
8 District #110

9 b. Chairman - The Task Force shall be chaired by the
10 Chairman of the Policy Development Commission, Parks & Recreation
11 Committee.

12 c. Staff - The Park Planner authorized by Ordinance No.
13 2544, Section 24 (4) and Motion No. 2292 shall serve as
14 Executive Secretary to coordinate the work of the Task Force.

15 2. There is hereby authorized for expenditure \$10,000
16 included in Ordinance No. 2544, Section 43 (4) to support the
17 Task Force and the completion of the work program set forth above.
18 Any additional funds required to carry out the purposes of this
19 Motion shall come from the authorized budget of the Department
20 of Planning and Community Development.

21 PASSED this 19th day of April, 19 76.

22 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
23 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

24 David McFarley
25 Chairman

26 ATTEST:

27 Dorothy M. Owens
28 Clerk of the Council

PARK AND RECREATION TASK FORCE
- WORK PROGRAM -

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3 Recognizing that the underlying concern of all future park and
4 recreation issues is the question of equity between who pays for park and
5 recreation facilities and services and who receives the benefits of such
6 expenditures, the Park and Recreation Task Force is requested to examine
7 the following major issues:

8 1. What level of Park and Recreation service should be provided
9 and by whom?

10 a. What is the County's role in the acquisition, development,
11 operation and maintenance of regional and urban park facilities?

12 b. What is the County's role in the acquisition, development,
13 operation and maintenance of community and neighborhood park facilities?

14 c. What is the County's role in the acquisition, development,
15 operation, and maintenance of special recreation facilities such as tennis
16 courts, swimming pools, and boat launching facilities?

17 d. Should the County continue to provide recreation, arts and
18 crafts programs for County residents? If so, at what level?

19 2. How should park and recreation services be funded and by whom?

20 a. Should County-wide general obligation bonds similar to Forward
21 Thrust be utilized again to fund park acquisition and/or development? If so,
22 under what circumstances and for what types of facilities? How long in
23 duration should the program run?

24 b. What kinds of facilities and services should be funded from
25 revenue bonds, user fees, special dedicated taxes and/or general tax revenues?

26 c. Can special taxing districts be utilized to fund acquisition,
27 development, operation, and/or maintenance of park and recreation programs?
28 If so, under what circumstances?

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