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MOTION NO. 3966

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2 A MOTION relating to economic development;
3 transmitting proposed economic development
4 policies to the Executive and requesting a
5 response by March 1, 1979.

6 WHEREAS, the King County Council recognizes the need to
7 establish public policy that encourages the diversification of
8 King County's economic base, while maintaining its high quality
9 of natural environment, and

10 WHEREAS, the County Council recognizes that the principal
11 responsibility for economic development rests with the private
12 sector however, an effective public planning function can do much
13 to assure that private development, in appropriate areas, can go
14 forward without unnecessary governmental regulation, and

15 WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70.010, the State Planning
16 Enabling Act, King County is responsible for guiding physical
17 development in an attempt to assure the highest standards of
18 environmental quality and the operation of commerce, industry and
19 agricultural activities, and

20 WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 3576, the County Council
21 established the Economic Development, Employment and Energy
22 Committee to consider and make recommendations on matters
23 relating to the promotion of resource management, economic
24 growth, community development, employment and public works, and

25 WHEREAS, the timely installation of public facilities and
26 utilities in selected areas can be used as a positive force in
27 influencing the locational development decisions of the private
28 sector, and

29 WHEREAS, the present pattern of divided local government
30 responsibility and fragmented federal and state aid programs
31 places substantial control with the professional specialists of
32 the bureaucracy instead of elected officials, and

33 WHEREAS, on August 29, 1977, the King County Council, via
Ordinance 3384, adopted the Transportation Amendment to the

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1 Comprehensive Plan, and

2 WHEREAS, on April 24, 1978, the King County Council, via
3 Ordinance 3649, adopted the Energy Conservation Amendment to the
4 Comprehensive Plan, and

5 WHEREAS, the Economic Development District and the Economic
6 Development Council have, and are continuing to, provide input on
7 the proposed economic development policies (Attachment A),

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

9 1. The King County Council transmits the attached policy
10 proposals (Attachment A) to the County Executive for review and
11 analysis in relation to the present Comprehensive Plan with
12 special attention to the urban centers concept as adopted herein.

13 2. Based on the issues addressed in the proposed economic
14 development policies (Attachment A), the King County Council
15 requests that, by March 1, 1979, the County Executive submit a
16 draft economic development policy concept to integrate policies
17 into the Comprehensive Plan and a written report on those
18 programmatic issues addressed in Attachment A but not included
19 in the Executive's draft policy concept.

20 PASSED this 22nd day of January, 1979.

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22 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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24 Ruby Chow
25 Chairman

26 ATTEST:

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28 Dorothy M. Quinn
Deputy Clerk of the Council

ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSED KING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

MAJOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSUMPTIONS

a. The King County Council recognizes economic development is the process whereby employment and investment opportunities are retained or created.

b. For the purposes of economic development planning and the evaluation of policy options which will guide public investments, the King County Council recognizes and supports the Urban Centers Development Concept which attempts to direct new growth to locations adjacent to already developed areas.

c. The King County Council recognizes the special employment needs of the economically disadvantaged, the structurally unemployed and new labor market entrants and supports public investments that generate private sector job opportunities that seek to meet these needs and thereby reduce the cyclical nature of the local economy.

1. GOAL: INCREASE INDUSTRIAL AND MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION

a. Objective: Using the Vacant Lands Study as a guide, provide land area through the zoning process, for increased industrial and manufacturing job opportunities and balanced economic growth.

b. Objective: Direct county staff to examine the environmental, administrative and legal problems that have slowed development on vacant land within existing urban centers and make recommendations that would encourage the less costly development of such parcels to increase industrial and manufacturing employment opportunities.

c. Objective: On a case by case basis extend roads and acquire road rights of way, to appropriate industrial park sites to increase their potential for development.

d. Objective: Develop streamlined commercial/industrial site development standards in urban centers.

2. GOAL: INCREASED RETAIL, TRADE AND SERVICE EMPLOYMENT

a. Objective: Identify those urban centers where capital projects like road improvements and the extension or expansion in water and sewer service lines are needed to intensify business development.

b. Objective: Provide technical planning assistance to communities with blighted business districts. Provided that these business districts can show evidence of blight and:

- (1) Serves a substantial minority population, or
- (2) The population served by the business district includes a substantial low income population, or
- (3) The business district seeking assistance can document that there exists substantial traffic and pedestrian flow problems, or

(4) Business districts can document that current fire flow and sewer and water service is inadequate to meet future demand.

c. Objective: Monitor the growth of currently viable urban centers to insure that increased commercial or residential development nearby does not significantly reduce an activity centers service delivery capabilities.

3. GOAL: MAINTENANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

a. Through the rezone process retain the existing land base for agricultural production.

b. Encourage development of the agricultural infrastructure in rural areas.

c. Formulate policies to insure the continued development of local markets like the Bulk Commodities Exchange, the Farmers Market and roadside stands.

d. Objective: Restrict the expansion of public facilities and utilities across areas of agricultural land and open space when the expansion will substantially increase the developability of agricultural land or open space.

e. Objective: Promote and support federal and state forest management policies that will improve the publicly controlled timber resource base and thereby provide continuing employment opportunities in the wood products industry for citizens of King County.

f. Objective: Encourage the complete and timely reforestation of publicly controlled forest land to retain the timber resource base.

g. Objective: Support and promote federal, state and local efforts designed to improve the aquaculture resource base.

h. Objective: Work closely with other units of government and the private sector in their efforts to expand local seafood processing facilities as a result of resent federal legislation that expands U.S. authority and control over the fisheries resource within the 200 mile coastal limit.

4. GOAL: DEVELOP EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE UNDEREMPLOYED

a. Objective: Document and if necessary modify existing King County contract bidding procedures to insure appropriate minority participation.

b. Objective: Support local public manpower programs that, in fact, train individuals to meet the immediate employment needs of the local community.

5. GOAL: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR COORDINATION

a. Objective: Encourage local contractors and labor unions involved in county capital improvement projects to employ individuals trained by local public manpower programs.

b. Objective: Propose policies that would directly link local manpower training programs to the employment needs of the private sector.

c. Expand cooperation between the public and private sectors when considering both the location and density of urban centers in unincorporated King County.

d. Continue cooperation with the EDC and various Chambers of Commerce in their promotional work of the business and development climate in King County.

6. GOAL: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

a. Objective: Continue intergovernmental coordination with the Economic Development Administration and the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District in the creation and implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs) to insure the active participation of King County.

b. Objective: Continue intergovernmental coordination with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Puget Sound Council of governments in the creation and implementation of the Regional Development Strategies (RDS) to insure the active participation of King County.

c. Objective: Work closely with local municipalities, to achieve consistent land use policies relating to zoning densities and water and sewer service in areas of mutual influence.