

MOTION NO. 5588

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2 A MOTION approving and adding conditions
3 to the County Executive's proposed strategy
4 for the implementation of a county-wide
5 enhanced 911 emergency telephone system.

6 WHEREAS, the County Council, in adopting Ordinance 5680,
7 referred to King County voters the question of whether to
8 impose a telephone excise tax to pay for the implementation
9 and operation of a county-wide enhanced 911 emergency telephone
10 system, and

11 WHEREAS, on November 3, 1981, the voters of King County
12 approved the imposition of the telephone excise tax, not to
13 exceed forty-five cents per month for each telephone access
14 line, and

15 WHEREAS, Ordinance 5680 stipulates that the design of the
16 enhanced 911 emergency telephone system and the request for
17 proposals for the enhanced 911 emergency telephone system shall
18 be determined by subsequent ordinance, and

19 WHEREAS, the County Executive has proposed a specific
20 strategy for implementing the enhanced 911 emergency telephone
21 system, and

22 WHEREAS, the County Executive's proposed strategy involves
23 preparing detailed performance specifications for the system;
24 soliciting a design and cost proposal from Pacific Northwest
25 Bell (PNB); and proposing, subject to County Council approval,
26 a contract with PNB, under the conditions that PNB meets the
27 County's performance specifications at a reasonable and
28 justifiable cost, and

29 WHEREAS, the County Executive's strategy is to also work
30 with other potential vendors to determine whether they are
31 qualified to provide the County's enhanced 911 emergency tele-
32 phone system, and

33 WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested the County
Council to approve the proposed strategy, subject to other

1 conditions proposed by the Council, and

2 WHEREAS, the County Council's intent in adopting Ordinance
3 5680 was to encourage competitive bidding among potential
4 vendors at all appropriate phases of the program to ensure
5 that the citizens of King County receive the optimum enhanced
6 911 emergency telephone system at the most reasonable cost, and

7 WHEREAS, the performance specifications will describe
8 how the enhanced 911 emergency telephone system shall operate,
9 including standards for the performance of the various compo-
10 nents of the system (network, equipment, data management, and
11 vendor requirements such as training and maintenance) and the
12 formulation of a specific format to facilitate the presenta-
13 tion and review of the system's design and cost.

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

15 The County Council approves the County Executive's proposed
16 strategy for implementing an enhanced 911 emergency telephone
17 system, subject to the following conditions:

18 A. The Council reaffirms its policy, per Ordinance 5680,
19 to encourage competitive bidding at all appropriate phases of
20 the program to ensure that the citizens of King County receive
21 the optimum enhanced 911 emergency telephone system at the most
22 reasonable cost.

23 B. The County Council, in placing additional conditions
24 upon the County Executive's proposed strategy, does not intend
25 to lengthen the County Executive's proposed timeframe for
26 implementing the County's enhanced 911 emergency telephone
27 system.

28 C. At the onset of preparing detailed performance
29 specifications, the County Executive shall identify all poten-
30 tial vendors that, according to established criteria, appear
31 to be qualified to provide an enhanced 911 emergency telephone
32 system.

33 D. During the course of the development of the system's

1 detailed performance specifications, the County Executive is
2 directed to provide the performance specifications to all
3 potential vendors, for their review and comment, in a timely
4 manner.

5 E. Immediately following the completion of the system's
6 detailed performance specifications, the County Executive shall:

7 1. Aggressively make the same available to all potential
8 vendors for their review and comment.

9 2. Solicit, in the review and comment phase, from
10 potential vendors:

11 a. Specific comments regarding the adequacy of the
12 specifications, preparatory to design, to ensure a quality and
13 cost-effective system.

14 b. Discussion of specific alternative specifications
15 which, through design, may provide increased benefits either in
16 quality or cost.

17 c. Indication of whether the potential vendor is
18 qualified according to established criteria, including: (1)
19 the ability to provide the entire enhanced 911 emergency
20 telephone system as a prime contractor; (2) experience with
21 installing and/or operating a communications system similar
22 in scope and complexity to the County's proposed enhanced 911
23 emergency telephone system; and (3) the ability to adhere to
24 the County Executive's proposed timeline for implementing the
25 enhanced 911 emergency telephone system.

26 F. The detailed performance specifications shall be
27 referred to the County Council for its review when they are
28 made available to all potential vendors.

29 G. Copies of all comments received in the review process
30 shall be transmitted in a timely manner to the Chairperson of
31 the County Council.

32 H. Based on the results of the review and comment phase,
33 the County Council reserves the right to require:

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1. Increased participation by qualified vendors in the actual design phase of the program, up to and including a requirement to redefine the performance specifications to accommodate beneficial alternatives.

I. The results of the performance specifications review and comment phase and other phases of the County Executive's proposed strategy shall serve as the basis of the Council's future deliberations on the County Executive's recommendation regarding whether to issue a request for proposals or negotiate a sole source contract for the County's enhanced 911 emergency telephone system.

PASSED this 18th day of October, 1982.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Carson
DEPUTY Clerk of the Council