

MOTION NO. 5889

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2 A MOTION supporting the
3 recommendations of the November,
4 1983 King County Sewer Divestment
5 Implementation Report, and
6 proposing that the Department of
7 Public Works proceed with certain
8 actions consistent with that report.

9 WHEREAS, the King County Council through Motion No. 5365
10 requested that the department of public works prepare criteria
11 to be used when the county considered assuming or transferring
12 sewerage facilities to or from other sewer service agencies, and

13 WHEREAS, the county council received such criteria in a
14 June, 1982 report entitled "An Analysis of Policy Options
15 Regarding King County Operated Sewerage Systems"; and

16 WHEREAS, the county council through Motion No. 5645
17 requested the County Executive to commence negotiations with
18 appropriate agencies to determine the feasibility and
19 desirability of transferring the operation and responsibility
20 for all County operated systems, and

21 WHEREAS, the executive office together with assistance from
22 the department of public works, the office of finance, budget
23 office and office of the prosecuting attorney have recently
24 completed a report entitled "King County Sewer Divestment
25 Implementation Report".

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

27 A. The King County Council approves the recommendations of
28 the September, 1983 report entitled "King County Sewer
29 Divestment Implementation Report" prepared pursuant to Motion
30 No. 5645.

31 B. The council requests that the department of public
32 works, with the support of other executive offices and the
33 prosecuting attorney when necessary, accomplish the following:

1 1. Reissue a revised Request for Proposal to assume
2 responsibility for the Skyway and Olson Systems with provision
3 for financial assistance in the form of a current expense
4 Working Capital Loan to a maximum amount of \$100,000 up to a
5 period of five years with the rate of interest based on the
6 County's own cost of borrowing funds.

7 2. Assist the council staff director of intergovernmental
8 relations to seek amendments to Chapter 36.94 RCW which provide
9 for divestment of county sewer service responsibilities through
10 petition to Superior Court.

11 3. Initiate actions to transfer the county's authority to
12 operate the Richmond Beach Sewage and Drainage District No. 3
13 and 3.1 and the Skyway Sewage and Drainage District No. 4 from
14 Chapter 85.08 RCW to Chapter 36.94 RCW.

15 4. Upon completion of the above mentioned tasks, proceed
16 with negotiating interlocal agreements, and other tasks
17 necessary to transfer county operated sewer systems to
18 appropriate agencies.

19 C. The council reaffirms that it is the position of the
20 county that the principal purpose of sewer service area
21 divestment is to reduce average customer rates and that partial
22 divestment, or any other strategy which does not reduce the
23 average rate paid among all present county customers, will not
24 be approved.

25 PASSED this 3rd day of January, 1984.

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27 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
28 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

29 Gary Grant
30 Chairman

31 ATTEST:

32 Dorothy M. Owens
33 Clerk of the Council

Attachment A

KING COUNTY SEWER DIVESTMENT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT
(King County Executive's Office)

5889

November, 1983

Summary of Recommendations

1. King County should proceed to divest itself of sewer system responsibilities as recommended in the 1982 Options Analysis Report.
2. Proposals received from the Ronald Sewer District for the Richmond Beach Drainage and Diking District No. 3 and 3.1, from Water District No. 81 for the Trend ULID No. 2, and from ValVue Sewer District for the Duwamish ULID No.1 be found to be legally feasible, to meet necessary criteria to ensure reliable and effective management of the County's sewer systems, and to be an acceptable basis for negotiating transfer of sewer district responsibilities.
3. King County should reissue a Request For Proposals RFP for the Skyway/Olson Sewer Systems with a provision for a current expense Working Capital Fund Loan. The interest rate for the loan should be based on King County's cost of borrowing for the same period as the loan. The maximum amount to be loaned should be \$100,000. The maximum period for repayment should be five years.
4. King County should seek amendments to the County Services Act in the 1984 legislative Session to provide for a process of petitioning Superior Court for approval of transfer of County sewer system responsibilities to another agency.
5. While such legislation is being sought, the King County Council should adopt the comprehensive plans for the Skyway and Richmond Beach Sewer Systems as a first step to bring those districts under the authority of the County Services Act.
6. The King County Council should adopt a motion establishing policy regarding future assumption of sewer system responsibilities.

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