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MOTION NO. 7751

A MOTION authorizing the Director of Public Works to prepare a plan to define the mission, responsibilities, and financing strategies for the Surface Water Management Program from 1992-1996 for submission to the King County Council.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 7590 adopted a comprehensive approach for the management of surface and storm water which includes basin planning, land use controls, the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities, and public education, and

WHEREAS, a service charge was instituted for land parcels based on their relative contribution to the problem of increased surface and storm water run-off, and

WHEREAS, the service charge rate structure will terminate on December 31, 1991, and

WHEREAS, the county council has determined that this presents the opportunity to assess the current program and prepare for a changing role or direction, and

WHEREAS, a plan is necessary to provide the information and flexibility to review King County's role and direction in the delivery of surface and storm water management services.

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

The director of public works will prepare a plan to restate and/or revise the mission, responsibilities, and financing strategies for the years 1992-1996. This planning effort should assume a continuing role for King County in the management of surface and stormwater run-off. However, it should provide options so the county can remain flexible in its role selection to meet the challenges of continuing economic prosperity which leads to increased population growth and the public's desire to

1 preserve and protect the natural drainage system which includes
2 open space, fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, and
3 recreational benefits.

4 The plan shall contain analyses and recommendations on the
5 following issues:

6 A. Historical Perspective and Legal Issues

7 1. Evaluate the original program goals and success of
8 meeting them. Should they be continued and/or changed?

9 2. State which problems have not been solved or what needs
10 have not been met.

11 3. Conduct a random sample survey of citizens paying the
12 service charge to gauge their awareness of King County's surface
13 water management program, the need for it, and their perception
14 of its benefits.

15 4. Evaluate the efficacy of the current public education
16 program which shows the relationship among human activity, land
17 uses, and surface water. What should be changed?

18 5. Identify any legal issues associated with the current
19 and future course of the program.

20 B. Regional Perspective

21 1. Evaluate King County's role as a regional coordinator
22 or provider of services.

23 2. What are the services which should be provided
24 regionally or for just unincorporated King County. Should there
25 be a tiered rate structure?

26 3. Identify regional and unincorporated only funding
27 sources and strategies. This analysis will include an evaluation
28 of the surface water management program's interaction with Metro,
29 the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority, state and federal
30 agencies, cities with existing surface management programs, and
31 any other relevant agencies or groups. The salient feature of
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1 this analysis is the avoidance of a duplication of services while
2 maintaining the integrity of a comprehensive and effective
3 management approach.

4 4. Describe methods to market surface water management
5 services to other cities and the array of services.

6 5. Describe methods to deliver services more efficiently
7 and economically by being a regional provider or coordinator.

8 6. Identify and evaluate important policy issues affecting
9 the delivery of these services such as annexations,
10 incorporations, expansion of the current service area, and
11 increased populations and development.

12 C. Water Quality, Land Use, and Enforcement

13 1. Identify King County responsibilities for
14 complying with federal and state laws governing storm water
15 quality. The salient feature of this analysis will be the
16 avoidance of service duplication.

17 2. Evaluate the inclusion of certain types of undeveloped
18 land such as pasture land within the service rate structure to
19 protect water quality and the natural drainage system.

20 3. Describe a method for correcting the existing problem
21 of having community plans precede basin plans.

22 4. Describe any deficiencies in permitting review and
23 enforcement which interfere with the effective management of
24 surface and storm water and recommend remedial actions.

25 D. Future Perspective

26 1. Describe the program's continued and/or new missions
27 and goals and how they will be achieved.

28 2. Provide the justification for a change(s) in program
29 focus.

E. Rate Structure Analysis

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2 1. Reassess the assumptions of the current rate structure
3 to determine their validity in practice. This analysis should
4 include an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of
5 levying a service charge on undeveloped land.

6 2. Describe the impacts associated with any changes from
7 the current rate assumptions.

8 3. Develop a revised rate model to evaluate the impact of
9 critical policy issues and changes in key assumptions on the
10 service charge rate structure;

11 BE IT FURTHER MOVED,

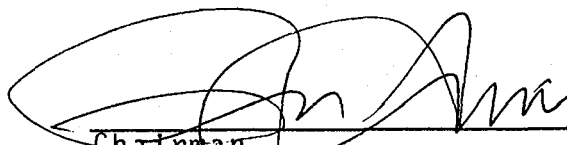
12 The process for King County council and public review of the
13 surface water management strategic plan shall occur as scheduled
14 below:

15 A. A proposed process for public review will be submitted to
16 the council along with a draft plan no later than May 1990.

17 B. Following public review of the draft surface water
18 management strategic plan, a final strategic plan shall be
19 prepared for review and approval by the county council no later
20 than January 1991.

21 PASSED this 20th day of November, 1989.

22 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
23 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chairman

26 ATTEST:

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29 Clerk of the Council