



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

February 4, 2008

Motion 12706

Proposed No. 2008-0024.3

Sponsors Ferguson

1 A MOTION adopting the 2008 work program for the
2 operating budget, fiscal management and select issues
3 committee.
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5 WHEREAS, the operating budget, fiscal management and select issues committee
6 is charged with: reviewing and monitoring of the operating budget, including financial
7 plans, revenues, expenditures, quarterly reports and operating programs; monitoring the
8 financial status of county funds; considering and making recommendations on
9 supplemental appropriations; and considering and making recommendations on debt and
10 investment proposals, levies, fees and taxes, and

11 WHEREAS, the committee shall also consider and make recommendations on
12 municipal annexations and incorporations and on select issues, such as implementation of
13 the new sales tax for mental health services and the United States Justice Department's
14 report on the downtown jail , and

15 WHEREAS, King County continues to experience financial challenges in its
16 current expense and other funds, and

17 WHEREAS, the committee has, therefore, developed a work plan for 2008 to
18 facilitate its review of budgets, financial policies and plans, annexations, debt and
19 investments and select issues and its development of policy options and
20 recommendations on these and other issues, and

21 WHEREAS, the committee seeks to be fully transparent and accountable to the
22 public for its work program, and

23 WHEREAS, the committee seeks full council involvement in and support for its
24 work program;

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

26 The operating budget, fiscal management and select issues committee's 2008
27 work program, as attached to this motion, is hereby adopted.

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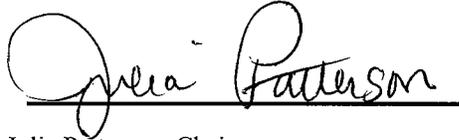
Motion 12706 was introduced on 1/7/2008 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/4/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. Metropolitan King County Council Operating Budget, Fiscal Management and Select Issues Committee 2008 Work Program, February 4, 2008

**Metropolitan King County Council
Operating Budget, Fiscal Management and Select Issues Committee
2008 Work Program**

1. Amendments to 2008-09 Budget

Goal: Review and make recommendations to the full Council on all proposed ordinances amending the 2008-09 operating budget ordinance. Any requested changes for the Transit biennial budget will be reviewed in the context of a twenty-four month appropriation.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review up to four quarterly omnibus operating budget supplemental ordinances;
- Review “stand-alone” operating budget supplementals;
- Track and report on operating budget provisos and responses.

2. Financial Analysis and Budget Monitoring

Goal: Review financial reports, budget reports, financial plans and other documents in order to track operating budget ordinance and policy compliance, financial conditions, operating results, reserve status, and other financial issues.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review quarterly management and budget reports from Office of Management and Budget;
- Review other reports and documents in order to track financial condition of major funds.
- Review and identify best budget practices from other similar agencies with regard to budget:
 - Development
 - Reporting
 - Analysis

3. Debt and Investment Proposals

Goal: Make policy recommendations to the full Council on proposals for the issuance of short or long-term debt and refunding of bonds related to operating budgets, and proposals for investment of public funds related to operating budgets.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review and pass on to the full Council ordinances that authorize the issuance of new debt or the refunding of existing debt that are related to operations;

- Continue staffing the Council's Investment Pool Advisory Panel;
- Propose new investment policies as appropriate, based on recommendations of the Panel.

4. Levies, Fees and Taxes

Goal: Make policy recommendations to the full Council on proposals to implement new fees, charges, levies or taxes or to change existing fees charges, levies or taxes related to operations.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review of 2008/2009 sewer rate and capacity charge.

5. Financial Policies

Goal: In accordance with recommendations of the Council's Financial Policies Advisory Task Force (FPATF), form Executive/Council Work Group to develop a comprehensive financial policy document.

Key Work Program Items:

- Regular update briefings for Committee, including progress towards completion;
- Final approval of a complete financial policies manual (after feedback from the FPATF);
- Staff level work groups to meet with executive branch staff on the project.

6. Office of Economic and Financial Analysis

Goal: Based on Business Plan developed by the Council's consultant, take necessary steps to create the Office of Economic and Financial Analysis.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review Draft Business Plan in committee;
 - Determine which option best meets the County's needs
 - Status quo
 - Council office – technical review
 - Council office – independent forecast
 - Joint office
- If Joint Office is selected
 - Reach agreement with the Executive on language to submit to Charter Review Commission
 - Select representatives for KC Forecast Council
 - Reach agreement with Executive on interim organization prior to Charter change

- Develop contingency plan if Charter change fails

7. Biennial Budgeting

Goal: Make policy recommendations to the full Council on any additional agencies/funds to be added to the list of biennial budget agencies for the 2009-2010 biennium.

Key Work Program Items:

- Brief the Committee on the 2007 process for adding Transit as a biennial budgeting agency. This briefing will include lessons learned and any issues that arose during the budget process.
- Discuss any potential agencies for biennial budgets for the 2009-2010 biennium.

8. Mental Health

Goal: Make policy recommendations to the full Council on the Mental Health Implementation Plan for the new one-tenth of one cent sales tax.

Key Work Program Items:

- Review three-phase oversight, implementation and evaluation plan for the mental illness and drug dependency action plan.
 - Part I is due April 1, 2008
 - Part II is due June 1, 2008
 - Part III is due August 1, 2008

9. Department of Justice's Report on the King County Correctional Facility

Goal: Make policy recommendations to the full Council on the Executive's response to the DOJ report, including additional funding if needed to implement changes.

Key Work Program Items:

- Initial briefing by Directors of Adult & Juvenile Detention and Public Health
- Policy direction to Executive on steps needed to respond to DOJ
- Propose supplemental budget for DAJD and Jail Health, as needed
- Oversee implementation of recommendations/reforms.