



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 14, 2009

Motion 13106

Proposed No. 2009-0329.2

Sponsors Phillips, Ferguson and Lambert

1 A MOTION accepting the superior court targeted facility
2 master plan.

3 WHEREAS, the superior court of King County provides juvenile, family law and
4 supporting therapeutic courts services to the 1.86 million citizens in King County, and

5 WHEREAS, Ordinance 15083, adopting the 2005 King County Budget,
6 authorized funding for a targeted operational master plan and called for a work plan to
7 review the operations, services and potential facilities needs for the juvenile, family law
8 and supporting therapeutic courts, and

9 WHEREAS, the work plan was approved by the King County council by motion
10 in August 2005, and

11 WHEREAS, Ordinance 15601 approved the superior court targeted operational
12 master plan in September 2006, and

13 WHEREAS, Ordinance 15652, adopting the 2007 King County Budget,
14 authorized funding for a superior court facility master plan and called for a work plan that
15 included plans to integrate the work plan with other criminal justice planning efforts and
16 show how stakeholders shall be coordinated with the planning work and included in
17 oversight of the planning effort, and

18 WHEREAS, the superior court facility master plan work plan was approved by
19 the King County council by motion in May 2007, and

20 WHEREAS, over the last two years, elected judges and staff of the superior court,
21 the King County prosecutor, deputy prosecutors, and staff, the King County sheriff and
22 staff, and staff of the office of management and budget, the facilities management
23 division of the department of executive services, the department of adult and juvenile
24 detention, the office of public defense, the king county law library, the state of
25 Washington Department of Social and Health Services, the state of Washington Attorney
26 General's Office and public and private stakeholders, attorneys, social service providers
27 and others, participated in the development of the superior court facility master plan, and

28 WHEREAS, the superior court facility master plan work group developed a range
29 of potential scenarios for facilities at the King County youth services center site, and

30 WHEREAS, K.C.C. 4.04.200 establishes the processes for operational and
31 facilities master planning efforts that include current and future workload assumptions,
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33 WHEREAS, the superior court facility master plan has been reviewed and
34 approved by the superior court facility master plan steering committee, and

35 WHEREAS, as required in K.C.C. 4.04.200, the King County executive has
36 approved the superior court facilities master plan and has transmitted it to council for its
37 review and approval, and

38 WHEREAS, the operational master plan objective of colocating matters involving
39 juveniles in a single facility remains the county's policy goal, and

40 WHEREAS, the council has concerns that the selection of population growth
41 projections as the basis on which to determine future facility needs, as used in the facility
42 master plan to develop various options or scenarios, may not be the most appropriate, and

43 WHEREAS, the council desires that the operational costs of any new facility be
44 sustainable and that any increase in operational costs be minimized or offset through
45 operational efficiencies derived from colocation, increased fee or other revenue, and the
46 potential for private development on the site;

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the King County council:

48 A. The council affirms the goal of collocating all juvenile offender, Northend
49 juvenile dependency and family court matters involving children in a single facility as
50 envisioned by scenario 5.5 of the superior court facility master plan, as described in
51 Attachment A to this motion.

52 B. In deciding how to proceed with the funding of any replacement facility for
53 the existing juvenile courthouse, the council requires additional information as to whether
54 it is possible to phase construction of the project and/or reduce the size of the
55 replacement facility, and number of courtrooms, while maintaining the objectives of
56 scenario 5.5. The council requests the executive and superior court explore whether the
57 facility needed to fulfill the objectives of scenario 5.5 could be reduced if the future needs
58 were based on the case filing and proceeding trends of family law, juvenile offender,
59 Becca Bill and juvenile dependency cases in King County.

60 C. In deciding how to proceed with the funding of the replacement facility for the
61 existing juvenile courthouse, the council requires additional information on how the
62 operating costs of such a replacement facility fit within the overall funding constraints
63 facing the county's general fund for 2011 and thereafter.

64 D.1. The executive and superior court shall submit a report to the council by
65 March 31, 2010, which shall include:

66 a. the feasibility of scaling back the size of the replacement facility envisioned
67 under scenario 5.5, and the impact of such a reduction on adopted policy objectives and
68 operational costs, and to also include an estimate of the operational efficiency savings
69 derived from the colocation;

70 b. phasing options that maintain the objectives of scenario 5.5; and

71 c. an assessment of operating and capital needs as it relates to anticipated
72 availability of financial resources.

73 2. The report requested by this motion to be filed in the form of a paper original
74 and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and
75 provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers.

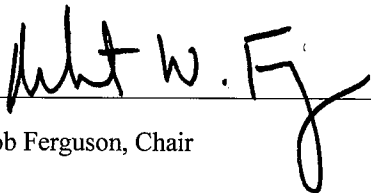
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77 E. The superior court facility master plan, as described in Attachment A to this
78 motion, is hereby accepted.

Motion 13106 was introduced on 5/26/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 12/14/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Ms. Lambert

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Bob Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Superior Court Targeted Juvenile and Family Law Facilities Master Plan