



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Motion 15953

Proposed No. 2021-0404.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 A MOTION relating to the organization of the council;
2 amending Motion 11122, Section D, as amended, and OR
3 2-020, Motion 11122, Section G, as amended, and OR 2-
4 040 and Motion 11122, Section H, as amended, and OR 2-
5 050.

6 WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 220.30 and 240 of the King County
7 Charter, the council organizes the legislative branch by motion, and

8 WHEREAS, in furtherance of that authority, the council passes organizational
9 motions that establish the council's committee structure, membership and chairs and vice-
10 chairs to reflect the will of the council and to ensure the efficient conduct of council
11 business, and

12 WHEREAS, recent actions by councilmember Kathy Lambert in the
13 councilmember's campaign for reelection have adversely impacted the ability of the
14 council to conduct its business efficiently and effectively, and

15 WHEREAS, those actions, which are contrary to the county's equity and social
16 justice policies as set forth in Ordinance 16948, impede the councilmember's ability to
17 serve in council leadership roles because they: (a) have impaired the ability of
18 councilmembers and council staff to perform their duties; and (b) should not be deemed
19 to represent the council in its engagement with other governments, associations and the
20 public, and

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21 WHEREAS, changes to the council's committee leadership structure are
22 necessary to address the negative impacts;

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

24 I. Motion 11122, Section D, as amended, and OR 2-020 are hereby amended to
25 read as follows:

26 **Standing committees - functions.** In addition to any committee otherwise
27 established by law, the committees of the metropolitan King County council and their
28 respective functions are established as follows:

29 A. **Budget and fiscal management committee** shall consider and make
30 recommendations on: the county revenue and expenditure fiscal structural gap; capital
31 and operating budget appropriations; the sale and lease of real property to or by the
32 county; debt and investment proposals; bond issues; the office of economic and financial
33 analysis; levies unless referred to another committee; supplemental appropriations related
34 to the COVID-19 pandemic response; and financial policies.

35 1. The committee shall develop recommendations on policy direction for the
36 biennial budget, based on the recommendations of other council committees and taking
37 into account the estimated fiscal impacts of state and federal legislation.

38 2. In respect to consideration of the county's proposed biennial budget, all
39 members of the council not assigned to the budget and fiscal management committee
40 shall be considered ex officio voting members of the committee.

41 B. **Committee of the whole.** The committee of the whole shall consider: issues
42 of interest to the entire council, including appointments to the state legislature and
43 department directors and key subordinate units in the executive branch; the annual

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44 legislative program; legislation before the federal, state and local governments that affect
45 King County; the King County Strategic Plan; oversight of Harborview Medical Center;
46 solid waste including waste to energy; arts and culture and associated levies, if any; the
47 Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account; gun safety; the immigrant and refugee
48 commission; issues related to the census; the charter review commission; homelessness,
49 including the King County Regional Homelessness Authority; the Best Starts for Kids
50 levy implementation plan; COVID-19 pandemic response, excluding supplemental
51 appropriations; and other program and policy matters. The committee of the whole shall
52 conduct town hall meetings on issues of significance.

53 C. ~~((Community, health and housing services committee.~~

54 1. ~~The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating~~
55 ~~to:~~

56 a. ~~health and housing services provided to the community by county agencies~~
57 ~~and branches, including, but not limited to, domestic violence facilitators, court~~
58 ~~navigators and community courts;~~

59 b. ~~public health programs, including those related to the protection, promotion~~
60 ~~and provision functions of the department of public health, including the structure of the~~
61 ~~public health centers;~~

62 c. ~~affordable housing, including therapeutic and low income housing;~~

63 d. ~~human services programs, including review of human services-related~~
64 ~~levies; and~~

65 e. ~~economic development including equity and pay disparity.~~

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66 ~~2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state~~
67 ~~and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the~~
68 ~~biennial budget.~~

69 ~~D.))~~ **Government accountability and oversight committee.**

70 1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on:

71 a. improving the efficiency, cost effectiveness and performance of all branches
72 of county government (legislative, executive and judicial);

73 b. enhancing oversight, accountability and transparency in King County
74 government, the annual county audit program and federal, state or county audit reports,
75 the administration of the Public Records Act, capital projects oversight, the Puget Sound
76 Emergency Radio Network, strategic planning, performance measurement and
77 performance management, management organizational structure and technology
78 management; and

79 c. general government oversight, including customer service, worker safety,
80 the department of assessments; elections; records and licensing; animal control; cable
81 communications; the county fair; King County international airport; risk management;
82 veterans, and executive services such as telecommunications, facilities management,
83 purchasing and real property management.

84 2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state
85 and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the
86 biennial budget.

87 ~~((E.))~~ **D. Law ((and)), justice, health and human services committee.**

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88 1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating
89 to:

90 a. law, safety, criminal justice and emergency management programs,
91 including those related to: implementation of the charter amendments related to the
92 duties of the sheriff's office; public safety; adult detention; juvenile justice and youth
93 services; superior and district courts; judicial administration; prosecuting attorney; public
94 defense; emergency medical services; office of law enforcement oversight; bail reform;
95 pretrial services; alternatives to incarceration; and civil rights;

96 b. health and housing services provided to the community by county agencies
97 and branches, including, but not limited to, domestic violence facilitators, court
98 navigators and community courts;

99 c. public health programs, including those related to the protection, promotion
100 and provision functions of the department of public health, including the structure of the
101 public health centers;

102 d. affordable housing, including therapeutic and low-income housing;

103 e. human services programs, including review of human services-related
104 levies; and

105 f. economic development including equity and pay disparity.

106 2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state
107 and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the
108 biennial budget.

109 ~~(F.)~~ **E. Local services committee.**

110 1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on policies relating

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111 to:

- 112 a. surface water management and water supply;
- 113 b. unincorporated and rural areas, including agriculture and rural services;
- 114 c. local government;
- 115 d. permitting and zoning;
- 116 e. county roads and bridges;
- 117 f. levies to support county roads and bridges;
- 118 g. emergency management including disaster response, emergency
119 preparedness and emergency planning as it pertains to the unincorporated areas;
- 120 h. local services provided by the sheriff;
- 121 i. utility annexations and water and sewer district plans; and
- 122 j. local parks and trails.

123 2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state
124 and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the
125 biennial budget.

126 ~~((G-))~~ **F. Mobility and environment committee.**

- 127 1. The committee shall consider and make recommendations on:
 - 128 a. transportation, including passenger ferries, regional trails and public
129 transportation including spending plans for new revenue, if any, and fares and fare equity
130 policies;
 - 131 b. the environment, including:
 - 132 (1) salmon recovery and barriers to recovery such as culverts;
 - 133 (2) resource lands, excluding agriculture;
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- 134 (3) energy;
- 135 (4) water quality, including wastewater;
- 136 (5) regional parks and open space; and
- 137 (6) King County Strategic Climate Action Plan; and
- 138 c. growth management, including regional planning, Countywide Planning
- 139 Policies and the Comprehensive Plan.

140 2. In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state

141 and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the

142 biennial budget.

143 II. Motion 11122, Section G, as amended, and OR 2-040 are hereby amended to

144 read as follows:

145 **Chairs and vice-chairs.** The council designates the following councilmembers

146 as chairs and vice-chairs of the standing committees created in this motion and the

147 regional committees established in the King County Charter.

148 Budget and fiscal management committee:

149 Chair: Jeanne Kohl-Welles.

150 Vice-chair: Rod Dembowski.

151 Committee of the whole:

152 Chair: Joe McDermott.

153 Vice-chair: Reagan Dunn.

154 ~~((Community, health and housing services committee:~~

155 ~~Chair: Kathy Lambert.~~

156 ~~Vice chair: Jeanne Kohl-Welles.))~~

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157 Employment and administration committee:

158 Chair: Claudia Balducci.

159 Vice-chair: Joe McDermott.

160 Government accountability and oversight committee:

161 Chair: Pete von Reichbauer.

162 Vice-chair: Claudia Balducci.

163 Law ~~((and))~~, justice, health and human services:

164 Chair: Girmay Zahilay.

165 Vice-chair: ~~((Kathy Lambert))~~ Jeanne Kohl-Welles.

166 Local services committee:

167 Chair: Reagan Dunn.

168 Vice-chair: ~~((Kathy Lambert))~~ Joe McDermott.

169 Mobility and environment committee:

170 Chair: Rod Dembowski.

171 Vic-Chair: Pete von Reichbauer.

172 Regional policy committee:

173 Chair: Pete von Reichbauer.

174 Regional transit committee:

175 Chair: Dave Upthegrove.

176 Regional water quality committee:

177 Chair: ~~((Kathy Lambert))~~ Reagan Dunn.

178 III. Motion 11122, Section H, as amended, and OR 2-050 are hereby amended to

179 read as follows:

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180 **Memberships.** The council designates the following councilmembers, in
181 addition to the chairs and vice-chairs, as members of the standing committees created in
182 this motion and the regional committees established in the King County Charter.

183 Budget and fiscal management committee:

184 Members: Claudia Balducci, Kathy Lambert, Joe McDermott,
185 Dave Upthegrove, Girmay Zahilay.

186 Committee of the whole:

187 Members: All councilmembers.

188 ~~((Community, health and housing services committee:~~

189 ~~Members: Reagan Dunn, Joe McDermott, Dave Upthegrove, Girmay~~
190 ~~Zahilay.))~~

191 Employment and administration committee:

192 Members: All councilmembers.

193 Government accountability and oversight committee:

194 Member: Rod Dembowski.

195 Law ~~((and)),~~ justice, health and human services:

196 Members: Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Reagan Dunn, ~~((Jeanne~~
197 ~~Kohl-Welles))~~ Kathy Lambert, Joe McDermott.

198 Local services committee:

199 Members: ~~((Joe McDermott))~~ Kathy Lambert, Girmay Zahilay.

200 Mobility and environment committee:

201 Members: Claudia Balducci, Kathy Lambert, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Joe
202 McDermott, Dave Upthegrove, Girmay Zahilay.

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203 Regional policy committee:

204 Members: Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski.

205 Alternate: Jeanne Kohl-Welles

206 Regional transit committee:

207 Members: Joe McDermott, Girmay Zahilay.

208 Alternate: Claudia Balducci.

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209 Regional water quality committee:

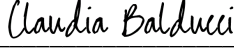
210 Members: Claudia Balducci, (~~Reagan Dunn~~) Kathy Lambert.

211 Alternate:

Motion 15953 was introduced on 10/12/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/12/2021, by the following vote:


Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

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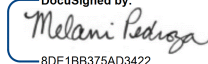
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