



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 6, 2001

Ordinance 14246

Proposed No. 2001-0468.1

Sponsors Miller

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of
2 business; and amending Ordinance 11683, Section 2, as
3 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.015 and Ordinance 11683,
4 Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.025.

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SECTION 1. Ordinance 11683, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.015 are
8 each hereby amended to read as follows:

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Rule 2: Powers and duties of the chair. The chair of the council has the
10 following powers and duties:

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A. The chair shall:

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1. Call the council to order at the hour appointed for meeting and, if a quorum is
13 present, shall cause the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved;

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2. Proceed with the order of business; and

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3. Adjourn the council upon a motion to adjourn approved by a majority of

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members present;

17 B. The chair shall preserve order and decorum and in the interest of efficiency may
18 impose time and subject matter limits for testimony and comment given by the public and
19 members of the council;

20 C. The chair shall promote efficient operation of the council, which shall include
21 setting the agenda and expediting parliamentary debate or, if there is no objection from any
22 other member, expediting the passage of routine motions. The chair's act of adding to,
23 removing from or taking out of order an item on a distributed and posted agenda may be
24 appealed to the full body by any two members under Rule 5C, K.C.C. 1.24.045C. The
25 chair shall discourage activities that are dilatory or disruptive. The chair shall endeavor to
26 facilitate the will of the majority of members present at all times;

27 D. The chair may speak to points of order, inquiry or information in preference to
28 other members. The chair shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the
29 council by a member, on which appeal a member may not speak more than once without
30 leave of the council;

31 E. Upon a ruling of the chair on a point of order, the chair shall allow any three
32 members to immediately request that the decision be placed before the body. If a majority
33 of members present agree to the ruling of the chair, the business of the council must
34 proceed without further debate. If a majority of the members present do not support the
35 ruling of the chair, the chair shall immediately allow a procedural motion to dispense with
36 the issue in question, proceeding until a decision of the council is secured and the business
37 of the council is allowed to proceed;

38 F. The chair shall refer legislation to committees unless there is an objection to a
39 referral. If there is an objection, the referral must be made in accordance with the decision

40 of a majority of the members present. Any motion that proposes to censure a
41 councilmember for violating the council's antiharassment policy shall be referred to the
42 employment committee;

43 G. The chair shall introduce all legislation relating to land use appeals, road
44 vacations, plat applications, current use assessments and other similar land use decisions.
45 If recommended by action of the employment committee, the chair shall introduce any
46 motion that proposes to censure a councilmember for violating the council's antiharassment
47 policy, unless the chair is the subject of the motion; and

48 H. The chair shall preside over the committee-of-the-whole.

49 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.025 are
50 each hereby amended to read as follows:

51 **Rule 3: Powers and duties of the vice-chair – acting chair in absence of chair**
52 **and vice-chair.**

53 A. The vice-chair shall exercise the duties, powers and prerogatives of the council
54 chair in the event of the chair's absence.

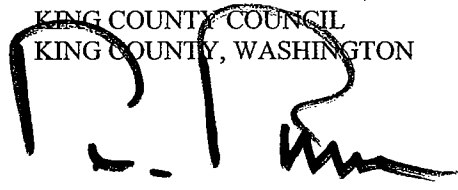
55 B. If the chair and the vice-chair are both absent at a meeting of the council, the
56 budget and fiscal management committee chair shall preside as acting chair.

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C. If recommended by action of the employment committee, and the chair is the subject of a motion that proposes to censure a councilmember for violating the council's antiharassment policy the vice-chair shall introduce the motion.

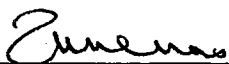
Ordinance 14246 was introduced on 9/17/01 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/5/01, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Irons
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Nickels

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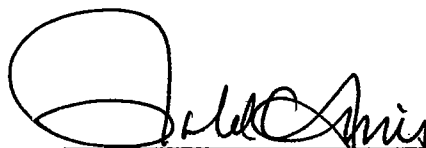
Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 10 day of NOVEMBER, 2001.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None