



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**August 27, 2013**

**Ordinance 17643**

**Proposed No. 2013-0370.1**

**Sponsors Gossett and Patterson**

1           AN ORDINANCE relating to council rules and order of  
2           business; amending Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as  
3           amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035.

4           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

5           Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C.1.24.035 are each hereby  
6 amended to read as follows:

7           A.1.a. The time of regular meetings of the council is 1:30 p.m. on Monday of  
8 each week, or Tuesday if Monday is a state or county holiday or is a legislative branch  
9 furlough day due to a county emergency budget crisis, unless otherwise ordered by the  
10 chair or a majority of the council. However, the regular meetings of the council shall not  
11 take place on the first and second Mondays in August and the third and fourth Mondays  
12 in December. All regular or special meetings of council committees shall be regular or  
13 special council meetings, pursuant to council rule 4.F.

14           b. Each Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. shall be reserved for special  
15 standing committee meetings and each fourth and fifth Wednesday of each month from  
16 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. shall be reserved for special regional committee meetings as  
17 needed. In order to allow each member sufficient time to review legislation and to meet  
18 with constituents, staff and officials of other jurisdictions, no special committee meeting  
19 may be called for any other time without the prior written consent of the council chair or

20 the consent of a majority of the members of the committee. If a special meeting for more  
21 than one committee is called for the same time and location, the meeting for which the  
22 agenda was first filed with the council clerk shall have precedence for use of the meeting  
23 location. This subsection A.1.b. does not apply to special meetings of the budget and  
24 fiscal management committee for purposes of considering the county executive's annual  
25 budget proposal, which shall be called by the chair of the budget and fiscal management  
26 committee.

27         2.a. All regular meetings of the King County council and the council's  
28 committees, except for the employment and administration committee, shall be held in  
29 the council chambers on the tenth floor of the King County Courthouse in Seattle,  
30 Washington. All regular meetings of the employment and administration committee shall  
31 be held in the southwest conference room on the twelfth floor of the King County  
32 Courthouse in Seattle, Washington.

33         b. Whenever, due to an emergency, as defined in K.C.C. 12.52.010, it is  
34 imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of the council at the regular  
35 or usual place or places, the council may meet at any place within or without the  
36 territorial limits of the county on the call of the chair or any two members of the council.  
37 After an emergency relocation, the affairs of the council shall be lawfully conducted at  
38 the emergency location for the duration of the emergency.

39         B.1. Except as provided in subsection B.2. of this rule, the times for regular  
40 committee meetings are as follows, unless the council is meeting at that time because the  
41 preceding Monday was a state or county holiday:

42 a. Committee of the whole: the first and third Wednesdays of each month at  
43 9:30 a.m. January 1 through September ((18)) 28; Monday of each week at 9:30 a.m.  
44 September 30 through November 8; and the first and third Wednesdays of each month at  
45 9:30 a.m. thereafter through December 31;

46 b. Budget and fiscal management committee: the first and third Tuesday of  
47 each month at 1:30 p.m.;

48 c. Employment and administration committee: the second and fourth Mondays  
49 of each month at 9:30 a.m. January 1 through September 7; thereafter through December  
50 31 on the first and third Mondays of each month at 3:00 p.m.;

51 d. Government accountability, oversight and financial performance committee:  
52 the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

53 e. Law, justice, health and human services committee: the second and fourth,  
54 and fifth if one occurs, Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m.;

55 f. Transportation, economy and environment committee: the first and third, and  
56 fifth if one occurs, Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.;

57 g. Regional policy committee: the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00  
58 p.m.;

59 h. Regional transit committee: the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00  
60 p.m.; and

61 i. Regional water quality committee: the first Wednesday of each month at  
62 3:00 p.m.

63 2. The regular meetings of the committees shall not take place during the first  
64 and second weeks in August and the third and fourth weeks in December.

65 C. Council and committee meetings must be held in accordance with the Open  
66 Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW.

67 D. A meeting may be continued, in accordance with chapter 42.30 RCW, to  
68 another date and does not conclude until adjourned in accordance with these rules.

69 E.1. An executive session may be held during a council or committee meeting if  
70 one of the specific grounds under chapter 42.30 RCW for an executive session exists.

71 2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee  
72 shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and  
73 the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be  
74 extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

75 3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees and those  
76 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are  
77 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the  
78 confidentiality of the proceedings.

79 F.1. A legal analysis of the Open Public Meetings Act by the office of the  
80 Attorney General, 2010 AGO No. 9, has advised that when a committee meeting is  
81 attended by a quorum of the governing body it must be noticed not only as a committee  
82 meeting but also as a meeting of the governing body. For this reason, all meetings of  
83 council committees shall be noticed both as committee meetings and as council meetings  
84 whose agenda is limited to the committee business.

85 2. In all committee meetings, which are council meetings in accordance with  
86 subsection F.1. of this rule, only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply,

87 and not those rules and procedures applicable to full council meetings. This includes, but

88 is not limited to:

89 a. only those members who serve on the committee have the right to exercise  
90 parliamentary rights in the meeting, including, but not limited to, raising points of order,

91 making motions and voting;

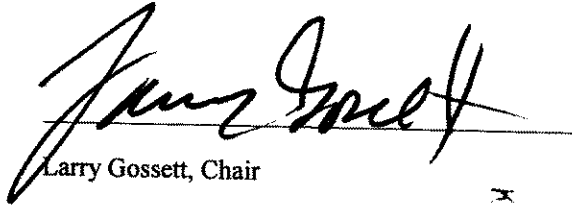
92 b. attendance shall be recorded only for members serving on the committee,

93 and the quorum for the meeting shall be the committee quorum; and  
94 c. committee meetings shall be chaired by the committee chair.  
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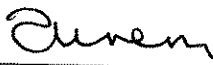
Ordinance 17643 was introduced on 8/19/2013 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 8/26/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr.  
Dembowski  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

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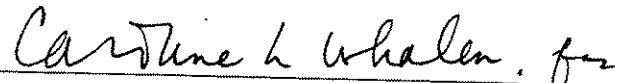
  
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 30 day of August, 2013.

  
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Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None