

King County
GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL

May 17, 2023

Remote Meeting via Zoom Webinar
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Meeting Summary

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representing King County:

- Executive Dow Constantine
- Councilmember Claudia Balducci
- Councilmember Rod Dembowski
- Councilmember Joe McDermott
- Councilmember Sarah Perry
- Councilmember Dave Upthegrove

Representing Seattle:

- Councilmember Strauss
- Councilmember Morales

Representing Bellevue:

- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis

Representing Sound Cities Association (SCA):

- Councilmember Syd Dawson, Maple Valley
- Councilmember Satwinder Kaur, Kent
- Mayor Salim Nice, Mercer Island
- Councilmember Kelli Curtis, Kirkland
- Mayor Rob McFarland, North Bend
- Councilmember Ryan McIrvin, Renton
- Councilmember Kent Treen, Sammamish
- Councilmember Melissa Stuart, Redmond
- Councilmember Larry Brown, Auburn

Other GMPC Members:

- Assistant Superintendent Ryan Stokes, Snoqualmie Valley School District

AGENDA TOPICS:

I. Welcome and Introductions

King County Executive Dow Constantine convened the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) meeting. Staff affirmed that a quorum had been achieved, with sixteen members present.

II. Action Item: Approval of Meeting Summary from March 22, 2023

The summary was moved by Mayor Nice and seconded by Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis. The summary was approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment

The following public comments were provided.

- Doug McClelland, past president of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, provided comment regarding the Urban Growth Area (UGA) Policy and Program Review.
- Peter Rimbos, Secretary of Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council and Coordinator of the Joint Team of Rural Area Organizations, provided comment regarding the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Update and regarding the Urban Growth Area (UGA) Policy and Program Review.
- Michael Tanksley, President of the Hollywood Hills Association, provided comment on behalf of Ken Konigsmark, regarding the Urban Growth Area (UGA) Policy and Program Review and specifically UGA Exchanges under Senate Bill 5593 (2022 session).
- Terry Lavender, representing the Joint Team of Rural Area Organizations, provided comment on the Urban Growth Area (UGA) Policy and Program Review.

IV. Action: Urban Growth Area Expansion Policies and Four-to-One Program

Executive Constantine introduced the topic and noted that today's agenda includes GMPC action to release the proposed amendments for public review and comment.

King County staff Ivan Miller discussed the voting process and procedures to be used in the GMPC meeting and then summarized the GMPC member amendments listed in the agenda packet. Following this, the GMPC introduced and voted on Motion 23-3 and the aforementioned amendments, as follows:

- GMPC Motion 23-3, related to Approving Proposed Amendments to the Urban Growth Area Expansion Policies and Four-to-One Program in the King County Countywide Planning Policies, King County Comprehensive Plan, and King County Code for public review and comment. The motion was moved by Councilmember Upthegrove and seconded by Councilmember McDermott.

UGA Tenure

- Amendment #1, related to the using the Original UGA Line as Adopted in the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan, was moved by Executive Constantine and seconded by Councilmember McDermott. Following discussion and the presentation of maps showing the different UGA lines, the GMPC voted on this amendment. Amendment #1 **failed** by a vote of 4 yeas, 7.5 nays, and 0 abstentions.
 - Yeas: Executive Constantine, Councilmember Balducci, Councilmember McDermott, Councilmember Morales.
 - Nays: Councilmember Dembowski, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Upthegrove, Councilmember Strauss, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, Councilmember Dawson, Councilmember Kaur, Mayor Nice, Councilmember Curtis, Mayor McFarland, Councilmember McIrvin.
 - Abstentions: None.
- Amendment #2, related to using the Current UGA, was moved by Mayor McFarland and seconded by Councilmember Perry.
 - Prior to a vote on this amendment, Councilmember Perry offered an alternative amendment (#2.B.) to use the Joint Planning Area Agreement UGAs. Mayor McFarland accepted this and **withdrew** Amendment #2.
- Amendment #2.B. related to using the Original UGA line adopted in the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan, *as amended by all Joint Planning Area Agreements* (specific ordinance numbers to be included by staff), was moved by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Mayor McFarland.
 - Prior to a vote on this amendment, Councilmember Dembowski offered an alternative amendment (#2.B.1.), related to limiting the Joint Planning Area UGAs for only the Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie. The amendment was moved by Councilmember Dembowski and seconded by Councilmember Strauss. Councilmember Perry accept this as a friendly amendment. Based on this, **no vote** was taken on the original #2.B.
- Amendment #2.B.1., related to using the Original UGA line adopted in the 1994 King County Comprehensive Plan, *as amended by Joint Planning Area Agreements for the City of North Bend and the City of Snoqualmie*, was moved by Councilmember Dembowski. Following discussion, the GMPC voted on this amendment to amendment #2.B. Amendment #2.B.1. **passed** by a vote of 11 yeas, 0.5 nays, and 0 abstentions
 - Yeas: Executive Constantine, Councilmember Balducci, Councilmember Dembowski, Councilmember McDermott, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Upthegrove, Councilmember Strauss, Councilmember Morales, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, Councilmember Kaur, Mayor Nice, Councilmember Curtis, Mayor McFarland, Councilmember McIrvin.
 - Nays: Councilmember Dawson.
 - Abstentions: None.
- Following passage of #2.B.1, GMPC voted on Amendment #2.B as amended by #2.B.1. Amendment #2.B. **passed** by a vote of 7.5 yeas, 4 nays, and 0 abstentions.

- Yeas: Councilmember Dembowski, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Upthegrove, Councilmember Strauss, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, Councilmember Dawson, Councilmember Kaur, Mayor Nice, Councilmember Curtis, Mayor McFarland, Councilmember McIrvin.
- Nays: Executive Constantine, Councilmember Balducci, Councilmember McDermott, Councilmember Morales.
- Abstentions: None.

Mixed Use and Commercial Development

- Amendment #3, related to allowing Mixed Use and Commercial Development, was moved by Councilmember Perry and seconded by Mayor Nice. Following discussion and the presentation of maps, the GMPC voted on this amendment. Amendment #3 **failed** by a vote of 4 yeas, 5 nays, and 0 abstentions.
 - Yeas: Councilmember Dembowski, Councilmember Perry, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, Councilmember Dawson, Mayor Nice, Mayor McFarland.
 - Nays: Executive Constantine, Councilmember Balducci, Councilmember McDermott, Councilmember Upthegrove, Councilmember Curtis, Councilmember McIrvin.
 - Abstentions: None.

On-Site Open Space Requirements

- Amendment #4, related to the manner in which the on-site open space requirement is calculated, was moved by Councilmember Dawson and seconded by Mayor Nice. Amendment #4 **passed** unanimously by a voice vote.

Having completed its action on the amendments, the GMPC turned to the underlying Motion 23-3, related to Approving Proposed Amendments to the Urban Growth Area Expansion Policies and Four-to-One Program in the King County Countywide Planning Policies, King County Comprehensive Plan, and King County Code for public review and comment, as moved by Councilmember Upthegrove and seconded by Councilmember McDermott. Following discussion, the GMPC voted. GMPC Motion 23-3 **passed** by a vote of 6.5 yeas, 3 nays, and 0 abstentions.

- Yeas: Councilmember Dembowski, Councilmember Perry, Councilmember Upthegrove, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, Councilmember Dawson, Councilmember Kaur, Mayor Nice, Councilmember Curtis, Mayor McFarland, Councilmember McIrvin.
- Nays: Executive Constantine, Councilmember Balducci, Councilmember McDermott.
- Abstentions: None.

V. Briefing: Update on 2023 Legislative Session

Dave Anderson of the Washington State Department of Commerce provided an overview of the bills and budgets that were approved in the 2023 session. These items are summarized in Commerce’s “Planners Update Newsletter” [\[LINK\]](#).

VI. Adjourn

County Councilmember Balducci assumed the chair role prior to agenda item 5. Following the briefing on item 5, the Chair Balducci thanked the GMPC for their time and work. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 pm.