King County Local Services

Community Service Area Town Hall Meeting

Fairwood

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Zoom meetings – housekeeping

- Everyone starts with video and audio **off**.
- Facilitator and co-hosts **will enable speakers** as needed.
- Raise your hand if you have a question or comment.
- If “enabled”, we can hear you. *Mute your microphone when not speaking.*
- If “enabled”, we can see you. *Turn off your video if you don’t want to be seen.*
- Be succinct and clear. Use an appropriate voice volume.
- Chat will be set for everyone’s use or for host’s use only.
- Be an ally! If you see hateful, rude or inappropriate behavior, use the CHAT feature or text 206-459-3928.

Technology can be challenging, and we are all trying our best.
Listen to Aretha: R-E-S-P-E-C-T
Zoom Webinar functions

- Adjust your audio settings for your headset and volume.
- Chat for panelists and attendees, when allowed.
- Open the Q&A for this meeting.
- Questions or issues? Raise your hand to get the host’s attention.
Welcome

John Taylor, Director
King County Local Services
Schedule

1. Welcome .................................................. Local Services Director John Taylor
2. Opening remarks ................................. Councilmember Reagan Dunn
3. Elections .................................................. Director Julie Wise
4. Assessor ................................................... Assessor John Wilson
5. Sheriff’s Office .......................................... Major Patrick Butschli
6. County COVID-19 update ............... Becky Reitzes
7. King County briefings ......................... Director John Taylor
8. Q&A / open house
9. Closing remarks ................................. Councilmember Reagan Dunn
10. Thanks and next steps .................... Director John Taylor
Conservation Futures

McGarvey Park and Soos Creek Trail

Over the past two years my office has been working to expand open space in the Fairwood community. Fairwood has historically been disinvested in regards to parks and open space.

- I have prioritized McGarvey Park and Soos Creek Park for two years in a row through legislation
- 2021-22 budget amendment required parks to work with the Fairwood community on these applications.
- I have also included multiple budget amendments for funding appraisals, studies, and furthering the development of these properties.

Over the course of the last two years, we have worked to allocate full funding for these projects 1.85 million to McGarvey Park and 1.36 million to expand Soos Creek.
The Safety of our Community

Violent Crimes Spikes in King County

King County experienced a dramatic increase in violent crimes during 2020, including a spike in gun violence and a record number of homicides.

- **Homicides and murders have spiked 86% since 2018** - The number of homicides has increased from 51 in 2018 to 70 in 2019 and 95 in 2020.

- **Firearm violence rose significantly in 2020** - Instances of violence are up by 19% compared to the three-year average. The number of overall shooting victims has increased nearly 36% from the three year average.

- **Other felonies are also on the rise** - Less serious felonies including minor violence that doesn't result in injury, less serious economic or property offenses, and some burglaries and car thefts have increased by 24% over the past three years.
Our Sheriff's Office

Changes and Cuts to the King County Sheriff's Office

Since 2008, the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) has taken
- 223 position cuts, which amounts to about a 40% reduction in KCSO employees
- 35% reduction in law enforcement services. Continued cuts like these cannot be sustained without putting the health and safety of our communities at risk.

During my time on the Council, I’ve worked with my colleagues on many occasions to reverse or prevent cuts to KCSO.

KCSO Position Cuts (Unincorporated and Regional)
The Law and Justice Committee will soon begin the process of implementing King County Charter Amendments 5 and 6, which were approved by voters in the November 2020 election. These Charter Amendments task the King County Council with appointing a new sheriff and reimagining the duties and role of the Sheriff’s Office.

Although both of these charter amendments passed countywide, they failed overwhelmingly in District 9, where large unincorporated areas and many contract cities depend on the King County Sheriff's Office.
Preserving funding for public safety

As a direct result of the outpouring of support from the Fairwood community, we were successful in saving the KCSO Fairwood substation from being shut down as a part of the Executive’s proposed budget cuts.

Without the help of Fairwood residents, we could not have preserved your KCSO substation—so I thank you for your partnership!

The lease extension for this substation is before the King County Council and should be finalized in the coming months.

- Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0162 - authorizing the execution of an amendment to an existing lease to support the operation of the King County sheriff’s office.
Many violent Crimes Left Unresolved

Despite the rise in serious crime, the caseload at the King County Superior Court has become severely backlogged and record levels of felony cases have been left pending due to COVID-19 restrictions and a lack of funding.

- Offenses including homicide, rape, domestic violence, robbery, and shootings have risen from 1,700 to 28,000 cases.
- Pending felonies have risen from an average of 3,250 to over 6,450 and are projected to rise to up to 9,000 by this summer.
- There are 3,300 unfiled felony cases. Of those, 600 have been reviewed and are ready to be filed. However, 2,700 of those cases are “backlogged” and are currently awaiting review.
Our Prosecutor's Office

Addressing the needs of the Prosecuting Attorneys Office

Our criminal justice system is facing unprecedented pressures due to challenges related to its significant slow-down as the result of COVID-19.

The PAO is requesting 160 positions to address urgent and immediate needs in the following four areas:

- Criminal Division – a significant number of pending cases and COVID-related backlog
- State mandates regarding resentencing and sentence review
  - Blake decision - including 50,000 defendants who are now entitled to a vacation of their King County conviction
  - SB 5288 - Resentencing for any defendant who was sentenced to life sentence as a persisted offender
- Civil Division – necessary capacity related to federal COVID relief funding

This includes positions like Trial PDAs, Trial Paralegals, Victim Advocates, Word Processors, and Discovery Unit Personnel to keep up with the demands present in the criminal justice system.
The COVID 7 Budget

We recently passed a $600 million COVID-9 Supplemental Budget

What was included:

- Behavioral health funding that included $4 million for rural behavioral health
- Rental assistance and housing supports for both tenants and landlords
- Food assistance and culturally appropriate food
- Grants for emerging community needs
- Investments in Substance Use Disorder treatment

What was left out:

- Funding for the criminal justice system, including the Superior Court, District Court, Prosecutors, and Public Defenders
- Hate and Bias Crime Unit in the Sheriff's Office and the Prosecutor's Office
- Support for a KCSO wellness program
King County Elections – Director Julie Wise

• Local election year
  ▶ 330 offices up for election – city council members, school board directors, fire and park commissioners
  ▶ More than 600 candidates
• Primary election – Aug. 3
• General election – Nov. 2
King County Assessor – John Wilson

Contact:
(206) 296-7300 or
assessor.info@kingcounty.gov
We Are Still Available to Serve You!

• To access virtual services, you can email the Assessor’s Office at assessor.info@kingcounty.gov, call 206-296-7300, or visit www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor.

• You can apply online for property tax exemptions at taxrelief.kingcounty.gov, or email Exemptions.Assessments@kingcounty.gov or call 206-296-3920.

• If you have a complex issue that requires a meeting with our staff, call or email to set up an appointment.

• For property tax payment changes, please visit Finance and Business Operations.
Residential home values have risen sharply, despite the economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic

- We are now mailing out annual re-valuation notices to taxpayers. Notices will be arriving in King County neighborhoods over the next several months.

- As the news media has reported, King County home values have risen sharply, and commercial values have remained steady, despite the economic effects of COVID-19.

- Median home values have risen by double digits in many areas where valuations have been so far completed. Values have risen sharply in fast growing eastern King County.

No one knew what to expect a little over a year ago when this public health emergency began. Now we know that the primary impact on property values has been caused by homeowners not wanting to sell at this time, leading to reduced supply and big price and value increases.
Eligibility for the Senior Property Tax Reduction Program Has Been Expanded, And You Can Apply Online

• The annual household income limit is now $58,423 including Social Security and other sources.
• Born in 1959 or earlier, or disabled and unable to work in 2020 or earlier
• Own the residence as of 12/31/2020. Occupy as a primary residence 9 months each year

Go to TaxRelief.KingCounty.Gov to apply online!
King County Sheriff’s Office
Southeast Precinct (Precinct 3)

Major Patrick Butschli, Precinct Commander
Captain Abigail Steele, Patrol Operations
Captain Noel Fryberger, Investigations
Patrol Districts
F3, F4 & F5
F3, F4 & F5 property crimes

Property Crimes January - April 2018 - 2021*

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*2021 Data is shown January 1 – April 29
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F3, F4 & F5 persons crimes

Calls for Service Comparison: January to April 2018 - 2021*

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King County’s COVID-19 community mitigation response:

Vaccinations for COVID-19
COVID-19 vaccines available for everyone 12+

COVID-19 vaccines are **FREE** and available regardless of...

- health insurance
- citizenship
- immigration status

Your healthcare provider cannot charge you for an office visit if you only go in to get the vaccine.
HOW TO GET VACCINATED

Find a vaccination site

- Check out King County vaccination options (many don’t require appointments) at kingcounty.gov/vaccine
- Call your doctor’s office or healthcare provider to see if they have vaccination options available.
- Find pharmacies and other locations by zip code using vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov
- Need help over the phone? Call the King County COVID-19 Call Center any day between 8 AM – 7 PM at 206-477-3977. Interpreters are available – state the language you need when you are connected.
Get your COVID-19 vaccine today
No appointment needed!

All sites are ADA accessible and offer interpretation services. Need a ride? Call 425-943-8706. All vaccination is available at no cost. Call the numbers below to ask what vaccine types are offered.

Auburn: Auburn Outlet Collection Clinic
1101 Outlet Collection Way, Suite 1333, Auburn, WA 98001
Mon-Sat, 9am-4pm (206-477-3977)

Bellevue: Eastgate Public Health Center
14350 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue, WA 98007
Mon, Thu, Fri, 8:30am-11:45am & 12:30pm-3:30pm
(206-477-3284)

Burien: Public Health Primary Care at Navos
1210 SW 136th St., Burien, WA 98166
Wednesdays in May, 8:30am-11:45am & 12:30pm-3:30pm
(206-477-3284)

Kent: ShooWare Center Clinic
625 W James St, Kent, WA 98032
Mon-Sat, 9am-4pm (206-477-3977)

Seattle: Downtown Public Health Center
2124 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98121
Mon-Fri, 8:30am-11:45am & 12:30pm-3:30pm (206-477-3284)

Seattle: Lumen Field Event Center
330 S Royal Brougham Way, Seattle, WA 98124
Wed & Sat, 11am-5:45pm (206-884-2489)

Seattle: Rainier Beach
8702 Seward Park Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118
Mon-Sat, 9am-4:30pm (206-884-2489)

Seattle: West Seattle
2801 SW Thistle St, Seattle, WA 98126
Mon-Sat, 9am-4:30pm (206-884-2489)

Shoreline: Shoreline Center
15860 1st Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155
Mon-Fri, 7:30am-8:30pm; Sat & Sun 8am-3:30pm
(206-520-9700)

For more vaccination locations, assistance, and resources, visit: KingCounty.gov/Vaccine
In-home vaccination is now available

For people who...
• Have not yet been vaccinated
  AND
• Have an injury, developmental disability or medical condition that makes it difficult to leave the home
  AND
• Would require considerable and taxing effort to get vaccinated outside the home

To request an appointment, call the King County COVID-19 Call Center:
206-477-3977* (8 a.m. – 7 p.m.)
*Interpretation is available.
COVID-19 vaccine

March 31 update

Newly eligible groups include anyone 60 and older, people with 2 or more underlying health conditions, and workers in construction, manufacturing, and restaurants and food services. See "Who can get vaccinated now" below for details.

Please see "How to get vaccinated" for options for appointment scheduling, including at King County Vaccination Partnership sites in Auburn, Kent, Redmond, and Seattle.

How can I get the COVID-19 vaccine in King County?

This page is also available in the following languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Chinese, Simplified
- Chinese, Traditional
- French
- Khmer
- Korean
- Russian
- Somali

Community vaccination resources

Please use and share these materials to help spread the word about COVID-19 vaccination and encourage people in your community to get vaccinated.

Check back for new materials and additional translations!

Quick links
- Flyers
- Videos
- Resources

Flyers

Getting Vaccinated in King County
Two-sided flyer with basic information about vaccine safety, cost, effectiveness, and how to schedule a vaccination appointment.

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Is it True? COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Checking
King County Updates
Top Fairwood Concerns from PublicInput.com Survey

1. Keeping the Fairwood Sheriff’s Office
2. More recreation (trails, connectors, parks, play structures)
3. Economic development (gas station, grocery store, dining)
4. Property tax increases
5. Vegetation maintenance along roads and Petrovitsky median strip
6. Police patrols to address property crime and car break-ins
7. A dog park
8. Speed limit enforcement
9. Limiting development to maintain single family community

And then: loud mufflers, public works of art (murals), power outages
COVID-19 recovery investments in unincorporated King County

The 7th COVID budget, approved by Council, includes these investments:

• $4M to address permitting wait times and reduce their backlog
• $4.5M for a small business grant program in unincorporated King County
• $0.7M to install public wireless in three parks (Skyway, Steve Cox, and South County Ballfields)
• A jobs and housing program that includes expanded litter removal, road crew work, and conservation programs in unincorporated King County
• Several new grant programs that will be available to residents

The County Council will appropriate remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds later in the summer. Spending will further support COVID-19 response and recovery.
Community Investment Program
Builds on community strengths, addressing priorities identified by community

- Centered on racial equity
- $10M bond backed fund for capital projects

Community Investment Committee
- Designs the participatory budgeting process
- Determines allocation of funds to each geographic area
- Ensures community is decision-maker on project funding decisions
Permitting highlights

Service enhancements

• Permitting is 100% fully staffed as of the end of Q1 2021
• Leveraging customer-paid overtime and consultant review services to reduce backlog of applications
• Moving permitting processes online means customer service changes and improvements. Examples:
  ▶ MyBuildingPermits.com (94-95%), remainder can also be accepted electronically
  ▶ Digitization of records for eventual web-based self-service access
Road Services Division
SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY

Active and recently completed projects
• 3 roadway and roadside projects
• 1 bridge projects
• 6 traffic control and road safety projects
• 3 drainage projects

Visit us online: kingcounty.gov/roads

142 maintenance service requests in your community so far this year
1,000+ signs repaired or replaced
100+ tons of asphalt used to patch potholes

Contact Us!
24/7 Road Helpline - 206-477-8100 | 800-527-6237 | maint.roads@kingcounty.gov | @kcroads

King County
Local Services

What we’re doing in Fairwood and East Renton
162nd Avenue SE culvert replacement
6-Year Levy Lid Lift

Short-Term Funding Option

**Nov. 2021:** Voter Approval

**2022:** Increase levy for unincorporated areas to statutory limit ($2.25 per $1,000 in Assessed Value)

**2023-2027:** Levy total amount grows at limiting factor (Inflation + Population Increase) for 5 years

**2028:** Levy amount growth returns to legal maximum (Growth of 1% per year, plus new construction)
Impact of 6-Year Levy Lid Lift on Property Taxes

2022 property taxes would increase by $0.42 per $1,000 in AV over 2021 rates*

This is an estimated $223 increase in property taxes for the average property owner** in UKC over 2021 amounts

*According to OEFA Projections as of April 2021. Assumes no annexation of unincorporated areas.  **Assuming median assessed value of $525,000
6-Year Levy Lid Lift

$335 Million (41%) Increase from Status Quo from 2022-2029*

*According to OEFA Projections as of April 2021. Assumes no annexation of unincorporated areas.
## Spending Plan for Potential Proceeds

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- **June 8th**: Introduction and Referral at Full Council
- **June 3rd**: Sponsoring Councilmember Introduces Ord. to Clerk (By COB)
- **June 22nd**: Local Services Committee Hearing and Vote
- **July 6th**: Vote at Full Council
- **August 3rd**: Deadline to Submit to County Elections
- **November 2nd**: General Election
- **January 1st**: Lid Lift Takes Effect
Department of Natural Resources and Parks

• Petrovitsky Park updates
• Soos Creek Trail
• Boulevard Lane Park
• South County Recycling and Transfer Station
• 30-Year Forest Plan

Petrovitsky Park irrigation
Community and Human Services

Director Leo Flor

- **2021 Eviction Prevention and Rent Assistance Program**
  Help for residents one or more months behind in rent and/or utilities as a result of COVID. Call **206-3481**, Email **DCHSRentalAssistance@kingcounty.gov**, or visit **https://kingcounty.gov/covid/rent**

- **Housing Repair Program**
  Help for low-to-moderate income residents of King County for septic systems, electrical, plumbing, roofs, heat, disability accommodation, and more. Call **206-263-9095** or go to **https://kingcounty.gov/housingrepair**

- **Best Starts for Kids projects in District 9**
  Maple View Middle School, Summit Trail Middle School, Tahoma School District, Childhaven, Enumclaw School District, Hazelwood Elementary School, JJ Smith Birth to Five Center, Greater Maple Valley Community Center
Executive Services – Emergency Management
Public Education/Alert & Warning

• Be informed and stay safe with ALERT King County emergency notifications: kingcounty.gov/alert or text ALERTKC to 99411

• Know your hazards: kingcounty.gov/prepare

• Get #KingCountyReady: makeitthrough.org

• Contact us! We love to talk preparedness: kcoempubed@kingcounty.gov
Questions & comments
Closing remarks
Councilmember Reagan Dunn
District 9

Reagan.Dunn@kingcounty.gov
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Please take our survey

• Did you find this meeting valuable?
• Have you been to a Local Services Town Hall before?
• Were your questions answered?
• Write your email address in the meeting chat to join our mailing list and receive updates
Thank you for joining us tonight!

AskLocalServices@kingcounty.gov
https://kingcounty.gov/local-services