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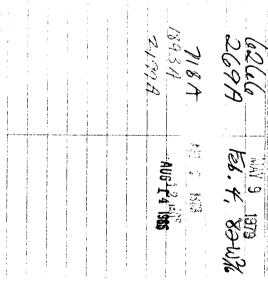
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REVISED PROPOSAL FOR NINE KING COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS

A REPORT PREPARED FOR: BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

July 24, 1968

RAJANIKANT N. JOSHI / URBAN PLANNING CONSULTANT 1714 N.E. 58 STREET, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98105

TABLEL: NINE COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS -- POPULATION

District No.	Population	Percent of Total
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4	135,700	11.37
5	134,700	11.29
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KC81	6400	KC 10	5400	D5	9300	FZ	9600	K3	4400
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MINUTES

BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

July 31, 1968

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The business meeting was called to order in Room 403 of the Courthouse at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Richard Albrecht. All Freeholders were present except Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Friedlander and Mr. Curran. Mr. Friedlander arrived later for the public hearing, as did Mr. Curran. Also present were Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary, and John Strasburger, Legal Counsel.

2. REPORT OF DISTRICTING COMMITTEE.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of this meeting was to consider the districting proposal and report submitted by the Districting Committee. The members of the Committee were Mr. Albrecht, Mr. Curran, Mr. Bothell, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Wampold.

After general discussion of the new nine-commissioner district proposal (attached), which was done in cooperation with Mr. Raj Joshi, who drew the commissioner district boundary lines in accordance with criteria established in the draft and refinements by the Committee, the following action was taken:

MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Board of Freeholders accept the Districting Committee's report.

VOTE: For, 11 Absent, 3 Not Voting, 1.

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Districting Committee's report be adopted for incorporation in the draft Charter.

Before a vote was taken on Motion #2, there was general discussion, and substitute motions (Amendments) were made as follows:

MOTION #3:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Districting Committee work out a suitable compensation for Mr. Joshi's work in redrawing the commissioner district boundary lines.

VOTE: For, 12 Against, 0 Absent, 3.

MOTION #4:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Districting Committee, together with

Mr. Joshi, also submit to the Freeholders a seven-commissioner district proposal and report, before any action is taken on the nine-commissioner district report.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 10 Absent, 3.

VOTE ON MOTION #1: For, 10 Against, 2 Absent, 3.

Discussion of other possible revisions to the Charter were postponed until a future meeting, due to the fact that the public hearing scheduled by the Board was about to commence.

3. PUBLIC HEARING.

At the public hearing many individuals spoke to the Freeholders regarding various sections of the preliminary working draft of the Charter. Attached and made a part of the record is a list of the names and addresses of those who spoke.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending the hearing, and reminded them that there would be another public hearing in the Pacific Science Center's "Eames Theatre" on August 7th at 7:30 p.m. He urged that they again attend, and make comments upon any sections of the draft Charter in which they were interested.

5. ADJOURNMENT - 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO SPOKE AT PUBLIC HEARING

July 31, 1968

Mrs. Brian Shera 3751 N. E. 192nd St. Seattle, Wash. Phone - EM 2-4288 Mrs. Billie Nichols 1512 N. W. 63rd - Seattle

Mr. R. E. Kesterson 437 - 171st Place - Bellevue Mrs. Wanda Thompson 213 Ninth Place - Renton

Mr. W. H. Philipp 1210 Fifth North Renton, Wash. Mr. Charles Bloch 10021 Marine View Drive Seattle, Wash.

Mr. J. F. McDonald 764 South 293rd Federal Way, Wash. Mr. Glenn Battson 5712 Ashworth No. Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Herb Larson 1116 No. 84th St. Seattle, Wash. Mr. Chet Wheeler 25449 - 104th S. E. Kent, Washington

Mrs. Donald W. Jacky 19534 - 23rd N. E. Seattle, Wash. 98155 Mrs. Pat Van Almkirk 15825 - 75th Pl. W. Edmonds, Wash.

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PUBLIC HEARING - AUGUST 7, 1968 - 7:30 P.M. "EAMES THEATRE" - PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER

The following persons gave their views on the proposed Charter:

John M. Teutsch, K. C. Planning Commission
C. A. Wheeler, """
Edward B. Sand, ""
Director
Derrill T. Bastian," "Legal Counsel

Mrs. Harold M. Mozer, League of Women Voters

Mr. Art Brown, 16020 Densmore Ave. No. Senator Wes Uhlman

Mr. Frank Matz, 3717 43rd Ave. N.E., Seattle

Gordon Conger, Municipal League

Dr. Gordon LaZerte, representing Wash. State Medical Association

Charles Bloch, 10027 Marine View Drive S. W.

Jim Haase, President, Fed. Way Community Council

Attached here to is list of those who attended this public hearing.

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE Seattle, Washington 98104

AUG. 7,1968 PUBLIC HEARING.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Freeholders

FROM: Richard Albrecht, Chairman

We have received a large number of suggestions for improvement of the Charter from a number of sources in addition to those provided to us at the public hearings. The suggestions which seemed to be matters of form rather than substance are being incorporated into a revised draft which will be available to the Freeholders at our meeting Monday evening, August 12th, in Room 402 of the Courthouse at 7:30 p.m.

The enclosed list of Agenda items includes all of the suggestions that have been raised which are of a substantive nature, and which seem to have support from one or more of the Freeholders. I therefore believe we should consider each of these suggestions in the course of our future deliberations. There are bound to be further suggestions, and I hope each of you will submit the items you would like considered to the Freeholder office so that they can be added to the list prior to our next meeting, and the other Freeholders will be aware of them prior to the meeting.

I am still hopeful we can adopt the Charter in final form on September 4th. This means, according to our by-laws, that at least a week earlier we must go through the Charter section by section and make all final amendments. As you are aware, it is imperative that we have full attendance at that meeting.

I do not believe we can accomplish the necessary section-by-section consideration in a few hours; and therefore suggest an all-day meeting ---and, if necessary, a meeting that continues into the evening. Please be prepared to discuss Monday night your willingness to have this meeting scheduled for a week day rather than a Saturday, and your preference for the date for such a meeting.

LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BEGINNING AUGUST 12, 1968

- 1. Should the number of deputy assessors who are exempt from the personnel system be reduced?
- 2. Shall the provision guaranteeing county employment to former elected officials be limited so as to guarantee them that employment only until they reach retirement age?
- 3. Shall a county official whose office is abolished and seeks another public office not be allowed to hold a position in the county service?
- 4. Shall the prohibition against political activities be extended to department heads and appointees of the chief administrative officer?
- 5. Shall a county employee covered under Sec. 560 be prohibited from running for a political office unless he resigns from the county service?
- 6. Shall a provision be added to Sec. 820.10 permitting members of a part-time board or commission to continue to serve if they disqualify themselves from participating in any decision on a matter in which they may have a personal interest?
- 7. Shall the penalty for failure to file statements of campaign contributions and expenditures be strengthened with respect to losing candidates?
- 8. Shall a provision be added permitting a candidate for county office to file as an independent?
- 9. Shall the term Board of County Commissioners be changed to "County Council"?
- 10. Shall the terms of the members of the Board of Appeals be reduced from seven to four years?
- 11. Shall the limitation in Sec. 495 on the county entering into leases be stricken?
- 12. Shall the word "city" be changed to "Municipal Corporation" in Sec. 640?

- 13. Shall Sec. 540 be changed by removing appeal regarding "certification or preparation of eligibility lists" and substituting "appointment or promotion" in its place?
- 14. Shall the provision establishing departments and offices be moved to the transitory section?
- 15. Shall the executive be given authority to transfer current expenses appropriations without the consent of the agency concerned?
- 16. Shall the executive be given authority for inter-fund borrowing without approval of the county commissioners if the loan is to be repaid before the end of the year?
- 17. Should dollar limitations on purchasing and capital improvement projects be removed?
- 18. Should the investigation of deaths involving members of the Department of Public Safety be made the responsibility of a different department?
- 19. Should primary responsibility for the investigation of deaths be assigned to the Department of Public Health?
- 20. Should the exemptions from the personnel system be expanded to include all attorneys employed by the county as such?
- 21. Should the approval of the executive be required before any change can be made in executive departments or administrative offices?
- 22. Shall the office of County Property and Purchasing be combined?
- 23. Shall a provision be added to Sec. 220.50 which imposes a penalty for violation of such provision?
- 24. Shall the last sentence of Sec. 470.30 be deleted?
- 25. Shall the Charter recognize the obligation for financial and other support to the Intermediate School District IX?
- 26. Should the definition of emergency ordinances be broadened?
- 27. Should legislative action regarding the granting or removal of a franchise require a higher number of votes than other legislation?

- 28. Should some change be made in the right of a sponsoring organization to withdraw a referendum petition after sufficient signatures have been gathered?
- 29. Should the provision on initiative and referendum be amended to provide a different procedure when the ordinance in question affects only the unincorporated areas of King County?
- 30. Shall the effective date for certain non-discretionary ordinances be changed and these ordinances be exempted from veto and referendum decisions?
- 31. Should the restriction on the executive veto regarding collective bargaining be eliminated?
- 32. Shall the number of votes required to override an executive veto be increased to seven?
- 33. Should the 45-day delay in the effective date of ordinances be reduced?
- 34. Should the provision regarding initiative and referendum be changed so that ordinances approved at an election become effective immediately after the results of the election are certified?
- 35. Shall the Charter provide that an ordinance adopted by initiative or approved by referendum may not be repealed for two years?
- 36. Shall a provision be added to deal with the situation of an affirmative vote on both an initiative ordinance and a substitute ordinance submitted to a vote?
- 37. Shall Sec. 470.20 be revised to refer to supplemental appropriations which may be made to meet "unforeseen needs" rather than only emergencies?
- 38. Shall the Charter authorize the establishment of regional county offices to make county services available to outlying areas?
- 39. Shall a provision be added to Sec. 350.20.70 (b) providing for the department of planning to receive and consider applications for approval of sub-divisions?
- 40. Should a provision be added requiring the appointment of a planning commission for the purpose of advising on comprehensive plans, land use regulations, development regulations and the like?

- 41. Shall the Charter provide for a zoning administrator to deal with only zoning matters?
- 42. Shall the Charter provide that rezones be submitted to the Board of Appeals rather than the county commissioners?
- 43. Shall the department of planning be called an "agency" and given separate status under the Charter?
- 44. Should a provision be added that would make the assessor appointive or require certain qualifications for the office of assessor without Charter amendment in the event a change in the State law had this effect for general law counties?
- 45. Should a commissioner's repeated, unexcused absence from meetings be made the basis for removal from office?
- 46. Shall the salary of the chief executive be established independently of the legislative body's salary?
- 47. Should the number of exempt positions on the chief executive's staff be increased?
- 48. Shall the salaries of the county commissioners be limited by the Charter to \$6,000 per year?
- 49. Should the number of county commissioners be reduced to seven, with a provision that the number would automatically be increased to nine at the time of any redistricting when latest census figures indicate that King County population exceeds 1,500,000?
- 50. Should the period within which redistricting must be accomplished be shortened?

MINUTES

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

DELIBERATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT CHARTER

August 12, 1968

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. in Room 402, King County Courthouse. Freeholders present included Mr. Wampold, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Block, Mr. Geoffroy, Mr. Ackley, Mr. Friedlander and Mrs. North. Also present were Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary, and John Strasburger, Legal Counsel. Absent Freeholders were: Mr. Bothell, Mr. Curran, Mr. Eberle, Mrs. Gunby, Mr. McKenna and Mr. Schneider.

II. MINUTES.

The minutes of the July 22nd meeting were approved as distributed.

III. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Joshi's bill for drawing an additional nine-commissioner district proposal and map was \$180, and this amount was approved for payment.

The Chairman also stated that the Charter must be approved section by section, and then in its entirety. Since this will require a full day's work, an all-day meeting of the Board was set for August 29th. It was also proposed that meetings be held every Monday and Wednesday evening until the 50 agenda items plus any additional questions are answered.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that recommendations contained in the letter from the County Assessor, Mr. Allen Morgan, be incorporated into the Charter---eliminating the exemption of four deputy assessors, and including the chief deputy, an assistant, and one confidential secretary to be exempted from the personnel service.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 1 Absent, 6.

2. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to limit guaranteed employment to elected officials until retirement age only.

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 0 Absent, 6 Not Voting, 3.

3. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to table item 3.

VOTE: For, Unanimous.

4. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to extend prohibition against political activity to department heads and appointees of Chief Administrative Officer.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 2 Absent, 6.

5. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to add a provision allowing an employee to run for elective office if a leave of absence is taken.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 1 Absent, 6.

6. MOTION: (Sec. 820.10) - MOVED and SECONDED to strike Sec. 820, and allow it to be provided by ordinance. (O'Connor left - 8:30 p.m.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 4 Not Voting, 2 Absent, 7.

MOTION #2: MOVED and SECONDED that staff be directed to redraft Sec. 820.10 and 820.20 to provide for adoption of appropriate ordinance to define conflict of interest.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 0 Absent, 8.

The Chairman pointed out that since Mr. Ackley left, no quorum is available, but the Agenda will be followed with appropriate votes taken.

7. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED Item 7 be stricken in its entirety, in order to leave the Charter provision as it now is written.

VOTE: For, 4 Against, 3 Absent, 8

8. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to add provision allowing a candidate for county office to file for primary election as an independent.

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 3 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 8.
MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE.

9. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to change the Board of County Commissioners to "County Council."

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 1 Absent, 8.

10. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to reduce terms of members of Board of Appeals from seven to four years.

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 0 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 8.

11. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to strike limitation in last three lines of Sec. 495 on county entering into leases.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 3 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 8. 395

- 12. Staff should change if necessary, the word "city" to "municipal corporation" in last line, page 29, Sec. 640. (This was indicated on a drafting determination with no vote needed).
- MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to change language of third paragraph, page 25, Sec. 540, to "appointment or promotion" from "certification or preparation of eligibility lists".

VOTE: For, 4 Against, 0 Abstaining, 3 Absent, 8.

MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED provision establishing departments and offices be moved to transitory section of charter, with the understanding the departments of assessments and judicial administration will remain in the main body.

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 1 Absent, 8.

15. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that transfer provision be accepted.

VOTE: For, 5 Against, 1 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 8.

16. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that inter-fund borrowing be accepted.

VOTE: For, 5 Against, 0 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 8.

17. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that competitive bidding be required by county council, as established by general law or by ordinance. Motion made to delete reference to \$500, and change to strong admonition to use competitive bidding in all purchasing by county. MOVED and SECONDED to amend motion to include reference to general law of State of Washington.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 0 Absent, 8.

18. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that investigation of deaths in public safety department be assigned to different department.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 4 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 8.

MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED the Board adjourn.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 3 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 8.

19. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to accept Dr. LaZerte's recommendation that primary responsibility for investigation of deaths be assigned to Department of Public Health, and that Department of Public Safety should investigate crime.

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 2 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 8.

20. MOTION: MOVED and seconded that exemptions from personnel system be expanded to include all attorneys employed by county as such. MOVED and SECONDED to amend to include all other professional employees.

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 3 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 8.
MOTION FAILS.

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The Chairman reminded the Freeholders to let the office know of any additions to Agenda list, and of the meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 14th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 402 of the Courthouse.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Urginia Sunly,

Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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Note: Revised Copy as of August 12, 1968

PREAMBLE *

We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to form a more orderly government, establish separate legislative and executive branches, insure responsibility and accountability, promote the general welfare and secure the benefits of home rule and self-government, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Washington, do adopt this charter.

ARTICLE 1

POWERS OF THE COUNTY

Section 110. General Powers.

The county shall have all of the powers which it is possible for a home rule county to have under the state constitution.

Section 120. Intergovernmental Relations.

The county may, in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its functions and services, agree by contract or otherwise to participate jointly or in cooperation with any one or more other governments, governmental agencies, and municipal corporations, (including-the-right) and to share the costs and responsibilities of such powers, functions and services.

Section 130. Construction.

The powers of the county granted by this charter shall be liberally construed, and the specific statement of particular powers shall not be construed as limiting the general powers. Reference to the state constitution and general law in this charter shall be construed as a continuing reference to them as they may be amended

from time to time. This charter and the ordinances enacted hereunder shall supersede special and general laws which are inconsistent with the charter and ordinances to the extent permitted by the state constitution.

Section 140. Name, Boundaries and County Seat.

The name, boundaries and county seat of the county shall remain as they are on the date of the enactment of this charter until changed.

ARTICLE 2

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 210. Composition.

The legislative branch shall be composed of the board of county commissioners.

Section 220. The Board of County Commissioners.

220.10. Composition and Terms of Office.

The board of county commissioners shall consist of nine members. The county shall be divided into nine districts, and one commissioner shall be nominated and elected by the voters of each district. The term of office of each county commissioner shall be four years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

220.20. Powers.

The board of county commissioners shall be the policy determining body of the county and shall have all legislative powers of the county under this charter. The board of county commissioners shall exercise its legislative power by the adoption and enactment of ordinances; shall levy taxes, appropriate revenue and adopt

budgets for the county; shall establish the compensation to be paid to all county officers and employees and shall provide for the reimbursement of expenses; except as otherwise provided herein shall have the power to establish, abolish, combine and divide administrative offices and executive departments and to (prescribe-their-duties;) establish their powers and responsibilities; and shall have the power to conduct public hearings on matters of public concern to assist it in performing its legislative responsibilities and to subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence, provided, that the subpoena power of the board of county commissioners shall be limited to matters relating to proposed ordinances being considered and any witness shall have the right to be represented by counsel. The specific statement of the particular legislative powers shall not be construed as limiting the legislative powers of the board of county commissioners.

220.30. Organization.

The board of county commissioners at least once a year shall elect one of its members as chairman, shall be responsible for its own organization and for the employment and supervision of those employees (which) whom it deems necessary to assist it or individual county commissioners in the exercise of their legislative powers and shall appoint a clerk to maintain its records.

220.40. Rules of Procedure.

The board of county commissioners shall adopt by ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings and hearings and the introduction, publication, consideration