King County Local Services

Community Service Area Town Hall Meeting

West King County - Fairwood

Monday, Sept. 21, 2020
Welcome

John Taylor, Director

King County Local Services
Schedule

1. Welcome ................................................. Local Services Director John Taylor
2. Opening remarks ........................................ Councilmember Reagan Dunn
3. Elections ................................................. Chief of Staff Kendall LeVan Hodson
4. Assessor .................................................. Assessor John Wilson
5. Sheriff’s Office ........................................... Undersheriff Patti Cole-Tindall
6. County COVID-19 update ............................. Government Relations Analyst Susie Levy
7. Fiscal State of the County ............................. Budget Manager Becka Johnson Poppe
8. Local Services updates ................................. Director John Taylor
9. King County briefings ................................. Department staff
10. Community partner updates
11. Q&A / open house
12. Closing remarks ....................................... Councilmember Reagan Dunn
13. Thanks and next steps ............................... Director John Taylor
Zoom meetings – housekeeping

• Everyone starts with permission to use video and audio.
• Chat with everyone or a specific individual.
• We can hear you. *Mute your microphone please.*
• We can see you. *Turn off your video if you don’t want to be seen.*
• Facilitator/Host can control all functions.
• Be succinct and clear. Use an appropriate volume.

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

Please leave your audio muted and video off (both indicated by a red slash).

Click to open the **Participants** box. This will allow you to give nonverbal feedback.

Click to open the **Chat** box. This will allow you to chat with Hosts and Participants.

- Raise hand
- Yes
- No
- Go slower
- Go faster

To: Everyone
Type message here...
Questions?

- Raise Hand
- Chat
TOWN HALL
FAIRWOOD

Our regional response to COVID-19

Councilmember Reagan Dunn
District 9
WHAT KING COUNTY IS DOING TODAY

• Flattening the Curve
  • Daily KCC leadership meetings
  • Continued coordination with local jurisdictions
  • Quarantine/Isolation Sites, Assessment & Recovery Centers, and Shelter Sites
  • Increasing testing facilities

• Mitigating the financial, economic & social impacts of COVID-19
  • Passed 4 COVID-19 emergency budgets, funding a wide variety of COVID-19 operational programs and economic relief for individuals, businesses, & organizations.
  • Taking up 5th COVID-19 emergency budget late fall
  • Postponed property tax deadline to June 1; created property tax payment plans
  • Project CARE

• Planning for the recovery
  • Distributing 5 million cloth face coverings and 20 million disposable face coverings to residents, workers and businesses
  • Economic Recovery Work Group meeting on September 18
  • Updating pandemic and emergency plans
  • UW study of King County’s response to the COVID-19 crisis

Councilmember Reagan Dunn
1918 FLU PANDEMIC

Weekly deaths per 100,000 from 1918 pandemic above the expected death rate

Deaths per 100,000 after 24 weeks of pandemic

Duration of social distancing measures

STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT SURGE

Initial Claims (Regular Benefits)
Claims Reported During the Week of August 9, 2020
Source: US Dept. of Labor & Labor Market and Economic Analysis, ESD

Councilmember Reagan Dunn
2020 BUDGET FORECAST

• Impact on sales tax based funds including:
  • General Fund – $100 million decrease (mostly sales tax and fee revenues)
  • MIDD – $10 million decrease (-13.4%)
  • Transit – $92 million decrease (-13.5%) (sales tax only)
  • Lodging Tax – $21 million decrease (-60.0%)
  • Rental Car – $2 million decrease (-46%)
  • REET – $720K decrease (-9.3%)

• Permit revenue in Unincorporated King County has decreased significantly
  The 3rd COVID Emergency Budget appropriated $1 million of General Fund’s fund balance to cover the costs of the Permitting Division’s operations for the remainder of 2020.

• Metro will receive about $244 million from the CARES Act, which offsets much of their financial loss for this year

• MIDD (behavioral health) and Metro are looking for ways to cut costs in anticipation of the 2021-2022 biennium
LEGISLATION

• Project CARE (2020-0131) (approved 3/24) : www.KingCounty.gov/CARE
• Payment plans for property tax bills (Motion 2020-0192) (approved 6/23) 
• County-wide Pandemic Response Plans (Motion 2020-0183) (approved 6/23)
• UW report on the effectiveness of the County’s COVID-19 response (Motion 2020-0182) (to be voted on 9/29)
• Hiring freeze on King County personnel (Ordinance 2020-0181)
• Task force to plan for economic recovery (Motion 2020-0166) (Joint Executive and Council leadership initiative in progress)
• Reinforce video conferencing privacy laws for remote addiction recovery meetings (Ordinance 2020-0201) (Heard in Law and Justice; second briefing in Law and Justice in December)
• Allow restaurants and retail services in the unincorporated areas to provide additional or new outdoor dining or retail opportunities (Motion 2020-0208) (Approved 6/23)
QUESTIONS?

For more information:

Project CARE: www.kingcounty.gov/CARE

Latest updates on COVID-19 in King County: www.kingcounty.gov/covid

Financial resources: www.kingcounty.gov/council/gethelp


Councilmember Reagan Dunn
King County Elections

Kendall Hodson
Chief of Staff
206-263-9706 or 206-296-VOTE
Kendall.LevanHodson@kingcounty.gov

Follow us @KCElections
Presidential election preview

- **Oct. 14** – Ballots and voters’ pamphlets are mailed
- **Oct. 26** – **Deadline to register** or update information online or by mail for this election
- **Nov. 3** – **Election Day** – ballots must be postmarked by today or returned to a ballot drop box
  - Voters may register or update their information in person at a Vote Center until 8 p.m.
  - Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp
- **Nov. 24** – Election Certification
Hot Topics

• COVID-19 Service Changes
• United States Postal Service
• Ballot Drop Boxes
• Vote Centers
What You Can Do

• Make sure your registration is up to date – votewa.gov

• Call us 2060-296-VOTE or go online if you don’t see your ballot by October 19

• Vote early!

• Help your friends and family make a plan to vote
Questions?
John Wilson
King County Assessor

206-296-7300
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, 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 our Finance and Business Operations website: https://kingcounty.gov/depts/finance-business-operations/treasury/property-tax.aspx
Residential home values have not been significantly impacted by Covid-19 to date.

(Commercial properties are a different story)

• Overall, home values and sale prices have been relatively flat compared to last year.

• As always, values vary from city to city and neighborhood to neighborhood.

• One significant factor in residential home values in King County is the increase in values in Seattle suburbs, especially in the south end.

• While housing values have remained relatively steady so far, some commercial sectors have had their values severely impacted. These changes in value will be reflected in the 2021 assessed value for taxes payable in 2022.
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 1958 or earlier, or disabled and unable to work in 2019 or earlier
• Own the residence as of 12/31/2019. Occupy as a primary residence 9 months each year

Go to [TaxRelief.KingCounty.Gov](http://TaxRelief.KingCounty.Gov) to apply online
Let us know if the value of your commercial property was affected by COVID-19 restrictions

- Housing values have remained steady
- Some commercial sectors have had their values significantly hammered by being temporarily closed or their operations constrained.
- Changes in value caused by COVID will be reflected in the 2021 assessed value for taxes payable in 2022.
- To help us accurately capture the effects COVID: Commercial taxpayers can report COVID impacts at www.kingcounty.gov/COVID-value-review
Questions?
King County Sheriff’s Office
Southeast Precinct (Precinct 3)

Major Patrick Butschli, Precinct Commander

Captain Abigail Steele, Patrol Operations

Captain Eric Muller, Investigations
Patrol Districts F3, F4 & F5
UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD IMPACTS IN F3, F4 & F5

Identity Theft Reports:

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Questions?
Public Health – Seattle and King County

Susie Levy
Government Affairs

SLevy@Kingcounty.gov
COVID-19 Information

- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

cdc.gov/coronavirus
COVID-19 Testing

Get tested as soon as you feel symptoms

King County free testing sites:


206-477-3977  (language line available)
Protecting yourself and others

- Wear masks
- Social distancing
- Stay home
- Keep gatherings small
Current trends and data

King County’s COVID-19 data dashboards

The daily summary dashboard can be searched by geography:

COVID-19 and racial inequities

Additional Resources and COVID-19 questions

Subscribe to alerts on Public Health’s website: www.kingcounty.gov/covid

Call 206-477-3977
8 am-7 pm (medical)
✓ **WIC & First Steps** - all locations except Navos & Walk-In Enrollment Locations

✓ **Nurse Family Partnership** – county-wide

✓ **Dental** - Columbia, Downtown, Eastgate, North Meridian (separate Lake City location), and Renton

✓ **Family Planning** - Auburn, Eastgate, Federal Way, and Kent

✓ **Primary Care** - Downtown, Eastgate, and Navos

✓ **Walk-In Enrollment Locations** - Assistance with health insurance, basic food, Orca Lift, etc.
Access & Outreach program

We can help residents apply for the following programs:

• Health insurance (Apple Health, Medicaid, Qualified Health Plans, Take Charge Family Planning)

• Food Assistance & Utility-Energy Assistance Programs

• ORCA Lift (discounted fares)

• Access to medical & dental providers & ABCD (Access Baby Children Dentistry)

• Access to Breast Cervical Colon Health Program

For assistance please contact us: Community Health Access Program (1-800-756-5437). Individuals can apply by phone for all the above programs. www.kingcounty.gov/health/outreach  Chap@kingcounty.gov
Questions?
King County Budget
2021-2022

OFFICE OF PERFORMANCE, STRATEGY AND BUDGET
Budget at a Glance

- $11.6 BILLION FOR 2019-2020
- 15,000+ EMPLOYEES
- 60+ PROGRAMS, BOTH REGIONAL AND LOCAL
- SERVING 2.2 MILLION RESIDENTS
Where does our funding go?

- Metro Transit: 21%
- Natural Resources and Parks: 24%
- Health and Human Services: 19%
- Law, Safety and Justice: 12%
- General Government: 21%
- Local Services: 3%
State law and the King County Charter impose restrictions on the uses of many revenues.

For example, revenues collected from solid waste disposal charges must be used for solid waste programs and cannot be diverted to parks or human services.

King County’s finances are organized into about 140 different funds, each with its own revenue sources and expenditures.

The only truly flexible source of funds is the General Fund. General Fund revenues are severely limited by State law. The State and cities have much more revenue flexibility than counties.
King County residents filed 458,474 new unemployment claims from March 1 – August 1;
- July countywide unemployment rate was 8.3%;
- July statewide unemployment rate was 10.2%

Leading Economic Indicators – 2000-2020: Largest single-month change ever in March but some parts of the economy have started to bounce back
August revenue forecast

Decline in taxable sales from the March 1 forecast:

2020: -15.8%
2021: -14.8%
2022: -12.4%

Programs that are particularly impacted are those funded by the General Fund, Transit, Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD), rental car sales tax, and the lodging tax.
2021-2022 Budget

2021-2022 budget discussions will be dominated by three issues:

1. COVID-19 response (Public Health, homeless shelter deintensification, transit, etc.)
2. Revenue consequences of the recession caused by COVID-19
3. Anti-racism agenda
COVID-19 Response

• Activities in 2020 are paid for with federal and state funds:
  ➢ Public Health testing, outreach, contact tracing, etc.
  ➢ Homeless shelter deintensification
  ➢ Isolation and quarantine facilities
  ➢ Grants for food assistance, rental assistance, small business support, etc.

• Federal funding ends as of December 30, 2020; Congress is gridlocked on a new bill

• If no federal or state funds are provided, King County’s COVID-19 response will be dramatically reduced in January
## How does a recession impact demand?

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<td>(with correlated drops in fee-for-service revenue)</td>
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<td>(with some correlated increase in Medicaid revenue for DPH and DCHS)</td>
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Anti-Racism Agenda

• The Executive, Council, and many communities are committed to an anti-racism agenda

• This agenda needs to be reflected in the 2021-2022 Budget; current ideas include:
  ➢ Keeping jail population low post-COVID
  ➢ Continuing to reduce juvenile detention
  ➢ Community engagement in program design and participatory budgeting
  ➢ Expanded community investment (housing, jobs, etc.)

• Goal is to gradually shift funding over several budget cycles
Budget Process

April – June
- Agencies develop budget proposals
- Updated forecast in May

Late Sept.
- Executive reviews agency proposals and develops Executive Proposed Budget
- Updated forecast in August

Nov
- King County Council adopts 2021-2022 Budget

Oct
- King County Council holds public hearings

July – Sept.
- Executive Proposed Budget transmitted to King County Council
How you can get involved

Agency Proposed

- Community and advisory groups

Council Adopted

- Call your Councilmember
- Attend a community meeting
## Community Advisory Groups

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Questions?
Local Services updates

John Taylor
Department Director
Assistance and grants

• COVID-19 small business technical assistance

• $5000 grants to help small business that have been impacted by COVID-19 (Round 2 closed)

• 2021 $5,000 Community Service Area Grants until November 16

• Face covering and hand sanitizer distribution events every Thursday through December (Sept. 24: 10am-12:30pm at Hobart Church, 27524 SE 200th Street)

• Virtual meetings

• Reach out to CSA Liaison **Marissa Alegria** for support or questions
A community needs list...

- Includes service, program, and capital improvement projects
- Supports the community’s 20-year vision
- Is developed with community
- Clearly states whether the county can implement a project (and when)
- Will be used to inform budget development

https://www.publicinput.com/fairwood
Town Hall
September 21, 2020

**Fairwood and East Renton**

**Map Statistics**

- 6 bridges (3% of total unincorporated bridges)
- 100 centerline miles of unincorporated King County roads (6% of total unincorporated roads)
- 10 capital projects
Current capital projects: Roads

Fairwood and East Renton Area

2 Roadway and roadside projects
4 Traffic control and road safety projects
4 Drainage projects

Maintenance activities respond to critical safety issues and customer service requests (ongoing, year round).

Typical maintenance and operations activities for this area include:

- pothole patching
- vegetation management
- traffic sign repair/replacement
- maintaining road shoulders
- repairing guardrail
- clearing blocked drainage assets
- removing debris

Roadway and roadside project:
Pavement preservation at 140th Avenue SE, from 200th Avenue SE to 192nd Street.

This project was substantially complete on September 2.

Drainage project:
Culvert replacement at 162nd Avenue SE at 166th Court.

The road will be reopened to through traffic in mid-October. Work will continue through mid-December.

Contact us!

24/7 Road Helpline: 206-477-8100 | 800-527-6237 | maint.roads@kingcounty.gov
Permitting
Mark Rowe
What’s new in permitting?

- 90% of our permits are available online through on MyBuildingPermit.com

- The remaining 10% of permits can be submitted online by emailing permitcenter.DPER@kingcounty.gov
Online permits – MyBuildingPermit.com

- Adult Family Home Inspections
- Boundary Line Adjustments
- Code Interpretations
- Critical Areas Designation
- Damage Inspection Report
- Fire & Fuel Tank Permits, all types
- Legal Lot Determination
- Mechanical Permits
- Residential Permits, all types
- Shoreline Exemption
- Signs
- Special Events
- Zoning and Historical Certification
Office of Emergency Management
Department of Executive Services

Michelle Chatterton
Public Information Officer
Michelle.Chatterton@kingcounty.gov
Personal preparedness: Who depends on you?

Know your hazard
• What are you at risk for? www.hazardready.org
• Note: they may be different depending where you spend your time

Preparedness is key
• Have a kit
  o Minimum: Food, water, shelter
  o Think about work, transportation, home
  o Customize! Think about pets, medications, baby items, communications, comfort items, medical equipment!
  o To do! Watch Kit on Shoestring Budget (YouTube video)
• Create a plan
  o Consider how to communicate with loved ones
  o Who will support your family? Who can you support?
• Flood season and winter weather are coming up!

Did you know??
• You should have 1 gallon of water per person
• The food in your kit should have a long shelf life and match your dietary needs
• You should care a few small cash bills with you.
Be informed and stay safe with ALERT King County

Timely messages about:

• Emergency situations relevant to your specific area
• Threats to public safety and health
• Significant impacts to major infrastructure

www.kingcounty.gov/alert
Need more information?

• Get up-to-date information during an emergency www.kcemergency.com

• Explore King County specific information www.kingcounty.gov/prepare

• Want winter weather preparedness information: www.takewinterbystorm.org

• Need information on how to get prepared? www.makeitthrough.org
Natural Resources and Parks

Lorraine Patterson
Chief Administrative Officer
Environmental Plans

Functioning river flood plains
Resilient coast lines
Cleaner, controlled storm water runoff
Better fish habitat
Reduced toxics & fecal pathogens
Healthy forests and more green spaces
Projects

Cedar Hills Support Facilities Relocation Project

Parks Projects
• Maplewood Park Pathway Pavement Repairs
• Renton Park
Programs and Services

• Litter and illegal dumping program
  kingcounty.gov/report-dumping

• Noxious weeds app
  kingcounty.gov/noxious-weeds

• Managing stormwater
  kingcounty.gov/stormwater

• Local food finder
  farmkingcounty.org/local-food-finder

• Changes to King County Park services
  kingcountyparks.org/covid
Community Partner Updates
Questions & Comments
Closing remarks
Councilmember Reagan Dunn
District 9

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www.facebook.com/councilmemberreagandunn
Survey

• Did you find this meeting valuable?
• Have you been to a Local Services Town Hall before?
• Were your questions answered?
Thank you for joining us tonight!

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