



MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Kathi Anderson, City Clerk
Tracey Dunlap, Director, Finance and Administration

Date: July 10, 2012

Subject: Ballot Measure Pro/Con Committees Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council appoint members to the "pro" and "con" committees for proposed ballot measures for a street improvement and pedestrian safety levy and for a parks maintenance, renovation and enhancement levy.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

At its meeting on July 17th, the City Council will hold public hearings and potentially take action on Ordinances 4364 and 4365, providing for submission of ballot measures for the November general election ballot: a street improvement and pedestrian safety levy and a parks maintenance, renovation, and enhancement levy.

As part of the ballot measure information in the voter pamphlet, the Council must appoint individuals to write statements in favor of, and in opposition to, the ballot measures. At its July 3, 2012 meeting, the Council directed the City Clerk to proceed to advertise for applicants for these committees. On July 5, a press release was issued for individuals to volunteer for the committees, with a deadline of July 13, 2012.

King County Elections' Jurisdiction Manual states the committees shall have no more than three members. However, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons. Members shall be appointed from persons known to favor or oppose the measures as appropriate. The committees should each select a spokesperson for that committee. If the jurisdiction is unable to identify persons to serve on any of the committees, the Council must notify King County Elections, detailing efforts made to establish the committees, and they will publish a statement to that effect in the pamphlet.

The committee appointment forms must be submitted to King County no later than August 10, 2012. The committees' statements are due on August 15, 2012. The purpose of July appointment is to allow the committees ample time to meet and to construct their arguments. If the Council is not satisfied with any of the submitted names, there is time to extend the recruitment for additional interest and delay the appointments to the Council's meeting in August; however that will provide the committees with very little time to complete their statements. If desired, the Council may choose to interview the applicants prior to appointment.

Applications will be forwarded to Council following the deadline of 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 13th. Council may make a motion to appoint up to three of the applicants to each committee at their July 17 meeting, or continue their deliberations or selection process to the subsequent meeting. Following appointments, the City Clerk will then prepare the appointment form for submittal to King County and contact the individuals to provide them with the information they will need to complete their tasks.