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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Kathi Anderson, City Clerk
Michael Olson, Director of Finance and Administration

Date: July 13, 2015

Subject: Proposed Ballot Measure Pro/Con Committees Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council appoint members to the "pro" and "con" committees for a proposed ballot measure relating to the creation of a Metropolitan Park District with boundaries coextensive with the City to be known as the Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

At their meeting on July 7th, the City Council held public hearings, and at their July 21st meeting will consider, and potentially take action on, Ordinances 4484 and 4485, providing for submission of a ballot measure for the November general election ballot Relating to Creation of a Metropolitan Park District with Boundaries Coextensive with the City to be Known as the Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District; Requesting that a Proposition to Form the Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District be Submitted to the Voters Within the Proposed Boundaries of the District, at the November 3, 2015, General Election; and Providing for Properly Related Matter, and Approving the Form of an Interlocal Agreement with the Kirkland Aquatics and Recreation District, if the Formation of the District is Approved by the Voters; and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Such Agreement on Behalf of the City; and Providing for Properly Related Matters.

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 June 16, 2015 meeting, the Council directed the City Clerk to proceed to advertise for applicants for these committees. On June 17, a press release was issued for individuals to volunteer for the committees, with a deadline of July 6, 2015, later extended to July 15, 2015. Applications will be forwarded to Council under separate cover following the deadline.

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 7, 2015. The committees' statements are due on August 13, 2015. The purpose of the 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 Wednesday, July 15th. Council may make a motion to appoint up to three of the applicants to each committee at their July 21st 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.

The applicants are:

PRO

Rick Colella
Doug Davis
Dwight Davis
Bill Finkbeiner
Joan McBride
Lloyd Pernela
Jamie Rector
Julie Voss
Karl Voss

CON

David Fleming
Patrick Harris
Ken MacKenzie
Mike Nykreim
Rick Whitney