

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2003**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Moss.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The pledge was led by Moss.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, Harold Moss, and Kevin Wimsett; District No. 6 was vacant due to the resignation of Councilmember Pat O'Malley.

Council Staff Present: Gerri Johnson, Administrator/Clerks & Operations; Susan Long, Legal Counsel; and Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy.

There were approximately 29 visitors present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Wimsett moved approval of the Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. The minutes of the November 19, 2002, regular Council meeting.
  - 2. The minutes of the November 26, 2002, regular Council meeting.
  - 3. The minutes of the December 10, 2002, regular Council meeting.
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
- d. Other Items

Wimsett moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a roll call vote of six to zero.

Wimsett moved that the Council advance to Section X, OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS, to consider Items 1-4; motion seconded and passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. At this point in the meeting, the Council interviewed candidates for the Council District No. 6 vacancy. The list of names was submitted by the Pierce County Republican Party, and a copy of their letter is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.
  - a. Paul Bocchi: Mr. Bocchi provided a Statement of Candidacy, and responded to questions of Councilmembers.
  - b. Bob Lawrence: Mr. Lawrence provided a Statement of Candidacy, and responded to questions of Councilmembers.
  - c. Dick Muri: Mr. Muri provided a Statement of Candidacy, and responded to questions of Councilmembers.
2. Lee moved adoption of Proposal No. R2003-5; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record: RESOLUTION NO. R2003-5, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTING \_\_\_\_\_ AS PIERCE COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER, REPRESENTING DISTRICT NO. SIX.

Lee moved an amendment to the Resolution to insert the name of Paul Bocchi into the title of the Resolution, and to instruct the Clerk to insert the name of Paul Bocchi in all blanks of the Resolution; motion seconded.

Public Testimony

Alton McDonald expressed a concern that whoever is appointed to this position should address an investigation issue regarding the Steilacoom Police.

The amendment passed on a voice vote.

The Chair called for public testimony on Proposal R2003-5 as amended; there was no response. The Proposal passed as amended on a roll call vote of six to zero.

3. Swearing in of District No. 6 Councilmember. The Oath of Office was administered to Paul Bocchi by The Honorable Pat O'Malley, District Court Judge. Mr. Bocchi took his seat at the dais, as Councilmember representing District No. 6.
4. Election of 2003 Council Officers. Goings moved a slate of Officers as follows: Chair, Harold Moss; Vice Chair, Kevin Wimsett; and Executive Pro Tempore, Terry Lee; motion seconded. The Chair called for public testimony or other nominations; there was no response. The motion passed on a voice vote.

**VI. MESSAGES FROM EXECUTIVE/JUDGES/PROSECUTING ATTORNEY - None**

**VII. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND/OR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-6, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AND REMEMBERING THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IDEALS OF EQUALITY AND JUSTICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the proclamation into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2002-140, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR NEW MEMBERS TO THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (ROCHELLE "ROXY" GIDDINGS, LYZ KURNITZ-THURLOW, JOHN SPENCER, AND KENNETH DOLAN)**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

The Chair thanked the four appointees for volunteering their services to Pierce County, and called for public testimony; there was no response.

The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2002-142, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. (LELAND S. HAMRE)**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. Johnson pointed out

Mr. Hamre was unable to attend the meeting.

The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

#### VIII. ORDINANCES

**PROPOSAL NO. 2002-133, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 1.22.080 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "EXAMINER - POWERS AND DUTIES," TO GRANT THE PIERCE COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS.**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

##### Staff Testimony

Long pointed out this Proposal had previously been referred to the Rules and Operations Committee, but because that Committee had not met, it was pulled from Committee by the signature of four Councilmembers. A copy of that document is contained in the Ordinance file. Long stated because the Ordinance had been noticed to be heard on this date, it is properly before Council at this meeting.

##### Public Testimony

Randy Boss expressed a concern that in Exhibit "A" the word "relevant" should be inserted when referencing Subpoena Power so that whatever is subpoena is relevant to the case.

##### Staff Testimony

Jill Guernsey, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, stated she would have no objection to the addition of the suggested language. The record for these cases is made by the Hearing Examiner, and the granting of the Subpoena Power would enable him to do a better job. In response to the Chair's question, Guernsey stated she is satisfied with the current language contained in the Ordinance and Exhibit.

The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

#### IX. RESOLUTIONS

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-1s, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE COUNCIL'S STANDING COMMITTEES; NAMING THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS; AND SETTING MEETING TIMES FOR STANDING**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2003.**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

Bunney moved an amendment to instruct the Clerk to insert the name of Paul Bocchi into Exhibit "A" where ever District No. 6 is referenced; motion seconded and passed.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal passed as amended on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-2s, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MAKING APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND STAFF TO POSITIONS ON EXTERNAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2003.**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

Bunney moved an amendment to insert the name of Paul Bocchi where ever District No. 6 appears; motion seconded and passed.

Bunney moved an amendment on page 5 of 7 at line 10 following the word "District" to insert the words "Executive Board"; and on line 12, to insert the name of Barbara Gelman in the blank; motion seconded.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The amendment passed on a voice vote. The Proposal passed as amended on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-3, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SETTING THE DATE OF AN EVENING COUNCIL MEETING IN COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. SEVEN, FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003, AT THE PIERCE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES BUILDING PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, LOCATED AT 9850 - 64TH STREET WEST, UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON.**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-4, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON MARCH 11, 2003, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE AFFECTED VOTERS THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PROPOSED CITY OF FREDERICKSON SHALL BE INCORPORATED AS A NON-CHARTER CODE CITY; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED CITY OF FREDERICKSON; AND PROVIDING A BALLOT TITLE.**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

Staff Testimony

Long explained the passage of this Resolution would call for a special election for the affected voters to determine whether or not the proposed City of Frederickson shall be incorporated as a non-Charter Code City. She stated if an appeal of the proposed Cityhood is successful, the appeal will stay this Resolution, and the Resolution would have no effect.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS, cont.**

5. Wimsett moved to approve the Meeting Schedule for the week of January 20-25, 2003; motion seconded. Johnson reviewed the Meeting Schedule with Council. A copy is contained in the Clerk's meeting file. The Meeting Schedule was approved on a voice vote.
6. Wimsett moved to approve the Council Meeting Agenda for January 21, 2003; motion seconded. Johnson reviewed the Agenda with Council. A copy is contained in the Clerk's meeting file. The Agenda was approved on a voice vote.
7. Wimsett moved to approve the Personal Services Agreement for the Council Budget Consultant be approved; motion seconded. Weber provided an overview of the Personal Services Agreement, stating it is basically the same contract as has been adopted in prior years. Mr. Transue was the only vender to respond to the Request for Proposal. Weber responded to questions of Councilmembers regarding the terms of the contract. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. A copy of the Agreement is set forth as Attachment I to these minutes. **GET COPY OF THE AGREEMENT** (IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A SIGNED COPY.)

**XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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1. Alton McDonald, as an advocate, spoke to the Council regarding concerns he has with the Steilacoom Police Department.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Attest:

Gerri Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Councilmember Harold Moss, Council Chair                      Date Approved

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