

MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
**January 22, 2008**

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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 Lee.

II. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, Timothy M. Farrell, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri.

Council Staff Present: Anna Graham, Administrator for Research and Policy; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; Leslie Swalley, Councilmember Assistant; and Hugh Taylor, Senior Legislative Analyst

There were four visitors present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The pledge was led by Lee, followed by a Moment of Silence in tribute to our men and women in the Military.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Goings moved approval of the agenda; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

V. Consent Agenda

***No final action on any Ordinance or Resolution was taken under this Section.***

**a. Approval of Minutes**

**b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)**

1. Proposal No. 2008-2, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Specifying the Maximum Number of Opiate Substitution Treatment Program

Participants Authorized in Each Certified Opiate Substitution Treatment Program.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Barbara Gelman

Department contact person: Penni Newman, Human Services,  
(253) 798-6127

Council contact person: Carolyn Pendle, (253) 798-3631

For referral to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: February 19, 2008

**c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)**

1. Proposal No. R2008-3, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Approving Additional Regular Staff Positions in the 2008 Budget.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Patrick Kenney, (253) 798-7450

Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on January 28, 2008

2. Proposal No. R2008-6, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Referring the Draft 2008 Supplement to the Year 2000 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan to the Pierce County Planning Commission for its Review and Recommendations by a Date Certain; and Requesting that the Pierce County Executive Submit the Draft 2008 Supplement to the Washington Department of Ecology, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and the Cities and Towns of Pierce County for Review and Comment.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Sally Sharrard, Public Works and Utilities,  
(253) 798-4665

Council contact person: Carolyn Pendle, (253) 798-3631

For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: February 5, 2008

3. Proposal No. R2008-9, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Regarding Support for the Development of a Skills Center for Pierce County Students.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush

Council contact person: Jeff Cox, (253) 798-7579

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on January 28, 2008

Suggested date of Council hearing: January 29, 2008

4. Proposal No. R2008-11, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Related to the Office of the Hearing Examiner; Increasing the Maximum Compensation Authorized Under the Agreement for the Years 2007 and

2008; and Amending Resolution No. R2006 52, as Amended by Resolution Nos. R2006-125 and R2007-132, in Connection Therewith.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on January 28, 2008  
Suggested date of Council hearing: January 29, 2008

**d. Other Items**

1. Motion to certify the following Budget Certification, and instruct the Clerk of the Council to forward the Certification to the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's Office, pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 84.52.020:

Pierce County Fire District #15 Budget Certification

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

VI. Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney - None

VII. Proclamations, Awards, and/or Appointments to Boards and Commissions

**Proposal No. R2008-7, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of One New Member (Jeff Smith) and the Reappointment of Two Existing Members (John Doan and Patty Rose) to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County.**

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

Staff Testimony

Long explained the Proposal appoints the Executive's recommendations to the EDPC, and informed the Council that Susan Suess was in attendance.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for Council comments; there was no response.

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**Proposal No. R2008-8, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Existing Member (Robert Peters) to the Pierce County Landmarks Commission.**

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

Staff Testimony

Long explained the Proposal is the Executive's appointments to the Pierce County Landmarks Commission.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for Council comments; there was no response.

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

VIII. Ordinances - None

IX. Resolutions

**Proposal No. R2008-5, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Urging Adoption of Legislation Allowing for Local Government Regulation of Sex Offender Residency Requirements During the 2008 Session of the Washington State Legislature.**

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

Staff Testimony

Taylor explained the purpose of the Proposal and provided background information on the sex offender housing regulations. Taylor informed the Council that the Association of Washington Cities' position statement is contained the Proposal file, as well as a copy of the state's Substitute Senate Bill 6325. Taylor reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on January 22, 2008.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response.

Councilmembers Goings, Bunney, Gelman, Bush, and Lee spoke to the importance of the Proposal and establishing residency standards for housing registered sex offenders in Pierce County. Councilmembers urged the Washington Legislature and Governor to adopt legislation which authorizes local governments to establish residency requirements for registered sex offenders.

Goings explained if the Pierce County Sheriff is awarded a \$1.4 million grant from the Governor's sex offender initiative, the Sheriff plans to coordinate with Pierce County, Lakewood, Tacoma, and Puyallup to have a regional sex offender unit that would monitor sex offenders.

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

X. Other Business/Announcements - None

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Ken Paulson addressed the Council regarding the County's budget revenue.
2. Rob Van Slyke, Bethel School District, expressed his appreciation to Council for proposing legislation supporting a skills center in the Bethel area.

Bush responded to Paulson's comments.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Attest:

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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Terry Lee, Council Chair

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Date Approved