

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
January 23, 2007

930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 1045
Tacoma, WA 98402

(Note: These minutes are not verbatim. Recorded tapes are available upon request.)

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, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri. Calvin Goings was excused.

Council Staff Present: Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; and Tom Weber, Administrator for Research and Policy.

There were 12 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

Bunney 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

1. The minutes of the December 5, 2006, District No. 1 Council meeting

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

1. Proposal No. 2007-10, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting Amendments to Title 18A, Pierce County Development Regulations - Zoning; and the Pierce County Zoning Atlas, to Implement the 2006 Amendments to the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan, Adopted in

Ordinance No. 2006-94s; Setting Forth an Effective Date; and Adopting Findings of Fact.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings

Department contact person: Mike Erkkinen, Planning and Land Services,
(253) 798-2705

Council contact person: Anna Graham, (253) 798-6253

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: February 20, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-11, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Approval Application for Open Space Classification Under Current Use Assessment on Certain Properties Located Within the Unincorporated Boundaries of Pierce County; and Adopting Findings of Fact. (Application No. OS96-05, John R. and Cherie M. Reeves – Roy Area; Application No. OS1-06, Woodworth and Company and Miles Sand and Gravel – Bonney Lake Area; Application No. OS18-06, Cayetano S. Bailon – Roy Area)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings

Department contact person: Chad Williams, Planning and Land Services,
(253) 798-3683

Council contact person: Thomas Weber, (253) 798-6067

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: February 20, 2007

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

d. Other Items

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

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

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

Proposal No. R2007-8, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of One New Regular Member to the Board of Equalization (Bil Moss).

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

Staff Testimony

Weber informed the Council that Bil Moss was in attendance.

Bil Moss thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

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

Gelman spoke in support of the Moss' appointment.

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero.

Proposal No. R2007-9, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of Two New Members to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County (Gary Brackett and Joe Wehry).

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

Staff Testimony

Weber informed the Council that Susan Suess was in attendance.

Susan Suess, Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County, spoke in support of the appointments, and explained the role of the Board. Suess welcomed the appointees to the Board, and stated they will serve three year terms.

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

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero.

VIII. Ordinances - None

IX. Resolutions

Proposal No. R2007-3s, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Pierce County Executive to Execute a Contract with Pease Construction for the Completion of the 2501/Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Project.

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

Staff Testimony

Bocchi reported the proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on January 22, 2007. Bocchi explained the resolution is a result of Section 9 of the 2007 budget, and informed the Council that additional funding will be needed for the building.

Bret Carlstad, Director of Facilities Management, provided an overview of the proposal by explaining the two components of the building project. Carlstad

presented documents to Council, which are contained in the Ordinance file, and walked the Council through the documents to Council.

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

Lee informed the Council and audience that a thorough presentation was given at Committee level.

Bunney noted the resolution does not stop the Department from working within its budget.

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero.

Proposal No. R2007-10s, 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 2007.

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

Staff Testimony

Long reminded the Council the proposal was not heard in committee. Long informed the Council there was not many changes to the committees for the 2007 membership, and the meeting days and times remain the same as 2006.

The Chair mentioned the Council is comfortable with the 2007 selections of committees.

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

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero.

Proposal No. R2007-11, 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 2007.

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

Staff Testimony

The Chair explained the proposal.

Farrell questioned if Councilmember Muri will still serve on the Zoo Trek; Muri informed Farrell that he will still serve.

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

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero.

X. Other Business/Announcements

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Bruce Minker, Pierce County Corrections, addressed the Council regarding the lack of installation of time out cells and new jail kitchen remodel costs. Minker urged the Council to reinstate the Employee Suggestion Award program.

Gelman, Muri and Bunney responded to Minker's comments. At Bunney's request, Minker walked the Council through the drawings he presented to Council. A copy of Minker's handouts is included in the Clerk's meeting file.

The Chair thanked Minker for bringing his concerns to the Council's attention, and encouraged him to address the Council at anytime.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved