

**MINUTES**  
**PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 29, 2008**

930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 1045  
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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, Legal Counsel; and Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel

There were approximately 17 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.

**VI. 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. 2008-3, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Declaring Certain County-Owned Real Property as Surplus, Located along Interstate 5 in the Milton Area (Commonly Referred to as the Hylebos/Milton Wetlands); and Authorizing the County Executive to Pursue Disposal of the Property, Pursuant to Pierce County Code 2.110.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney

Department contact person: David Renstrom, Public Works and Utilities,  
(253) 798-4680

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

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: February 26, 2008

2. Proposal No. 2008-4, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Approval of an Application for Timber Land Classification Under Current Use Assessment on Certain Properties Located Within the Unincorporated Boundaries of Pierce County; And Adopting Findings of Fact. (Application No. OST2-07, Charles W. Ivie and Bryan A. and Michelle M. Chapell – Roy Area)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

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

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

For referral to the Community Development Committee

3. Proposal No. 2008-5, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Approval of Applications 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. OS3-07, James C. Wolcott - Mid-County Area; Application No. OS4-07, Kenneth D. Scheele - Gig Harbor Area; Application No. OS5-07, Robert B. and Joann E. Brown - Gig Harbor Area).

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

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

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

For referral to the Community Development Committee

4. Proposal No. 2008-6, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Vacating a Portion of Ozette Drive FI (Fox Point Road) Right-of-Way in the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 20 North, Range 2 East of the W.M. and in the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 2 East of the W.M. on Fox Island.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Jerry West, Public Works and Utilities,  
(253) 798-3687

Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, (253) 798-3665  
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

5. Proposal No. 2008-9, An Emergency Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 2007-102s; Modifying the County 2008 Budget; and Declaring an Emergency.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush  
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 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  
Committee recommendation: Do Pass at the Rules and Operations Committee on January 28, 2008  
Suggested date of Council hearing: February 5, 2008

2. Proposal No. R2008-12, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Forming the Shoreline Citizens Advisory Committee; Providing Guidelines and Recommendations and a Timeline for the Work of the Task Force; Requesting the Planning Commission to Review the Proposal and Make Recommendations for Action by the County Council; and Setting a Sunset Date for the Shoreline Citizens Advisory Committee.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, (253) 798-3665  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
Suggested date of Council hearing: February 12, 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 #17 Budget Certification (*amended*)

Goings moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a roll call vote of x-x.

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

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

**Proposal No. R2008-10, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of Three New Members (Matt Hamilton, Michael Hanagan, and Tonya O'Malley-McClendon) to the Allocation Advisory Committee for Prevention Programs.**

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

Long explained the Proposal. 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 7-0.

## **VIII. Ordinances**

**Proposal No. 2007-118s2, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 3.12 of the Pierce County Code, "Code of Ethics," to Address Lobbyist Registration and Reporting; to Provide for Advisory Opinions; to Expand the Applicability of Financial Disclosure Requirements; to Revise Certain Definitions, Prohibited Practices, Enforcement Procedures and Penalties; and to Make Technical Revisions.**

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

Long explained the Substituted Proposal. The Chair explained since additional work is needed, the Proposal may be continued until all components of the Ethics Code have been addressed.

Public Testimony: Ken Paulson; Richard Barlow; Catherine Rudolph, Pierce County Association of Realtors; Richard McGrue, Chair of the Ethics Commission; and Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Auditor (handout in Resolution file) testified.

In response to testimony, the Chair made a request of McGrue, representing the Ethic Commission.

In response to Bunney's question, McCarthy explained the reason a moratorium should be established for the month of November.

Farrell suggested McCrue be allowed to continue his testimony. Without objection from Council, the Chair allowed McCrue to explain the Commission's proposed changes.

Goings pointed out that Council Amendment No. 4 addresses Rudolph's concerns expressed during public testimony, and Council Amendment No. 3 addresses the Auditor's expressed concerns.

Farrell moved to continue the Proposal to the March 4, 2008, Council meeting; motion seconded. The Chair called for Council discussion; there was no response.

The motion to continue passed on a roll call vote of 5-2 (Bunney and Goings voted nay).

## **IX. Resolutions**

### **Proposal No. R2008-4, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Urging Adoption of Legislation Relating to Executive Session Recordings During the 2008 Session of the Washington State Legislature.**

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

Cox explained the Proposal.

The Chair acknowledged the presence of Rob McKenna, Washington State Attorney General, and invited him to offer comments. McKenna and Kevin Phelps, representing State Auditor Brian Sonntag, spoke to the proposal.

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

Bunney provided closing comments in support of the Proposal's adoption.

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of 7-0.

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

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

Cox explained the Proposal.

Public Testimony: Dr. Rob Van Slyke, Bethel School District, testified on the Proposal.

Muri, Bush and Lee provided closing comments in support of the Proposal.

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of 7-0.

### **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.**

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

Long explained the Proposal.

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 5-2 (Farrell and Goings vote nay).

**X. Other Business/Announcements** - None

**XI. Citizens' Forum**

1. Ken Paulson.
2. Matt Hamilton.

Councilmembers responded to the comments.

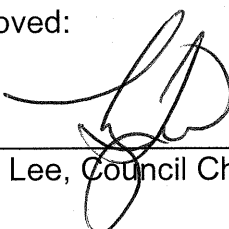
**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 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