

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2000

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Chair Casada.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Casada.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Wendell Brown, Sarah Casada, Ken Madsen, Harold Moss, and Jan Shabro. Pat O'Malley arrived after roll call; Karen S. Biskey was excused.

Council Staff Present: Sandy Bassett, Deputy Clerk; Susan Long, Legal Counsel; Carolyn Pendle, Research Analyst; and Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy.

There were approximately 15 visitors present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The amended agenda was approved as presented.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. The minutes of the November 16, 1999, regular Council meeting.
 - 2. The minutes of the December 14, 1999, District 5 Council meeting.
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)

- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
 - 1. PROPOSAL NO. R2000-12, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL INITIATING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 18B OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE (DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - SIGNS) TO MODIFY SIGN STANDARDS FOR SIGNS OR GRAPHICS DIRECTED AT HIGHWAY 302, AND TO CLARIFY THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA COVERED BY CHAPTER 18B.40; REQUESTING THE PLANNING AND LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP PROPOSED AMENDMENTS; REFERRING THESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND GIG HARBOR PENINSULA ADVISORY COMMISSION; AND SETTING A DATE FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Karen S. Biskey
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253
For referral to the Planning Committee
- d. Other Items

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

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

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

Presentation to Cindy Gorgas, Community Services, for receiving the U. S. Department of Energy Weatherization Award.

In the Executive's absence, David Soma, Executive Director of Community and Human Services, presented the award. Soma praised the outstanding performance displayed by Cindy and her staff and named each staff member. He added that the award reflects the level of service provided by the weatherization program.

Cindy Gorgas expressed appreciation for the award and praised her staff. In response to a question from Casada, Gorgas explained that Pierce County's weatherization program installed conservation measures and provided repairs in 340 homes last year. Gorgas provided a phone number to obtain information on participating in the program.

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-11, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ONE EXISTING MEMBER, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE NEW MEMBERS, TO THE PIERCE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD. (RANDY BOSS, CYNTHIA BUTLER-FAJARDO, DONALD ORTON, AND DOMINIC RICO)

Brown moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was none.

Shabro praised those who volunteer to serve on County boards and commissions.

Proposal No. R2000-11 passed on a roll call vote of six to zero.

VIII. ORDINANCES - None.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE PIERCE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE, AS DIRECTED IN RESOLUTION NO. R99-137; AND SETTING THE DATE AND TIME OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE.

Brown moved adoption; motion seconded. Brown moved Council Amendment No. 1 on the pink (see Attachment 1 to these minutes); motion seconded. Brown read the amendment. Casada explained the makeup of the Task Force. The amendment passed on a voice vote.

Proposal No. R2000-10 as amended passed on a roll call vote of six to zero.

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pierce County Library Presentation

Neel Parikh, Director of the Pierce County Library, summarized the statutory authority of the Library, the areas it serves, its funding sources, and outlined current library programs. She said the system circulated 4.7 million books and their website was visited 170,000 times last year. Parikh warmly described Pierce County libraries as community centers, serving many uses in their neighborhoods. Parikh distributed folders containing information about the Pierce County Library System to Councilmembers (see copy in the Clerk's meeting file) and responded to questions from Councilmembers. O'Malley noted the library system

is a perfect example of how government can be effective on a regional basis.

2. Brown moved to amend the Meeting Schedule for the week of February 7-11, 2000, by adding a Council Retreat on Thursday, February 10, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to discuss Council priorities. The Retreat will be held at C.I. Shenanigans Restaurant, located at 3017 Ruston Way, Tacoma, Washington. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Allan Robinson expressed his frustration with the criminal justice system at the local, state and federal levels.
2. William Miller described a court case involving a woman who threatened him at his home in University Place.
NOTE: Following the Council Meeting Miller gave Tom Weber paperwork regarding the case. A copy is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Attest:

Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Council Chair

(Date)

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