

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2009

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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 Bush.

II. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, Timothy M. Farrell, Barbara Gelman, Terry Lee, Joyce McDonald; and Dick Muri.

Council Staff Present: Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; Leslie Swalley, Councilmember Assistant; and Tom Swanson, Councilmember Assistant.

There were seven visitors present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

IV. Approval of Agenda

Lee 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. 2009-13, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 2.118.045 of the Pierce County Code to Update the List of Alternate

**Branch Offices Authorized for Use by the Council During a Declared
Emergency.**

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068
For referral to the Select Committee on Emergency Management
To be heard in the Select Committee on Emergency Management
on February 23, 2009
Date of final Council hearing: To be determined

2. Proposal No. 2009-14, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with Council 2, Washington State Council of County and City Employees, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, Local 3752LT - Correctional Lieutenants; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
Department contact person: Brent Long, Human Resources, (253) 798-3441
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 17, 2009
Date of final Council hearing: March 3, 2009

3. Proposal No. 2009-15, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with the Washington Alliance of Technology Workers, Local 37083 of The Newspaper Guild, Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

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

d. Other Items

1. Motion to institute a reduction-in-force within the Office of the County Council by eliminating the following positions: one Council Legislative Analyst, one Council Administrative 3, and Council Administrative 1, effective February 24, 2009.

Lee 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

1. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinance, which was approved and signed on February 4, 2009, was read into the record:

Ordinance No. 2008-124, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with the Pierce County Juvenile Court Guild, and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

VII. Proclamations, Awards, and/or Appointments to Boards and Commissions - None

VIII. Ordinances

Proposal No. 2008-122, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Approval of an 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. OS1-07, Cascadia Project, LLC - Orting Area)

Muri moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Cox explained the Proposal and provided the committee recommendation.

The gavel was turned over to Councilmember Lee.

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

The question was called; Proposal No. 2008-122 passed on a roll call vote of six to zero (Bush was excused at the time of vote).

Proposal No. 2009-3, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 483; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

Muri moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Cox briefed the Council on the Proposal and provided the committee recommendation. Cox responded to Council questions.

Joe Carrillo, Human Resources, provided comments on the Proposal.

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

The question was called; Proposal No. 2009-3 passed on a roll call vote of six to zero (Bush was excused at the time of vote).

Proposal No. 2009-4, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the United Food & Commercial Workers Union, Local 141 United Staff Nurses Union; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

Muri moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Cox briefed the Council on the Proposal and provided the committee recommendation.

The Acting Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony

Ken Paulson testified.

At the Acting Chair's request, Carrillo responded to Paulson's comments.

The Acting Chair called for final Council comments; there was no response.

The question was called; Proposal No. 2009-4 passed on a roll call vote of six to zero (Bush was excused at the time of vote).

Proposal No. 2009-8, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with the Pierce County Deputy Sheriff's Independent Guild, Local No. 1889 Community Service Officers; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

Muri moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Cox briefed the Council on the Proposal and provided the committee recommendation.

Lee returned the gavel to Chair Bush.

Joe Carrillo, Human Resources, provided comments on the Proposal.

The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony

Ken Paulson testified.

The Chair called for final Council comments.

Muri provided closing comments.

The question was called; Proposal No. 2009-8 passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

Proposal No. 2009-1, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing an Amendment to Article 4, "Elections," of the Pierce County Charter to Eliminate Instant Runoff Voting and Restore the Primary Election for County Elected Offices; Requesting the Auditor to Submit this Amendment to the Voters at the November 2009 General Election; and Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Long explained the Proposal and responded to Council questions.

The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony

Ken Paulson and Kelly Haughton testified.

The Chair called for final Council comments.

Muri, McDonald, Bunney, Farrell, Lee, and Gelman provided closing comments.

The question was called; Proposal No. 2009-1 passed on a roll call vote of six to one (Muri voted nay).

IX. Resolutions - None

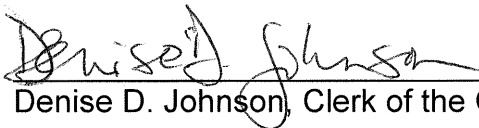
X. Other Business/Announcements - None

XI. Citizens' Forum - None

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Attest:


Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:


Roger Bush, Council Chair

3/10/09
Date Approved