

**MINUTES**  
**PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 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: Paul Bocch, Legislative Budget Analyst; Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Anna Graham, Administrator for Research and Policy; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Mike Kruger, Legislative Analyst; Leslie Swalley, Councilmember Assistant; and Tom Swanson, Councilmember Assistant.

There were 20 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. 2009-16, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 2008-95s2; and Modifying the 2009 County Budget.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush

Department contact person: Aaron BeMiller, Budget and Finance,  
(253) 798-7512

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

For referral to the Committee of the Whole

Date of final Council hearing: To be determined

2. Proposal No. 2009-17, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 6.07.015 of the Pierce County Code Regarding Declarations of Dangerous Animals to Make a Technical Correction.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush

Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068

For referral to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee

Date of final Council hearing: To be determined

3. Proposal No. 2009-18, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending the Pierce County Code, Title 18, "Pierce County Development Regulations - General Provisions," Title 18A, "Pierce County Development Regulations - Zoning," Title 18B, "Pierce County Development Regulations - Signs," Title 18E, "Pierce County Development Regulations - Critical Areas," Title 18F, "Pierce County Development Regulations - Land Divisions and Boundary Changes," Title 18H, "Pierce County Development Regulations - Forest Practices and Tree Conservation," and Title 18J, "Pierce County Development Regulations - Design Standards and Guidelines"; Including Substantive and Other Clarifying and Technical Amendments Affecting Various Use Types, Design Standards, and Definitions; Adopting Findings of Fact; and Setting an Effective Date.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Sean Gaffney, Planning and Land Services,  
(253) 798-2724

Council contact person: Mike Kruger, (253) 798-6067

For referral to the Community Development Committee

To be heard in the Community Development Committee on March 2, 2009

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

**d. Other Items**

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 - None**

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

## **VIII. Ordinances**

### **Proposal No. 2009-7, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 2008 95s2; and Modifying the 2009 County Budget.**

The Clerk read the title into the record. Bocchi briefed the Council on the Proposal and provided the Rules and Operations Committee recommendation.

Bocchi and Patrick Kenney, Director of Budget and Finance Department, responded to Council questions regarding the net effect of this Proposal over the next four years.

The Chair called for public testimony.

#### Public Testimony

Ken Paulson testified.

The Chair called for Council final comments.

Bunney provided comments and moved to postpone indefinitely the Proposal with the idea of having it integrated in a larger supplemental; motion seconded and carried by voice vote (Farrell and Gelman voted nay).

### **Proposal No. 2009-11, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 160, on Behalf of Automotive Machinists Local 297 (IAM & AW); and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.**

The Clerk read the title into the record. Bocchi briefed the Council on the Proposal.

Joe Carrillo, Human Resources, responded to Muri's question addressed in committee.

The Chair called for public testimony.

#### Public Testimony

Ken Paulson testified.

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The question was called; Proposal No. 2009-11 passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

## **IX. Resolutions**

### **Proposal No. R2009-7, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Supporting the Creation of Cultural Access Funds, Which Would Increase Access to Scientific, Cultural, Artistic and Heritage Experiences throughout Washington State and the Puget Sound Region.**

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Graham explained the Proposal.

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

The Chair advanced to Section XI., Citizens' Forum, of the Agenda.

## **XI. Citizens' Forum**

The following addressed the Council:

Chris Van Vechten, Pierce County Arts Commission; Melanie Kirk-Stauffer, Pierce County Arts Commission and Dance Theater Northwest; Dorina Linga, Pierce County Arts Commission; Larry Anderson; Matt Hamilton; Joanne Morgan, Pierce County Arts Commission, Ellida Lathrop, Pierce County Arts Commission; Ken Paulson; and Dean Webber (handout in Clerk's meeting file).

The Chair returned to the regular order of business.

## **X. Other Business/Announcements**


1. Executive Session pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 42.30.110 (1)(i): To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

At 3:45 p.m., the Council convened in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) and the Chair announced the Executive Session would adjourn at 4:05 p.m.; the business meeting went off the record. At 4:05 p.m., the Executive Session adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened at 4:06 p.m. and went back on the record.

**XII. Adjournment**

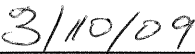
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

  
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Roger Bush, Council Chair

  
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Date Approved