

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

930 TACOMA AVENUE SOUTH, ROOM 1045
TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98402
(253) 798-7777 -- FAX: (253) 798-7509 -- TDD: (253) 798-4018
www.co.pierce.wa.us/council

(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 3:05 p.m. by Chair Bunney.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, Tim Farrell, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Dick Muri, and Terry Lee.

Council Staff Present: Anna Graham, Research Analyst; Steve Gross, Deputy Legal Counsel; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Legal Counsel; and Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy.

There were approximately 30 visitors present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lee moved approval of the Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the February 8, 2005 regular Council meeting

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. 2005-12, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTERS 14.20.050 AND 14.20.070 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE "PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES FEES", BY AMENDING FEE SCHEDULES, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
Contact person: Janel Krilich, 798-4008
For referral to the Rules & Operations Committee
2. PROPOSAL NO. 2005-13, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING SUPPLEMENTAL FRANCHISE NO. 1 TO THE CITY OF ORTING FOR LOCATION OF WATERLINES ON CERTAIN COUNTY OWNED RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687
For referral to the Economic & Infrastructure Development Committee
3. PROPOSAL NO. 2004-119s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS 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. OST2-04, STACY K. PIERCE TEJEL AND DAVID TEJEL SUBIRADA - MCKENNA FLATS AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST3-04, NORRIS AND KATHLEEN CARVER - MCKENNA FLATS AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST4-04, BARBARA ECHO - MCKENNA FLATS AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST5-04, LINKEM FAMILY LLC - MCKENNA FLATS AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST6-04, DAVID W. AND DEBORAH C. TOWNSEND - MCKENNA FLATS AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST7-04, RON AND YULI HARRISON - MCKENNA FLATS AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST8-04, LARRY T. AND M. LOUISE WIER - MCKENNA FLATS AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST9-04, PAUL J. AND LAURETTE D. BERGLUND - MCKENNA FLATS AREA; AND APPLICATION NO. OST10-04, PETER R. AND ARLENE L. MERZ - MCKENNA FLATS AREA)
Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Contact person: Chad Williams, 798-3683
DO PASS AS SUBSTITUTED RECOMMENDATION - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 7, 2005 - (Calvin Goings, Chair; Terry Lee, Vice Chair; Roger Bush, Member; Timothy M. Farrell, Member; Dick Muri, Member)

Suggested date of Council hearing: March 22, 2005

4. PROPOSAL NO. 2004-131, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE TO TRANSFER AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY FROM PIERCE COUNTY TO THE PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARKS DISTRICT.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Contact person: Paula Felkins, 798-4017
To be heard in the Community Development Committee on March 7, 2005
Suggested date of Council hearing: March 22, 2004

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2005-10, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF PIERCE COUNTY, THEREBY AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Contact person: Chip Vincent, 798-3736
For referral to the Community Development Committee

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 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 84.52.020:
 - Pierce County Fire District No. 27 (amended)

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2005-11, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW ALTERNATE MEMBER AND ONE NEW REGULAR MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. (HARLEY MOBERG AND LUCINDA MORRISON)

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the

title into the record.

Muri stated Mr. Moberg is his constituent and spoke in support of his appointment to the Board of Equalization.

Moberg stated he is retired military and currently works at Clover Park Technical College. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to give back to the community.

Lee thanked Moberg for protecting the country and for his service to the community.

The Chair thanked the appointees for their community involvement.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

VIII. ORDINANCES - None

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2004-171s, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR PIERCE COUNTY FOR 2005; CONFIRMING THE INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS BY THE CITIES AND TOWNS; CONFIRMING THE INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE; AND REQUESTING THE PLANNING AND LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE INITIATED AMENDMENTS, AND FORWARD THE ASSOCIATED REPORTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AFFECTED LAND USE ADVISORY COMMISSIONS, AND THE PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

Staff Testimony

Graham explained the Proposal starts the process of the 2005 cycle amendment for the Comprehensive Plan. She outlined the process for denying amendments and stated any applications not included in the Proposal by the end of day are not initiated. The next Plan amendment cycle will be in 2008; December 1, 2007, will be the deadline.

Lee moved adoption of Council Amendment #1; motion seconded.

Graham explained the amendment is in response to a letter received from the County Executive requesting withdrawal of four amendments from Exhibit "B". A copy of the amendment is identified as Attachment I to these minutes.

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

The motion passed.

Public Testimony

The following individuals spoke in support of the Proposal: Darrell Mills (handouts in Ordinance file), Mark Hood, William Steel (handout in Ordinance file), Dianne Hjeltness, Anne Homan, and Joseph Price.

At the direction of the Chair, Goings responded to public comments on the amended Proposal.

Lee spoke to the community planning process and noted that some amendments were not included in the Proposal since community Plans are currently taking place. He encouraged citizens to follow the process for adopting community Plans.

The Chair thanked the Council for their work on the process.

The Proposal was adopted as amended on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

PROPOSAL NO. R2005-4, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REESTABLISHING THE FENNEL CREEK CORRIDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING APPROPRIATE DENSITIES, ZONING, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES WITHIN THE FENNEL CREEK CORRIDOR; PROVIDING GUIDELINES AND A TIMELINE FOR THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE; REQUESTING THE PLANNING LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT, INCLUDING TRANSMITTAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE COUNCIL; AND SETTING A SUNSET DATE FOR THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

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

Staff Testimony

Taylor explained the intent of the Proposal. The Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Community Development Committee on February 7, 2005.

Public Testimony

Marian Betzer spoke in support of the Proposal and read a letter into the record. A letter copy is included in the Ordinance file.

Lee recognized Betzer for her community involvement.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2005-15, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD AND THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE SUPPORTING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, TACOMA.

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

Lee moved Council Amendment No. 1; motion seconded. A copy of the amendment is identified as Attachment II to these minutes.

Bunney stated the amendments are technical in nature and read the amendments into the record.

The Chair called for testimony on the amendment; there was no response.

The motion passed.

The Chair called for testimony on the amended Proposal.

Public Testimony

The following individuals testified in support of the Proposal: Herb Simon, Higher Education Coordinating Committee; Melanie Dressel; Dawn Lucine, Advisory Board of UW Tacoma; and Steve Olswang, UW Tacoma.

The following individual testified in opposition to the Proposal: Alton McDonald.

Councilmembers Bush, Goings, Gelman, Farrell, and Bunney provided remarks in support of the Proposal.

At 4 p.m. The Chair turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Lee.

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Update on Washington State University - Puyallup by John Newkirk, Ph.D., Director. Newkirk provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions of Councilmembers.

The Acting Chair announced the conclusion of the televised portion of the business meeting.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Jim Helmer spoke to the Comprehensive Plan amendment application process, referencing Proposal No. R2004-171s.
2. Michael Fuller spoke to homeless issues in Pierce County and school safety.
3. Alton McDonald spoke to minority hiring for the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge and the Port of Tacoma projects.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Shawn Bunney, Council Chair

Date Approved