

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 29, 2000**

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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 Casada.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Casada.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Karen S. Biskey, Sarah Casada, Ken Madsen, Harold Moss, and Jan Shabro. Wendell Brown and Pat O'Malley were excused.

Council Staff Present: Shawn Bunney, Research Analyst; Carolyn Pendle, Research Analyst; Gerri Rainwater, Administrator/Clerks & Operations; and Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy.

There were approximately nine visitors present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Shabro moved the approval of the agenda; motion seconded and passed.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of the January 18, 2000, regular Pierce County Council meeting.
2. The minutes of the February 8, 2000, regular Pierce County Council meeting.

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. 99-140, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF NORTH SHORE BOULEVARD WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE FOX ISLAND AREA.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sarah Casada

Contact person: Jennifer Andres, 798-7250

DO PASS RECOMMENDATION - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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(Harold Moss, Chair; Sarah Casada; Ken Madsen; Pat O'Malley/excused; Jan Shabro)
Suggested date of Council hearing: March 28, 2000

2. PROPOSAL NO. 99-141, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING SOUTH FORK ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A SANITARY SEWER PIPELINE SYSTEM IN, ALONG, AND UNDER CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Sarah Casada
Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687
DO PASS RECOMMENDATION - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
(Harold Moss, Chair; Sarah Casada; Ken Madsen; Pat O'Malley/excused; Jan Shabro)
Suggested date of Council hearing: March 21, 2000
3. PROPOSAL NO. 99-142, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF POE AVENUE IN THE DASH POINT AREA.
Sponsored by: Councilmembers Harold Moss, Wendell Brown and Ken Madsen
Contact person: Jennifer Andres, 798-7250
FORWARD WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (Harold Moss, Chair; Sarah Casada; Ken Madsen; Pat O'Malley/excused; Jan Shabro)
Suggested date of Council hearing: April 4, 2000
4. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF 162ND STREET SOUTH, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE SPANAWAY AREA.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Sarah Casada
Contact person: Jennifer Andres, 798-7250
DO PASS RECOMMENDATION - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
(Harold Moss, Chair; Sarah Casada; Ken Madsen; Pat O'Malley/excused; Jan Shabro)
Suggested date of Council hearing: March 28, 2000
5. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-5, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 99-13S; MAKING APPLICABLE REVISIONS TO THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROPERLY IMPLEMENT THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS THROUGH THE USE OF APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF _____, 2000.

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Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss
Contact person: James Ellison, 798-7250 ext. 5133
For referral to the Public Works Committee

- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
- 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 - None

VIII. ORDINANCES - None

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R99-158, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING THE INTENT TO VACATE A PORTION OF POE AVENUE, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE DASH POINT AREA; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXAMINE THE INTENDED VACATION AND REPORT THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS THEREOF TO THE COUNCIL.

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

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Staff Testimony

Jennifer Andres, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated this piece of right-of-way on Poe Avenue is not needed in the County road system, and the Department has no interest in retaining this right-of-way. She stated the County Engineer, Tom Ballard, approves the proposed vacation, and urges Council's adoption.

Public Testimony

Bjorne Hansen, Principal Petitioner, stated he was available for questions from Council; there were no questions.

The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

PROPOSAL NO. R99-160, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT TO PLACE APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS ON 92ND STREET EAST TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL NAME OF VAN OGLE'S FORD ROAD, WHICH IS LOCATED IN SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE ELHI HILL AREA OF PIERCE COUNTY.

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

Shabro stated the history on this road dates back to the 1860s when the road was used as a ford where Military Road, from Ft. Steilacoom to Ft. Walla Walla, was crossed at a shallow place. It was known then as Van Ogle's Ford Road, and Shabro stated it is appropriate to maintain the historic character by placing this designation on the road.

Biskey moved adoption of a Committee amendment to change "Township 29" to "Township 20"; motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Staff Testimony

Jennifer Andres, Public Works and Utilities Department, speaking on behalf of Tom Ballard stated the Department supports this request. In response to Madsen's question regarding any conflict with a 911 emergency response system, Andres said the request has been approved by the Emergency Management staff.

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Casada stated she supports this request to preserve the neighborhood character by preserving this historic designation.

The Proposal passed as amended on a roll call vote of five to zero.

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-7, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING THE INTENT TO VACATE A PORTION OF GIG HARBOR DRIVE NORTHWEST (GIG HARBOR CEMETERY ROAD NORTHWEST), LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE GIG HARBOR AREA; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXAMINE THE INTENDED VACATION AND REPORT THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS THEREOF TO THE COUNCIL.

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

Staff Testimony

Jennifer Andres, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated it is the recommendation of the Department that this portion of Gig Harbor Drive be vacated.

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

Clerk's Note: Following passage of this Proposal, Lee Johnson submitted copies of Chapter 68.24 Revised Code of Washington relative to cemetery property, asking that it be included in the file of Resolution No. R2000-7. A copy is contained in the Resolution file.

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SETTING THE DATE OF AN EVENING COUNCIL MEETING IN COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2000, IN THE BONNEY LAKE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, LOCATED AT 18421 OLD BUCKLEY HIGHWAY, BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON 98390.

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

Shabro explained that by setting the date of an evening Council meeting in District No. 1 a Charter requirement is being met. Shabro invited the public and Council to attend this meeting.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-25, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL URGING THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2392, CREATING A JOINT TASK FORCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLETE A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES, AND THE ALLOTMENT OF REVENUES.

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

Casada pointed out that she supports the Legislature's proposed request to create a joint task force of local governments to complete a thorough study of government services, and the allotment of revenues. She stated Pierce County's Criminal Justice Task Force is the first County effort in the State to address these issues.

Staff Testimony

Pendle outlined for the Council the proposed membership of the joint task force, stating that a final recommendation from this group is expected in two years. She stated House Bill 2392 has moved through both Houses, and is presently in the Rules Committee. In response to Shabro's question regarding the .03% rising costs, Pendle stated this figure was provided by Patrick Kenney, Director of the Budget & Finance Department, during the budget process.

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

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Presentation on "Overview of Community Mental Health System" -- Dick Towell, President & CEO, Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare. Casada stated this presentation has been postponed as the presenter was unable to attend this meeting.
2. Shabro reminded the public that the polls are open until 8:00 p.m. for the Presidential Primary.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

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David Hubley asked for Council's assistance in reopening a closed portion of Levee Road that provided, when it was open, public access to the Puyallup River for anglers. He stated the River Improvement Department had closed it citing the reason as illegal dumping. He stated there could be other ways to control the illegal dumping, and still have that portion of the Puyallup River open for public fishing.

Mike Neal, State Department of Fish and Wildlife, supports the request to reopen this popular fishing area to allow public access. He stated he feels there are other solutions to existing problems other than closing the road. Casada suggested that Neal and Hubley talk to Tom Weber following the Council meeting to see if the Council could be of assistance. Madsen asked that the Council receive a report back as to how this road closure situation is resolved.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned
at 3:25 p.m.

Attest:

Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Council Chair

(Date Approved)

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