

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 2009

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I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 3:09 p.m. by Chair Bush.

II. Roll Call

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

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

There were approximately 40 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.

1. The minutes of the February 10, 2009, regular Council meeting
2. The minutes of the February 17, 2009, regular Council meeting

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
Committee recommendation: Do Pass at the Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness on February 23, 2009
Date of final Council hearing: April 7, 2009

2. Proposal No. 2009-19, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Repealing Chapter 2.109 of the Pierce County Code Entitled "Historically Under-Utilized Business (HUB) Program".

Sponsored by: Councilmember Dick Muri
Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, (235) 798-3665
Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Rules and Operations on March 9, 2009
Date of final Council hearing: March 31, 2009

3. Proposal No. 2009-20, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with Council 2, Washington Council of County and City Employees, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, Local 120 - General Unit; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
Department contact person: Debbie Young, Human Resources, (253) 798-7762
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 March 16, 2009
Date of final Council hearing: March 31, 2009

4. Proposal No. 2009-22, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with United Healthcare Workers, Chapter 1184, National Conference of Firemen and Oilers District of Local 32BJ, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) - Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Unit; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

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5. Proposal No. 2009-23, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with United Healthcare Workers, Chapter 1184, National Conference of Firemen and Oilers District of Local 32BJ, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) - General Services Unit; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

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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 six to zero (Farrell was excused).

VI. Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney

1. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinance, which was approved and signed on February 19, 2009, was read into the record:

Ordinance 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.

VII. Proclamations, Awards, and/or Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Proposal No. R2009-18, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council and Executive Proclaiming the Week of March 16-23, 2009, as "Volunteer Recognition Week" in Pierce County, Washington; and Congratulating Lindsay Czerwinski as the Volunteer of the Year; Chaplain Bill Balmer and Cathy Swenson as Longevity Volunteers; Marcia Dombrosky and Helen Dowsett as the Special Achievement Volunteers; and the Pierce County Fair Board as the Group Volunteer of the Year.

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair read the Proclamation into the records in its entirety and provided information on the award recipients.

The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony

Lindsey Czerwinski, Bill Balmer, Leslie Thompson, and Betty Batchter testified.

The Chair called for Council comments; Lee, McDonald and Gelman responded.

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

Proposal No. R2009-15, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of Five New Members (Michell Allert, Amy Bates, Eric Choiniere, Michelle Egelhoff, and Sisay Telahun) to the Community Services Citizens' Advisory Board.

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

The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony

Michell Allert testified.

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

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

Proposal No. R2009-16, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of One New Member (Roxanne Miles) to the Allocation Advisory Committee for Prevention Programs.

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

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

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

Proposal No. R2009-17, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Existing Member (Terry Lane) to the Ethics Commission.

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

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

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

VIII. Ordinances - None

IX. Resolutions

Proposal No. R2009-11, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Setting the Date of an Evening Council Meeting in Council District No. 6 for Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., at Steilacoom Town Hall, 1717 LaFayette, Steilacoom, Washington.

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

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

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

X. Other Business/Announcements - None

XI. Citizens' Forum

The following individuals addressed the Council: Judy Spevak (hand out in Clerk's meeting file); Jeff Paulson (handout in Clerk's meeting file); Ken Paulson; Frank Patton; Erick Nicoll; Lloyd Sanford; Sgt. Tom Seymour, Sheriff's Department; John Scott; Shirley Pavolka; Bob Pavolka; Paul Pastor, Pierce County Sheriff; Sharon Winters; John Hopkins (handout in Clerk's meeting file); Mark McIntire (handout in Clerk's meeting file); Jennifer Schreck, City of Lakewood; Rob Karlinsey, Gig Harbor City Administrator; Alton McDonald; and Sheila Pawelak.

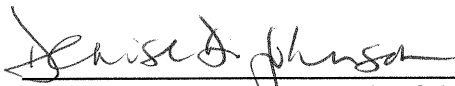
Long spoke to the legality of fireworks in the Brown's Point area.

Farrell, Muri, Bush, and McDonald responded to citizens' comments.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Attest:




Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:



Roger Bush, Council Chair



Date Approved