

**SUBSTITUTE
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PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2002**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The District No. 7 meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 7:05 by Chair Moss.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Moss.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Karen S. Biskey, Wendell Brown, Calvin Goings, Harold Moss, Pat O'Malley, Jan Shabro, and Kevin Wimsett.

Council Staff Present: Anna Graham, Research Analyst; Susan Long, Legal Counsel; Gerri Rainwater, Administrator/ Clerks & Operations; and Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy.

There were approximately 45 visitors present.

Moss passed the gavel to Councilmember Karen Biskey, Host Councilmember for the District No. 7 meeting. Biskey introduced Councilmembers and Staff.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

O'Malley moved approval of the Agenda; motion seconded and passed.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of the February 26, 2002, regular Council meeting.

- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
- d. Other Items

O'Malley 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 Ordinances, which were approved and signed on February 25, 2002, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-111s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "FAIRFAX PROPERTIES", LOCATED NEAR THE CARBON RIVER VALLEY OF PIERCE COUNTY, TO BE SUITABLE FOR RETENTION BY PIERCE COUNTY AS OPEN SPACE RESOURCE CONSERVANCY LANDS; DELETING SAID PROPERTY FROM THE ROSTER OF SURPLUS PROPERTIES OF PIERCE COUNTY, AND THE PIERCE COUNTY TIMBER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND TRANSFERRING THE FAIRFAX PROPERTIES TO THE CUSTODY OF THE PIERCE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-112, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN PIERCE COUNTY AS LESSOR, AND THE NISQUALLY RIVER INTERPRETIVE CENTER FOUNDATION AS LESSEE, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, USE, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF THE NISQUALLY RIVER INTERPRETIVE CENTER.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND/OR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - None

Biskey asked that the Council move to Item 4, Proposal No. 2002-11s so that those attending the meeting for this Ordinance of a general nature would not have to wait through the consideration of the Gig Harbor specific Ordinances to follow.

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 2002-11s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING PIERCE COUNTY CODE TITLE 18A, THE PIERCE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - ZONING, TO IMPLEMENT THE AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ORDINANCE NO. 2001-63s2; AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING ATLAS; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

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

Staff Testimony

Chip Vincent, Planning & Land Services Department, provided an overview of the Ordinance that contains Zoning Regulations to implement amendments that had been adopted to the Comprehensive Plan in last year's amendment cycle.

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 1 as set forth in Attachment I to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Graham explained the effects of the amendment.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The amendment passed on a voice vote.

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 2 as set forth in Attachment II to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Graham explained the effects of the amendment.

O'Malley stated the intent of the amendment is to encourage Agricultural Uses in Pierce County.

Goings stated the amendment is offered to allow the Planning & Environment Committee and Council time to address the issue on a Countywide basis. He stated as Chair of the Planning & Environment Committee he would like to announce that the Committee will be considering this issue at two meetings: May 15 and May 22, and interested persons will be notified of those meetings.

Shabro stated she felt encouraged that a time schedule has been set forth, and thanked Goings for setting a time for the discussion of Accessory Uses with Agricultural Zoning.

In response to Brown's question as to whether or not the amendment is time sensitive, Graham stated it is not.

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-44s2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REPEALING THE GIG HARBOR COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (CHAPTER 19B.10 PIERCE COUNTY CODE); ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 19B.10 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, THE GIG HARBOR PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLAN; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

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

Staff Testimony

Mike Kruger, Planning & Land Services Department, provided an overview of the contents of the Ordinance, stating it would provide an update to the 1975 Community Comprehensive Plan for the Gig Harbor Peninsula. He stated regulations to implement the Plan would come before the Council at a later date.

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 1 as set forth in Attachment III to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Graham provided an explanation of the effects of the amendment.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The amendment passed on a voice vote.

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 2 as set forth in Attachment IV to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Graham provided an explanation of the effects of the amendment.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The amendment passed on a voice vote.

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 3 as set forth in Attachment V to these minutes; motion seconded. Following a discussion and testimony, the motion was defeated on a voice vote.

Public Testimony on Proposal No. 2001-44s2 as Amended

Randy Boss expressed a concern regarding the Transportation Element, stating the County Council should take an active role with the Washington State Department of Transportation,

especially in addressing the second Narrows Bridge, and stated the Council has not taken a position on the second bridge. He stated the Plan does not provide anything to the community.

Allen Overland, Wollocht Bay area, expressed a concern about the fate of Stone Road. He stated if this road is eliminated it would adversely impact property values in the area.

James Morton thanked Councilmember Biskey for her work on the Plan that is presently before the Council. He stated that he does not feel that Stone Road is subject to closure. He stated the designation for the airport should remain a general aviation airport, and that as long as Stone Road is in place the runway cannot be expanded.

Larry Bielstein stated he feels that the current Narrows Airport runway has a weight-bearing inadequacy that is a larger issue than the length of the runway.

Corrine Cruver stated that if there is a weight-bearing problem at the airport, there is a possibility that the City of Tacoma would add additional surface. She stated she does not want to see cargo flights come to this airport.

Gordon Raymer stated he feels that if the second Narrows Bridge is built, that Stone Road would be impacted adversely from additional traffic.

Susan Seykota-Smith stated she favors this Ordinance, especially as it pertains to the airport, and asked that the Council adopt it.

Michael Murphy, Member of the Peninsula Advisory Commission, expressed a concern about the Parks tax dollars, and how the County plans to spend them. He stated the County owns parks; however, there is no money for improvements.

Terry Lee, former Member and Chair of the Planning Commission, stated he approves the draft that is currently before the Council. He commended Councilmember Biskey and County staff for bringing the Plan forward. He stated the Plan has been through many public hearings to allow for public input. He stated he supports the concept of individualized community plans. He stated he looks forward to implementing rules and regulations.

Liz Lathrop expressed a concern regarding Council Amendment No. 2 that took out the language relative to stormwater regulations.

James DePew, Member of the Citizens' Advisory Board, stated he feels the Plan represents the feelings of the community, and urged Council's adoption.

Paul Cyr stated he supports the Plan; however, wished Council Amendment No. 3 would have been adopted.

Gretchen Wilbert, Mayor of Gig Harbor, spoke in support of the Plan, stating the City will continue to work on the airport issues with the City of Tacoma. Wilbert thanked Biskey and the entire community for developing this Plan.

Following Councilmembers' remarks, the Proposal passed as amended on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-45s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE NEW DESIGNATIONS AND MAXIMUM LOT SIZES IN THE GIG HARBOR PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLAN AS ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2001-44S2; AMENDING SECTION 19A.30.010 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE (PCC) TO PROVIDE FOR AN URBAN SENSITIVE RESOURCE OVERLAY; AMENDING SECTIONS 19A.30.010 I., 19A.40.020 D.1. AND 19A.40.050 A. PCC TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM LOT SIZE TO ONE-HALF ACRE IN THE RESERVE-FIVE DESIGNATION; AMENDING SECTION 19A.30.135 PCC TO PROVIDE FOR A RURAL AIRPORT OVERLAY; AMENDING SECTION 19A.40.020 PCC TO PROVIDE FOR A RURAL AIRPORT DESIGNATION AND A RURAL SENSITIVE RESOURCE DESIGNATION; AMENDING THE OPEN SPACE/GREENBELTS MAP, SECTION 19A.30.170 I. PCC; AMENDING THE GENERALIZED PROPOSED LAND USE MAP, SECTION 19A.30.230 PCC; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

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

Staff Testimony

Mike Erkinen, Planning and Land Services Department, stated the title that had been read into the record fully describes the effects of the Ordinance, stating this would revise Pierce County's Comprehensive Plan to be consistent with the update to the Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan that had just been adopted.

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-62s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 19D.160 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "COMPREHENSIVE PARK AND RECREATION PLAN", BY REPEALING THE COMPREHENSIVE PARK, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR THE GIG HARBOR/KEY PENINSULA; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Moss moved that this Proposal be continued indefinitely; motion seconded and passed.

IX. RESOLUTIONS - None

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Doc Hansen expressed a concern that the Agricultural Accessory Uses were not addressed.

Goings again pointed out the scheduled hearings for this issue, and offered to visit with Mr. Hansen following the meeting.

2. Boss stated he appreciated the Council's continuance of Ordinance No. 2001-62s. He stated the community supports the current Parks Plan.

3. Kip Clinton stated she supports the current Parks Plan, which is known as the Dragoo Plan.

4. Eric Guenther asked that the Council respect the planning of the community with regards to the Parks Plan, and support with future funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Attest:

Gerri Rainwater, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Harold Moss, Council Chair

Date Approved