

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2007

930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 1045
Tacoma, WA 98402

(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 3:00 p.m. by Chair Lee.

II. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Timothy M. Farrell, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri. Roger Bush, Barbara Gelman and Calvin Goings were excused.

Council Staff Present: Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst; Brad Chatfield, Communications Legislative Analyst; Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Anna Graham, Senior Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; and Carolyn Pendle, Senior Legislative Analyst.

There were approximately 45 visitors present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

IV. Approval of Agenda

Bunney 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

1. The minutes of the February 20, 2007, regular Council meeting
2. The minutes of the March 7, 2006, regular Council meeting
3. The minutes of the March 14, 2006, regular Council meeting

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

1. Proposal No. 2007-26, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Repealing Resolution No. 14143; and Prohibiting the Discharge of Firearms Within a Portion of Section 36, Township 18 North, Range 6 East in the Fairfax Area.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
Council contact person: Anna Graham, (253) 798-6253
For referral to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee
2. Proposal No. 2007-27, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Canceling Certain Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Jack Rusler, Budget and Finance,
(253) 798-7551
Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
3. Proposal No. 2007-28, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Vacating a Portion of 160th Street East (Charles Street) located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 19 North, Range 3 East of the Willamette Meridian, in the Frederickson Area.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
Department contact person: Jerry West, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-3687
Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, (253) 798-3665
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
4. Proposal No. 2007-29, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Subsection 2.40.030 F. of the Pierce County Code to Revise the Nomination Process for Employment of the Regional Support Network (RSN) Administrator.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Timothy M. Farrell, Barbara Gelman,
and Dick Muri
Council contact person: Carolyn Pendle, (253) 798-3631
For referral to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee
5. Proposal No. 2007-30, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Declaring Certain County-Owned Real Property as Surplus, Located at 113 170th Street South, Spanaway (Commonly Referred to as Independence Inn); and Authorizing Transfer to Greater Lakes Mental Health Foundation dba Greater Lakes Mental Health Care, all Pursuant to Chapter 43.99C Revised Code of Washington and Pierce County Code 2.110.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Ann Hibbert, Facilities Management,
(253) 798-6719
Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-33s, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Expenditure of up to \$400,000 Identified in the Superior Court Budget for Drug Court Drug Treatment Programs Including the Prometa Treatment Protocols, and \$210,000 in the Juvenile Court Budget for Family Dependency Drug Court.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Barbara Gelman

Council contact person: Carolyn Pendle, (253) 798-3631

Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted at Public Safety and Human Services on March 27, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: April 10, 2007

2. Proposal No. R2007-37, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Accepting the Conserving Pierce County Farmlands: Development Rights Purchasing Program Report; Requesting the Pierce County Executive to Proceed with Development of an Ordinance Establishing a Purchase of Development Rights Program; Referring the Implementing Ordinance to the Planning Commission; Requesting that the Purchase and Transfer of Development Rights Programs be Coordinated and Considered Jointly Before the Planning Commission; and Requesting that Such Programs be Funded in the 2008 Budget.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings

Council contact person: Anna Graham, (253) 798-6253

For referral to the Community Development Committee

To be heard in the Community Development Committee on April 16, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: April 24, 2007

Bunney moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a roll call vote of four 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 March 26, 2007, was read into the record:

Ordinance No. 2007-2, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Declaring the Property Located in the 7300 Block of 84th Street East as Surplus; and Authorizing the Exchange of Real Property Negotiated between Pierce County Public Works and Utilities, Water Programs Division, and William A. and Julia A. Jump for Adjacent Property also Located in the 7300 Block of 84th Street East, Pierce County Washington.

Ordinance No. 2007-4, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Placing the Lloyd & Signe (Johnson) White Farm Located at 14614 – 204th Street East, Graham, Washington, on the Pierce County Register of Historic Places; and Adopting Findings of Fact. (Parcel Numbers 0418014034 and 0418014700)

Ordinance No. 2007-8s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 2006-114s; and Modifying the County 2007 Budget

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

Proposal No. R2007-32, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council and Executive Commending the Strategic Energy Baseball Team's Players, Coaches and Parents for their Successful "Keep Us Warm" Project on Behalf of Homeless Individuals and Families.

Bunney moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Lee read the Proclamation into the record in its entirety.

Lyle Quasim, Chief of Staff, on behalf of Executive Ladenburg, expressed thanks and congratulations to the team on the "Keep Us Warm" project.

Erick Bowley, Coach, provided background information on the project, and provided introductions of the baseball team members in attendance.

Lee called for public testimony; there was no response.

Bunney and Lee offered their congratulations to the team for their efforts.

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

The Proclamation was accepted by Bowley.

Proposal No. R2007-42, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Recognizing and Commending Christopher Paul Navarre, Sr., Recipient of the French Medal of Honor; and Proclaiming the Month of April 2007 as Christopher Paul Navarre, Sr. Month in Pierce County, Washington.

Bunney moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Lee read the Proclamation into the record in its entirety.

Christopher Navarre, Sr., thanked the Council for the Proclamation, and spoke to his experiences while serving in the military and World War II. Navarre dedicated today's recognition to his fallen comrades. Navarre thanked his wife of 64 years for her support.

Lee called for public testimony; there was no response.

Muri and Lee thanked Navarre and expressed their appreciation to the honoree for his military service.

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

The Proclamation was accepted by Navarre.

Proposal No. R2007-34, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Member to the Pierce County Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Board (Becky Hibbs).

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

Muri spoke in support of Hibbs' reappointment.

Lee thanked the appointee in her absence for her time and service to Pierce County.

Lee called for public testimony; there was no response.

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

Proposal No. R2007-35, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Member to the Storm Drainage and Surface Water Management Advisory Board (Scott Redman).

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

Staff Testimony

Harold Smelt, Public Works and Utilities Department, spoke in support of Redman's reappointment.

Muri spoke in support of the reappointment, and thanked Redman for volunteering to serve another four years.

Lee called for public testimony; there was no response.

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

Proposal No. R2007-41, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of Richard Thurston (District 3) to the Pierce County Planning Commission.

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

Staff Testimony

Graham explained the Proposal appoints Richard Thurston to the Commission.

Richard Thurston thanked the Council for the appointment.

Public Testimony

Bud Rehberg, Graham Advisory Commission, testified on the Proposal.

Muri and Farrell spoke in support of Thurston's appointment.

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

VIII. Ordinances - None

IX. Resolutions

Proposal No. R2007-13, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Accepting the Pierce County Government Economic Action Agenda.

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

Staff Testimony

Bocchi explained the Proposal ratifies Phase III of the Economic Action Agenda, and he provided background information on the previous phases. Bocchi reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on March 6, 2007.

Lee noted that a thorough presentation on the Proposal was done at Committee level.

Lee called for public testimony; there was no response.

Bunney thanked Denise Dyer, Economic Development Division, and her staff for their team effort on the Agenda Plan. Bunney spoke to the importance of economic agencies in the community.

Muri remarked other than the Cross-base Highway mentioned in the Plan, he appreciates the Proposal as written.

Lee thanked Dyer for her reaching out to the community in providing the Agenda Plan.

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

Proposal No. R2007-26, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the County Executive to Enter into a One-Year Contract for Publishing Legal Notices for Pierce County.

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

Staff Testimony

Cox reported the Rules and Operations Committee forwarded the Proposal to Council without a recommendation. Cox informed the Council that the Proposal contained blanks that needed to be fill in with the chosen newspapers.

Public Testimony

Michael Jefferies, Publisher of The Eatonville Dispatch; and Dan Walker, News Tribune, testified to the Proposal.

Lee spoke to the importance of the Council taking public noticing seriously.

Lee moved to award the contract to The Peninsula Gateway; motion seconded.

Cox asked for clarification if the motion was to include the insertion of The Peninsula Gateway at lines 29 and 32 of page 1 of the Ordinance.

Lee concurred and asked Muri (who seconded the motion) if he approved; Muri concurred. The blanks at page 1 at lines 29 and 32 are to be stricken and replaced with the words "The Peninsula Gateway".

Lee called for public testimony on the amendment; there was no response. Lee called for public testimony on Proposal as amended; there was no response.

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

VIII. Ordinances - None

Proposal No. R2007-39, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council and Executive Requesting the Pierce County Civil Service Commission to Change Civil Service Rule 6.3 F. to Waive the Required Testing Fee for All Active Duty Military Personnel Who Would Take Any Civil Service Test for the Sheriff's Department.

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

Staff Testimony

Pendle provided background information on the Proposal, and provided information on why the testing fee should be waived. Pendle reported that April 19, 2007 is the next meeting of the Civil Service Commission.

Muri spoke in support of the Proposal.

Lee called for public testimony; there was no response. Lee called for Councilmember final comments; there was no response.

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

Proposal No. R2007-40, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Expressing Its Support for the Narrows Bridge Lighting Project.

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

Staff Testimony

Cox provided information to the Council on the Proposal.

Public Testimony

Desa Conniff, Narrows Bridge Pierce County Lights Organization, spoke to the historical preservation of the old Narrows Bridge if lighting was installed on the bridge.

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

X. Other Business/Announcements -None

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Ken Paulson informed the Council that currently the State is deciding if the old Narrow Bridge will be three or four lanes. Paulson expressed comments in support that the new Narrows Bridge be four lanes.

Lee responded to Paulson's concerns by explaining he will research to see if the revenue has been identified to have the four lanes. Lee spoke to the State Department of Transportation regarding decision to have three lanes.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved