

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2003**

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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 Moss.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Moss, followed by a Moment of Silence in tribute to our Armed Forces.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Paul Bocchi, Shawn Bunney, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, Harold Moss, and Kevin Wimsett.

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

There were approximately 27 visitors present.

Goings suggested that the Council advance to Item X. on the Agenda, OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS, to receive the presentation by Congressman Adam Smith.

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Presentation by Congressman Adam Smith regarding the current Federal issues before Congress.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes
 1. The minutes of the March 25, 2003, regular Council meeting
 2. The minutes of the April 1, 2003, District No. 5 Council meeting
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
 1. PROPOSAL NO. 2002-131s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CITY OF TACOMA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, FOR LOCATION OF RAILROAD TRACKS ON CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE FRANCHISE.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Pat O'Malley
Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687
DO PASS AS SUBSTITUTED RECOMMENDATION - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (Shawn Bunney, Chair; Terry Lee, Vice Chair; Paul Bocchi, Member; Barbara Gelman, Member, Calvin Goings, Member)
Suggested date of Council hearing: May 13, 2003
 2. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-21, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 86-129; AND PERMANENTLY CLOSING TON-A-WAN-DA AVENUE FROM TOK-A-LOU AVENUE TO THE WEST TERMINUS, TO ALL CLASSES OF VEHICLES. (BROWNS POINT AREA)
Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067
DO PASS RECOMMENDATION - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (Shawn Bunney, Chair; Terry Lee, Vice Chair; Paul Bocchi, Member; Barbara Gelman, Member, Calvin Goings, Member)
Suggested date of Council hearing: May 13, 2003
 3. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-22, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTIONS 13.04.080 AND 13.13.045 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, TO MAKE THE SERVICE CHARGE PROVISIONS IN THE PUBLIC SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM CHAPTER OF THE CODE CONSISTENT WITH WASHINGTON STATE LAW.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
Contact person: Tony Tipton, 798-4250
DO PASS RECOMMENDATION - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (Shawn Bunney, Chair; Terry Lee, Vice Chair; Paul Bocchi, Member; Barbara Gelman, Member, Calvin Goings, Member)
Suggested date of Council hearing: May 13, 2003
 4. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-38, A ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 18A.25.280 J., AND THE INDUSTRIAL USE CATEGORY OF TABLES 18A.25.100 G.

AND 18A.25.150 E. OF THE PIERCE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, BY SEPARATING VEHICLE STORAGE YARDS FROM SALVAGE YARDS, AND ALLOWING VEHICLE STORAGE IN THE RURAL ACTIVITY CENTER ZONE THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Shawn Bunney and Kevin Wimsett

Contact person: Sean Gaffney, 798-2724

For referral to the Planning & Environment Committee

5. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-40, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDING FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GIG HARBOR PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLAN; AMENDING TITLE 18A, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - ZONING; AMENDING TITLE 18B, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - SIGNS; AMENDING TITLE 18J, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES; AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING CODE TO CORRECT A PROVISION RELATING TO NATIVE VEGETATION RETENTION FOR THE PARKLAND-SPANAWAY-MIDLAND AREA; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Terry Lee, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, and Kevin Wimsett

Contact person: Mike Kruger, 798-2700

For referral to the Planning & Environment Committee

6. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-41, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION UNDER CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED BOUNDARIES OF PIERCE COUNTY, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT. (APPLICATION NO. OS12-02, SCOTT RAMMELL - BUCKLEY AREA)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings

Contact person: Airyang Julia Park, 798-2783

For referral to the Planning & Environment Committee

7. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-42, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF 27TH AVENUE NORTHWEST RIGHT-OF-WAY, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE GIG HARBOR AREA; AND RESERVING THE RIGHT OF ACCESS FOR DRAINING STORM WATER, AND MAINTAINING THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney

Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687

For referral to the Public Works Committee

8. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-43, 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. OST13-02, CHONG AND ROMEINA HAN - TANWAX AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST14-02, WESLEY AND MARIAN MARK - TULE LAKE AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST15-02, DENNIS AND ELSIE TOWNSEND - TANWAX AREA; AND APPLICATION NOS. OST16-02 AND OST17-02, WAYNE E. ARNOLD AND BONNIE JO CHRISTNER - TANWAX AREA)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Contact person: Airyang Julia Park, 798-2783
For referral to the Planning & Environment Committee

9. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-44, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.89 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "TACOMA NARROWS AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION."

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253
For referral to the Planning & Environment Committee

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2003-61, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF 11 MEMBERS TO THE TACOMA NARROWS AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION. (COUNCILMEMBER TERRY LEE, CARL GEIST, PAUL McCORMICK, HUGH MORGAN, BRIAN O'NEIL, STEVE OSGUTHORPE, MIKE PICKETT, HARDING ROE, JAY SHADDOX, DEENA TURMO, ANN WHITTAKER)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253
For referral to the Planning & Environment Committee

d. Other Items

Wimsett moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a roll call vote of six to zero; Goings was excused at the time of roll call.

VI. MESSAGES FROM EXECUTIVE/JUDGES/PROSECUTING ATTORNEY - None

VII. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND/OR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-51, A PROCLAMATION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 13-19, 2003, AS "VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK" IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON; AND CONGRATULATING KIM CALAVAN AND TOM MARTIN AS THE 2002 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR; JOSHUA BRODIE AS THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR; AND THE WSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS AS THE VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE YEAR.

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proclamation into the record.

County Executive John Ladenburg presented the Proclamations to Kim Calavan, Joshua Brodie, and Bill Havens of the Master Gardeners program. These individuals thanked the Council and the Executive for their recognition.

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero; Goings was excused at the time of roll call.

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-56, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMENDING ROY NANSEL AS AN EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARD WINNER.

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

Roy Nansel accepted the award, and thanked the Councilmembers for their recognition.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-57, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMENDING ALEX NELSON AS AN EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARD WINNER.

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

Alex Nelson accepted the award, and thanked the Councilmembers for their recognition.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-58, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMENDING RODNEY GRATZER AS AN EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARD WINNER.

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

Rodney Gratzner accepted the award, and thanked the Councilmembers for their recognition.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-59, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMENDING ALEX NELSON AS AN EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARD WINNER.

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

Alex Nelson accepted the award, and thanked the Councilmembers for their recognition.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-53, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REAPPOINTING COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER CALVIN GOINGS TO A FIRST FULL TERM ON THE PIERCE TRANSIT BOARD.

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-54, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTING THREE NEW MEMBERS TO THE LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (RONALD CLEVELAND, MICHELLE LATIMER, AND KIM D.E.D. HAILS)

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-55, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE NORTH CLOVER CREEK COLLINS ADVISORY COMMISSION. (HERBERT BICKLE)

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2002-128, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING PIERCE COUNTY CODE SECTION 10.36.010 "LIMITS ESTABLISHED"; DELETING REFERENCES TO THE FERRY "ISLANDER" WHICH THE COUNTY NO LONGER OWNS; AND RESTRICTING THE MAXIMUM VEHICLE LENGTH TO 38 FEET AND THE MAXIMUM LOAD LIMIT TO 67,500 POUNDS ON THE PIERCE COUNTY FERRY "M/V STEILACOOM."

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

Staff Testimony

Don Peterson, Public Works and Utilities Department, provided an overview of the Ordinance, and responded to questions from Councilmembers.

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-41, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO COMMISSION A STUDY OF THE PIERCE COUNTY JOB MARKET AND ECONOMY, INCLUDING STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BARRIERS TO SUCCESS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE; AND SETTING A REPORTING DATE.

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

Councilmember Bunney explained passage of this Resolution would request the County Executive to commission a study of the Pierce County job market and economy, and include strategic opportunities for economic development, barriers to success, and recommendation for change. As stated in the title, the Resolution also sets forth a date for the Executive to report back to the Council.

Councilmembers thanked Bunney for his leadership in bringing

this Proposal forward.

Public Testimony

Van Collins, Associated General Contractors, spoke in support of the Resolution.

Catherine Rudolph, Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Realtors, spoke in support of the Resolution.

Bruce Kendall, Director of the Economic Development Board of Pierce County, spoke in support of the Resolution, stating they look forward to working with the County in identifying better job and career opportunities in Pierce County.

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

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Kline addressed the Council supporting in-home care for the elderly and low-income residents.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

Gerri Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Councilmember Harold Moss, Council Chair

Date Approved