

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 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, Wendell Brown, Sarah Casada, Ken Madsen, Harold Moss, Pat O'Malley, and Jan Shabro.

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

There were approximately 43 visitors present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Brown moved approval of the Agenda; motion seconded and passed.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. The minutes of the March 21, 2000, regular Council meeting.
 - 2. The minutes of the March 28, 2000, regular Council meeting.
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
 - 1. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-17, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING PIERCE COUNTY CODE TITLE 18A, THE PIERCE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - ZONING, TO IMPLEMENT AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ORDINANCE NO. 99-93S2; CORRECTING TECHNICAL ERRORS; AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING ATLAS; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Sponsored by: Councilmember Sarah Casada

Contact person: Mike Erkkinen, 798-2705
DO PASS AS AMENDED RECOMMENDATION - PLANNING
COMMITTEE (Pat O'Malley, Chair; Karen S. Biskey,
Vice Chair; Wendell Brown; Ken Madsen/excused;
Harold Moss)
Suggested date of Council hearing: May 9, 2000

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-23, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF TIMBER LAND CLASSIFICATION UNDER CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT, ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED BOUNDARIES OF PIERCE COUNTY, IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, AND RANGE 1 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT. (APPLICATION NO. OS(T)18-99, CAROL SHEARN - ANDERSON ISLAND)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Pat O'Malley
Contact person: Airyang Julia Park, 798-2783
For referral to the Planning Committee

3. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-24, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF TIMBER LAND CLASSIFICATION UNDER CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED BOUNDARIES OF PIERCE COUNTY, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, AND RANGE 6 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT. (APPLICATION NO. OS(T)23-99, ROBERT AND JIMMIE WINTERS, SOUTH PRAIRIE AREA)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Pat O'Malley
Contact person: Airyang Julia Park, 798-2783
For referral to the Planning Committee

4. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-25, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE WAREHOUSE, AUTOMOTIVE, FOOD, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, DRIVER SALES AND SPECIAL SERVICES, TEAMSTERS LOCAL 599 GENERAL UNIT; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Ken Madsen and Wendell Brown

Contact person: Joe Carrillo, 798-6690
For referral to the Rules Committee (to be heard on May 1, 2000)
Suggested hearing date: May 2, 2000 (Evening Meeting)

5. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-26, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE

COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH COUNCIL 2, WASHINGTON STATE 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: Councilmembers Ken Madsen and Wendell Brown

Contact person: Joe Carrillo, 798-6690

For referral to the Rules Committee (to be heard on May 1, 2000)

Suggested hearing date: May 2, 2000 (Evening meeting)

6. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-27, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN WATER LINE FRANCHISE OWNERSHIP FROM HARBOR WATER COMPANY TO WASHINGTON WATER SERVICE COMPANY; AND AMENDING FRANCHISE BOUNDARY AREA.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss

Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687

For referral to the Public Works Committee

7. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-28, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF DOGWOOD STREET, AND A PORTION OF CORNELL ROAD, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE EAST TACOMA AREA.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss

Contact person: Jennifer Andres, 798-7250

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 seven to zero.

Brown moved that the Council consider a special order of business; motion seconded and passed.

IVb. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

PROPOSAL NO. 2000-29, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 99-113 AND MODIFYING THE YEAR 2000 BUDGET TO ADD GENERAL FUND REVENUES; MODIFYING YEAR 2000 EXPENDITURES FOR THE SHERIFF, PROSECUTOR, PLANNING AND LAND SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF ASSIGNED COUNSEL AND THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS THE EPIDEMIC OF

METHAMPHETAMINE LABS IN THE COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Brown moved adoption of the Emergency Ordinance; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

Casada, Brown, Shabro, and O'Malley spoke in support of the Emergency Ordinance as a means of immediately addressing the methamphetamine (meth) labs in Pierce County by committing money for staff and resources.

County Executive Doug Sutherland stated the Sheriff's office is working with other jurisdictions and agencies on this difficult issue, stating that the level of activity is extremely high. He stated he felt the May 15, 2000, date for a required report back to Council may be difficult to meet, and expressed a need for the County to continue dialogue with the State and Federal governments to ensure that funding levels are maintained in future years. Madsen pointed out that along with the May 15 report from the Executive, he would like to see what standards are established to measure the success of addressing the problem.

Public Testimony

David Morrell, Central Pierce Fire and Rescue, stated they have a Class A hazardous material response (haz-mat) unit in conjunction with the Graham Department. He stated they have been responding in other jurisdictions with no reimbursement, and would hope that in the Council's consideration of the Supplemental Budget that a reimbursement for these out-of-district costs could be considered. Morrell read a statement into the record to that effect.

Captain Michael Liche, representing Central Pierce Fire and Rescue, stated last year the haz-mat unit had 75 responses at a cost of \$90,000. So far this year, there had been 24 responses at a cost of \$20,000. He too encouraged the Council's consideration of reimbursement to the haz-mat unit.

Chief Robert Park, Graham Fire and Rescue, stated the responses to the meth lab calls have created a significant drain on personnel, and reiterated that many of the calls are outside the jurisdiction of Central Pierce and Graham. Park responded to questions of Councilmembers regarding how the haz-mat unit coordinates with the Sheriff's Department, how responses are handled, and how the unit was created. Casada pointed out the Council has made arrangements that

reimbursement will be handled through the Health Department in the cleanup costs. Park pointed out that the Department of Ecology becomes involved in the cleanup activities.

Biskey pointed out that the public needs to be educated on how to identify meth labs, who to contact, and to become involved in assisting the County in eliminating this problem.

Moss stated he will support the Ordinance, but expressed a concern that the Council would be creating a bureaucracy that would drain funds.

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

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

VIb. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Presentation on City of Tacoma, Mountain Rail Division:
Paula Henry, Assistant Superintendent, Tacoma Rail.

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

National Flood Insurance Program Award Presentation

The award was received by County Executive Doug Sutherland and Tim Ramsaur, Water Programs Division, Public Works and Utilities Department.

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-27, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE PROCLAIMING APRIL 18, 2000, AS COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE/GUARDIAN AD LITEM CHILD ADVOCATE DAY IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

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

Brown presented the Proclamation to Rich Holland, Juvenile Court Services, who thanked the Council for their recognition for the volunteers who work with the 10,000 children in Pierce County who are involved in the court system.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-43, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 1-7, 2000, AS "AARP INDEPENDENT LIVING WEEK" IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

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

Shabro presented the Proclamation to Betty Drost, Pierce County's AARP Coordinator. Drost introduced members of the Gig Harbor, Puyallup, and Lakewood AARP Chapters, and thanked the Council for their recognition.

O'Malley, Brown, and Moss thanked Drost for her years of public service to education in Pierce County, and commended the AARP programs for their benefits to senior citizens.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-41, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE AGING AND LONG TERM CARE ADVISORY BOARD. (BETTY DROST)

Brown moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the

title into the record.

Public Testimony

Drost thanked the Council for the appointment, and stated she is looking forward to working with the Board.

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

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 99-127S3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 21424 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2.72 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "PIERCE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION," TO CODIFY THE ONE-PERCENT-FOR-THE-ARTS SOURCE OF FUNDING, TO ADD DEFINITIONS, AND TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PIERCE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION.

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

Staff Testimony

Weber stated passage of this Ordinance would decrease the number of members on the Arts Commission, would establish rules for quorum and meeting, make technical corrections, and place the language into the Pierce County Code. Weber stated this Proposal had been through a number of hearings, and this version is the third substitute, which contains many amendments to the original version.

Casada pointed out the Proposal received a do pass recommendation from the Budget and Operations Committee.

Staff Testimony

Linda Ishem, Director of Community Services, introduced Marlette Buchanan, the newly appointed Arts Manager for Pierce County. Buchanan told the Council she looks forward to the challenges of her new position.

Public Testimony

Allison Sonntag thanked the Council for passage of this Proposal, and stated she supports the Council's efforts in eliminating methamphetamine labs in Pierce County.

Ellida Kirk-Lathrop spoke in favor of the Proposal.

Madsen stated that although the one-percent-for-the-arts can at times be controversial, the County needs to take a firm

stand on preserving and encouraging arts in the community.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2000-9, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
AMENDING SECTION 17A.50.170 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE,
CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATIONS -- SITE DEVELOPMENT
AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE, FLOODWAYS; MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber pointed out during a recodification of this section of the Code a typographical and formatting change added an additional exception to the Code's prohibition on construction in a flood way. He stated it was an unintentional error that needs to be corrected.

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

- IX. RESOLUTIONS - None**
- X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**
- XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned
at 4:40 p.m.

Attest:

/s/
Clerk of the Council

Approved:

/s/
Council Chair

6/30/00
Date Approved

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