

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2007

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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 Lee.

II. Roll Call

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

Council Staff Present: Brad Chatfield, Communication Legislative Analyst; Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Anna Graham, Senior Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; and Susan Long, Administrator of Clerks and Legal.

There were 10 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

Goings 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 June 27, 2006, regular Council meeting

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

1. Proposal No. 2007-37, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with the Pierce County

Captain's Association; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Joe Carrillo, Human Resources,
(253) 798-6690

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 April 30, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: May 15, 2007

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

d. Other Items

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

VI. Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney - None

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

Proposal No. R2007-47, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council and Executive Expressing Gratitude to the Members of Our Law Enforcement Community and Proclaiming May 3, 2007, as "Law Enforcement Memorial Day" and the Week of May 13-19, 2007, as "Police Week" in Pierce County, Washington.

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

Staff Testimony

Paul Pastor, Pierce County Sheriff, thanked the Council for the Proclamation and comment on the law enforcement officers work in the community.

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

Bush requested that Pastor convey to the officers the Council's thank for their services to the community.

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

Sheriff Pastor accepted the Proclamation.

Proposal No. R2007-51, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Congratulating Mount Tacoma Elks Lodge No. 142 on Hosting the Annual Conference of the Northwest States Association, and Proclaiming May 16 to 19, 2007, as Northwest States Association Days in Pierce County, Washington.

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

Ben Curtis, Exalter Ruler, Mount Tacoma Elks Lodge No. 142, provided the history of the establishment of the Lodge and explained the purpose of the organization.

Fran Mayo, Mount Tacoma Elks Lodge No. 142, provided a historical account of the Daughters of the Elks.

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

Councilmembers Farrell, Goings and Lee provide final comments on the Proposal.

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

Ben Curtis accepted the Proclamation.

Proposal No. R2007-49, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Member to the Pierce County Conservation Futures Program Citizens' Advisory Board (Allen Zulauf).

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

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

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

VIII. Ordinances

Proposal No. 2007-18, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing Amendments to the Pierce County Charter to Make the Sheriff a Nonpartisan Position; Requesting the Auditor to Submit these Amendments to the Voters at the November 2007 General Election; and Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

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

Staff Testimony

Long reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Public Safety and Human Services Committee on February 27, 2007. Long explained that the Proposal

proposes a Charter amendment to make the Pierce County Sheriff a nonpartisan position, and the amendment will be submitted to the voters at the November 2007 General Election. The Proposal is not subject to the Executive's veto power.

Goings moved Council Amendment No. 2 on yellow; motion seconded. A copy of the Amendment is identified to these minutes as Attachment I.

Muri explained the intent of the amendment.

Public Testimony

Robert Hill testified on the Proposal.

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

The motion passed.

Public Testimony on Proposal No. 2007-18

Robert Hill spoke to the amended Proposal.

The Proposal passed as amended on a roll call vote of six to zero.

Proposal No. 2007-20s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Finding the Proposed Non-Exclusive Cable Television Franchise to the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, Click! Network for a Cable System in Pierce County to be in the Public Interest; Setting Forth Terms and Conditions Accompanying the Granting of the Franchise; Providing for the Regulation of Construction, Operation, Maintenance, and Use of the System; Prescribing Remedies for the Violation of the Provisions of the Franchise; and Authorizing the County Executive to Enter into the Franchise Agreement.

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

Staff Testimony

Cox informed the Council that Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on March 20, 2007. Cox explained the Proposal approves a 10-year franchise for the Click! Network, and noted that map of the service area is included in the Proposal packet.

Public Testimony

Robert Hill; and Diane Lachel, Click! Network - Tacoma Power.

In response to Muri's questions, Lachel spoke to the future services in the Arrowhead area of the Town of Steilacoom.

Bunney thanked Lachel for her work throughout the years in cable service.

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

IX. Resolutions - None

X. Other Business/Announcements - None

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Ken Paulson suggested having a financial disaster plan for the County, and expressed his concerns regarding the Chambers Bay Golf Course expenses.

Lee responded to Paulson's comments by informing him that the Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness will look into this suggestion.

2. Tom White expressed his concern regarding Sumner roads in the Ponderosa area.
3. Robert Hill recognized the County staff that assisted him last week, and suggested that firearm safety be provided in school districts.

Bush responded to Paulson's comments by announcing the topic of the economic recovery plan is on tomorrow's Emergency Preparedness Committee agenda. Bush explained that Pierce County is well prepared for all hazards.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved

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ATTACHMENT I

DICK MURI
Councilmember, District No. 6

May 30, 2007

COUNCIL AMENDMENT NO. 2 Yellow

TO: Councilmembers

FROM: Councilmember Dick Muri

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 2007-18**

I recommend the following amendments to Proposal No. 2007-18

1. On page 1 of 2 of the Ordinance, line 12 of the Title, following "**Position**" insert "**and Setting the Limit on Terms to Three Consecutive 4-Year Terms**".
2. On Exhibit A, beginning on line 41, add the following amendment to Section 4.90 of the Charter:

Section 4.90 – Limitation on Terms of Office

No person shall be allowed to serve in County elective office for more than two consecutive 4-year terms in the same position, as a Councilmember, Executive, ~~or separately-elected department head~~ Auditor or Assessor-Treasurer. **No person shall be allowed to serve in County elective office for more than three consecutive 4-year terms in the position of Sheriff.** Service as an elected County official prior to the commencement of this Charter shall not be counted as part of any official's two consecutive terms. Establishment of residency in an alternate district will not circumvent this restriction.

c:Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council

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