MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2006

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 3:04 p.m. by Chair Bunney

II. ROLL CALL

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

Council Staff Present: Steve Gross, Deputy Legal Counsel; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; and Carolyn Pendle, Senior Research Analyst; Leslie Swalley, Councilmember Assistant; and Thomas Weber, Administrator for Research & Policy.

There were six 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
b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
    1. PROPOSAL NO. 2006-40, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING AN ALLEY WAY IN THE PLAT OF HOWELL ADDITION IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION

33, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE SPANAWAY AREA.
Sponsored by: Councilmembers Barbara Gelman and Terry Lee
Department contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687
Council contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2006-41, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 18J.30 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "PARKLAND-SPANAWAY-MIDLAND DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES," BY ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 18J.30.120, "GARFIELD STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PLAN"; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Barbara Gelman
Department contact person: Sean Gaffney, 798-2724
Council contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253
For referral to the Community Development Committee
To be heard in the Community Development Committee on May 1, 2006
Suggested date of Council hearing: June 6, 2006

3. PROPOSAL NO. 2006-42, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2005 92s; AND MODIFYING THE COUNTY 2006 BUDGET.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
Department contact person: Mary Schmidtke, 798-7512
Council contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on May 8, 2006
Suggested date of Council hearing: May 30, 2006

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2006-51, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TACOMA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE NAME OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER TO THE CRYSTAL JUDSON FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
Council contact person: Susan Long, 798-6068
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. R2006-52, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTING A HEARING EXAMINER AND DEPUTY HEARING EXAMINERS; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR HEARING EXAMINER SERVICES FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO DISBURSE EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL PROJECTS BUDGET.
   Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
   Council contact person: Steve Gross, 798-7579
   For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

3. PROPOSAL NO. R2006-54, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SETTING THE DATE OF AN EVENING COUNCIL MEETING IN COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6 FOR TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2006, AT 5:00 P.M., AT CHLOE CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1700 PALISADE BOULEVARD, DUPONT, WASHINGTON.
   Sponsored by: Councilmember Dick Muri
   Council contact person: Patty Face 798-2687
   Suggested date of Council hearing: May 2, 2006

d. Other Items

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

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

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2006-50, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE ALTERNATE MEMBER (JESSE HOLDER) AND ONE REGULAR MEMBER (CARL ANDERSON) TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

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

Jessee Holder thanked the Council for the appointment.

Lee and Farrell expressed their appreciation to Holder for serving on the Board.

Lee called for public testimony; there was no response.

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

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 2006-29s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 2.118 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION" TO ADD DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR A SUCCESSION OF AUTHORITY DURING THE ABSENCE OR UNAVAILABILITY OF THE EXECUTIVE; TO ADD PROVISIONS ADDRESSING THE CONTINUITY OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ESSENTIAL RECORDS; AND TO MAKE UPDATING AND CLARIFYING REVISIONS.

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

Staff Testimony

Long reported the Proposal received a do pass as substitute recommendation by the Emergency Preparedness Committee on April 12, 2006. Long provided an overview of the Proposal, and answered Councilmember questions.

Goings complimented the Chair of the Committee for moving the issues forward to the Council.

Lee called for public testimony; there was no response.

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2006-45, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN (COOP) FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

Staff Testimony

Weber reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Emergency Preparedness Committee on April 12, 2006.

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

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2006-48, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SETTING THE DATE OF AN EVENING COUNCIL MEETING IN COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006, AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE TACOMA NATURE CENTER (COMMONLY KNOWN AS SNAKE LAKE), 1919 SOUTH TYLER STREET, TACOMA, WASHINGTON.

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

Farrell encouraged the Council and citizens to attend the evening meeting, and invited all to attend the 5 p.m. reception before the meeting to celebrate the Snake Lake property preservation.

Public Testimony

Alton McDonald testified to the Proposal.

Farrell informed McDonald's that constituents can share their concerns with him at various meetings he attends in the district.

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

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Presentation by Senator Mike Carrell – Substitute Senate Bill 6308, relating to creating a joint select committee on offenders programs, sentencing, and supervision. Senator Carrell provided a PowerPoint presentation on the criminal justice system in Washington State.

   Lee thanked Carrell for the presentation and for his work on the legislation.

   At Lee's request, Gerry Horne, Prosecuting Attorney, spoke to SB 6308 legislative proposal, by addressing concerns that affect the criminal justice system in Pierce County, and urged the County to take a stand on pre-release programs.

   Councilmembers Farrell and Bush provided comments on the legislation proposal.

2. Goings moved to Amend the May 1-5, 2006 Meeting Schedule, to add a new item 8. to the May 1, 2006 Community Development Committee Agenda:

8. PROPOSAL NO. 2005-121s2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 19C.10 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "PROCEDURES FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN"; TO CHANGE THE PLAN AMENDMENT CYCLE TO TWO YEARS, PROVIDE APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS, ADD CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS, AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES.

The motion was seconded and carried.

XI. CITIZENS'FORUM

1. Bush called Point of Order during Alton McDonalds' comments, stating the issue was on today's agenda.

   After discussion with the Council and Legal Counsel, Lee allowed McDonald to continue his comments on the reentry to the community program.

2. Ken Paulson addressed the Council on making amendments to the Pierce County Charter, and the new golf course costs.

   Councilmembers Muri and Farrell responded to Paulson's comments on the Charter.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Terry Lee, Council Chair Date Approved