

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 1, 2001**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 2:14 p.m. by Chair Brown.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The pledge was led by Brown.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Karen S. Biskey, Wendell Brown, Calvin Goings, Harold Moss, Pat O'Malley, Jan Shabro, and Kevin Wimsett.

Council Staff Present: Sandy Bassett, Deputy Clerk; Anna Graham, Research Analyst; Susan Long, Legal Counsel; Carolyn Pendle, Research Analyst; Betty Ringlee, Councilmember Assistant; Rip Collins, Councilmember Assistant, Rick Talbert, Councilmember Assistant; and Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy.

There were approximately five visitors present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. The meeting of the March 20, 2001, regular Council meeting.
  - 2. The meeting of the March 27, 2001, special Council meeting.
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
  - 1. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-47, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING SUPPLEMENTAL FRANCHISE NO. 10 TO THE CITY OF TACOMA, DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, WATER DIVISION, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, FOR LOCATION OF WATER LINES ON

CERTAIN COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY WHICH EXPANDS THEIR FRANCHISE AREA; TERMINATING THE WATER FRANCHISES OF SOUTHEAST TACOMA MUTUAL WATER AND HYADA MUTUAL WATER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE FRANCHISE.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss

Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687

For referral to the Public Works Committee

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2001-72, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE FOUR COUNCIL-APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY TO SERVE AS THE FIFTH MEMBER AND CHAIR OF THE DISTRICTING COMMITTEE.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Karen S. Biskey

Contact person: Susan Long, 798-6068

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. R2001-73, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN INTENT TO INITIATE A COMMUNITY PLAN FOR THE ALDERTON-MCMILLIN COMMUNITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALDERTON-MCMILLIN COMMUNITY PLAN; AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THIS COMMUNITY PLAN IN THE NEXT ANNUAL BUDGET.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Calvin Goings and Jan Shabro

Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253

For referral to the Planning and Environment Committee

d. Other Items

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

**VI. MESSAGES FROM EXECUTIVE/JUDGES/PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

1. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinance, which was approved and signed on April 18, 2001, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-46, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING A MORATORIUM PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN RCW 36.70A.390 ON NEW CONSTRUCTION ON ALL UNZONED GOVERNMENT LAND ON McNEIL ISLAND OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CLASSIFICATION(S) AND IMPLEMENTING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ARE ADOPTED FOR THAT AREA; REQUIRING A PUBLIC REVIEW HEARING WITHIN SIXTY DAYS; AN DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2001-75, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2001, AS NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK IN PIERCE COUNTY, WA.**

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

Public Testimony:

Ruthie Reinert, President/Executive Director of the Tacoma Pierce County Convention and Visitor Bureau, provided Councilmembers with copies of The Official 1001 Visitor Guide for Tacoma-Pierce County, Pierce County Travel Impacts from 1991-2000 and the Visitor and Convention Bureau 2001-2002 Action Plan (copies in Meeting File). Reinert cited figures on local travel spending and tax revenues generated as a result of travel spending.

Moss presented the Resolution to Reinhert and thanked her for her work. Shabro offered her thanks also.

Proposal No. R2001-75 passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2001-71, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R2001-2 BY ADDING AN ALTERNATE, COUNCILMEMBER PAT O'MALLEY, TO THE COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE JOINT CITY-COUNTY OPEN SPACE DETERMINATION BOARD.**

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

Biskey moved Council Amendment No. 1 (Attachment 1 to these

minutes) to add Councilmember Shabro as an additional alternate. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The Chair called for testimony on R2001-71 as amended; there was no response. Proposal No. R2001-71 as amended passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**VIII. ORDINANCES - None**

**IX. RESOLUTIONS**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2001-74, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R2001-9s, WHICH INITIATED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR PIERCE COUNTY FOR 2001, BY INITIATING AN ADDITIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD IDENTIFY AND MAP A LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR LANDS SHOWN AS "GOVERNMENT" ON THE GENERALIZED PROPOSED LAND USE MAP.**

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

In response to questions from Councilmembers, Susan Long said the amendment is initiated by the Council and is their prerogative. Long said the amendment will go to the Planning Commission and come back before the Council. Long said in the 1994 Comprehensive Plan some federally owned lands were simply labeled "Government" with no policies. This lack of zoning came to staff's attention, especially with regard to McNeil Island.

There was no public testimony. Proposal No. R2001-74 passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Moss moved to amend the Meeting Schedule for the week of May 7-11, 2001, by adding the following item as Item 2 to the Study Session Agenda for May 7, 2001, and renumbering the remaining items:

2. Conservation District Discussion on Ballot Measure.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

**XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. O'Malley recognized John Trent, Director of Public Works and Utilities, for being named one of America's Top Ten Public Works Leaders of 2001 by the American Public

Works Association.

Trent expressed appreciation for his high quality staff and for the support of the Executive and Council.

Moss, Biskey, and Brown praised Trent's leadership.

2. At Biskey's request, Councilmember Assistant Betty Ringlee introduced Kelly Araujo, an 8th Grade Student at Goodman Middle School who has been Ringlee's "job shadow" for the day. Araujo shared her perceptions after a day in the Council Office and said she especially enjoyed the meetings.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT/**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Attest:

Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Council Chair

Date Approved