

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
May 1, 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, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri.

Council Staff Present: Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst; Anna Graham, Senior Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator of Clerks and Legal; and Michael Transue, Budget Consultant.

There were 15 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. 2006-143, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Approval of Applications for Open Space Classification Under Current Use Assessment on Certain Properties Located Within the Unincorporated Boundaries of Pierce County; and Adopting Findings of Fact. (Application No. OS4-06, Sean R. Kelly – Anderson Island Area;

Application No. OS5-06, Nori and Keiko Hashibe – Anderson Island Area; Application No. OS6-06, Oliveray, LLC – Eatonville Area; Application No. OS7-06, Shawn Maxey – Roy Area; Application No. OS8-06, Gulamabbas Juma – Roy Area)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Department contact person: Chad Williams, Planning and Land Services,
(253) 798-3683

Council contact person: Jeff Cox, (253) 798-7579

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Community Development
on April 16, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: May 29, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-39, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 99-82s by Removing the Prohibition Against the Discharge of Firearms on Approximately 671 Acres East of the Town of Eatonville.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
Department contact person: Sean Gaffney, Planning and Land Services,
(253) 798-2724

Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068

For referral to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee

To be heard in the Public Safety and Human Services Committee on May 8, 2007

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-56, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Amending Resolution No. R2007-10s to Revise the Committee Membership for the Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness for 2007.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush

Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068

Suggested date of Council hearing: May 8, 2007

d. Other Items

1. **Rescind Council's Action of Setting Date of Hearing of May 8, 2007, for:**

Proposal No. 2007-36, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Requesting the Pierce County Auditor to Place on the August 2007 Primary Election Ballot a Proposition Authorizing a Levy Lid Lift to Increase the County's Tax Levies Annually for Six Consecutive Years Above the Limit Established in RCW 84.55.010 to Provide for Additional Funds for the Purpose of Veterans' Assistance; and Specifying the Dollar Rate Proposed for the First Annual Increase and the Limit Factor to be Used to Calculate Increases in the Following Five Years; and Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Goings 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 Ordinances, which were approved and signed on April 16, 2007, was read into the record:

Ordinance No. 2007-9, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 1.26 of the Pierce County Code, "Performance Auditing".

Ordinance No. 2007-21, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with the Pierce County Deputy Sheriff's Independent Guild, Local No. 1889 Community Service Officers; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

VII. Proclamations, Awards, and/or Appointments to Boards and Commissions - None

VIII. Ordinances

Proposal No. 2007-24s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Relating to Contracting Indebtedness; Providing for the Issuance, Specifying the Maturity Date, Interest Rate, Terms and Covenants and Fixing the Form of a \$685,000 Par Value Limited Tax General Obligation Bond, 2007, of the County for the Purpose of Providing Funds to Pay the Cost of Acquiring Equipment for the County's Chambers Bay Golf Course, and Pay the Costs of Issuance and Sale of the Bond; Establishing a Bond Redemption Fund Approving the Sale and Providing for the Delivery of the Bond; Increasing the 2007 Chambers Bay Golf Course Budget to Include the Purchase of the Capitalized Equipment; and Setting an Effective Date.

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

Staff Testimony

Bocchi outlined the Proposal and reported the Rules and Operations Committee forwarded the Proposal to Council with a do pass recommendation on April 23, 2007. In response to Bush's question, Bocchi spoke to the interest rate decrease.

Tony Tipton, Public Works and Utilities Department, followed up on committee information regarding the 2005 proforma statement by explaining the five-year projected proforma statement. A copy is included in the Ordinance file. Tipton informed the Council that the numbers are as budgeted. Tipton spoke to the projected revenues of the Chambers Bay Golf Course.

Goings requested that in the future Tipton show how the document is changed, and asked that for the 2008 budget Tipton show the 2005 and 2008 proforma numbers in different colors so the progress can be measured.

Public Testimony

Robert Hill and Ken Paulson testified on the Proposal.

At the Chair's request, Tipton responded to Paulson's testimony by clarifying golf course costs and loan amount.

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

IX. Resolutions

Proposal No. R2007-53, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Requesting the Executive, Departments, and other Agencies and Corporations who Request Legislation Relating to Contracting Indebtedness to Initiate that Action with a Resolution of Intent.

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

Staff Testimony

Long briefed the Council on the Proposal.

Goings moved Council Amendment No 1 on yellow; motion seconded. A copy of the amendment is identified as Attachment I to these minutes.

Long explained the amendment to the Proposal.

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

Public Testimony

Ken Paulson testified on the amended Proposal.

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

X. Other Business/Announcements

1. Goings moved to amend the May 8, 2007, Council Agenda, to add Proposal No. R2007-56 to Section IX:

Proposal No. R2007-56, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Amending Resolution No. R2007-10s to Revise the Committee Membership for the Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness for 2007.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Ken Paulson expressed his concerns regarding costs of the Chambers Bay Golf Course and proposed toll amounts for the new Narrows Bridge.
2. Robert Hill spoke to the recent Virginia Tech massacre, expressing that all students should be allowed to carry weapons, and he spoke to firearm training.

During Hill's testimony, twice Bush called Point of Order, stating Hill's comments did not affect Pierce County.

After consideration, the Chair allowed Hill to continue his remarks in both incidences.

The Chair announced the Council will convene in Executive Session for ten minutes.

Long explained the Executive Session is authorized pursuant to Revised Code of Washington 42.30.110(b),

At 3:50 p.m. the Council convened in Executive and the business meeting went off the record; at 4:00 p.m. the regular meeting reconvened.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved

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ATTACHMENT I

May 30, 2007

COUNCIL AMENDMENT NO. 1
Yellow

TO: Councilmembers

FROM: Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Research

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. R2007-53**

I recommend the following amendments to Proposal No. R2007-53:

1. On p. 1 of 2, line 27, following "allow", insert "**Councilmembers and**".
2. On p. 1 of 2, line 32, following "Intent", insert "**to be heard in Committee of the Whole no fewer than two weeks prior to the final action approving the issuance of bonds or other form of incurring debt**".
3. On page 2 of 2, line 4, following "Intent", insert "**to be heard in Committee of the Whole no fewer than two weeks prior to the final action approving the issuance of bonds or other form of incurring debt**".

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c: Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council

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