

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 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: Brad Chatfield, Communication Legislative Analyst; Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Anna Graham, Senior Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator of Clerks and Legal; Hugh Taylor, Senior Legislative Analyst.

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 April 10, 2007, regular Council Meeting
2. The Minutes of the April 3, 2007, regular Council Meeting
3. The Minutes of the March 27, 2007, regular Council Meeting
4. The Minutes of the November 21, 2006, regular Council Meeting
5. The Minutes of the April 25, 2006, regular Council Meeting

6. The Minutes of the April 18, 2006, regular Council Meeting
7. The Minutes of the April 11, 2006, regular Council Meeting
8. The Minutes of the April 4, 2006, regular Council Meeting

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

1. Proposal No. 2007-27, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Canceling Certain Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Jack Rusler, Budget and Finance,
(253) 798-7551

Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Rules and Operations on April 23,
2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: June 5, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-30, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Declaring Certain County-Owned Real Property as Surplus, Located at 113 170th Street South, Spanaway (Commonly Referred to as Independence Inn); and Authorizing Transfer to Greater Lakes Mental Health Foundation dba Greater Lakes Mental Health Care, all Pursuant to Chapter 43.99C Revised Code of Washington and Pierce County Code 2.110.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Ann Hibbert, Facilities Management,
(253) 798-6719

Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Rules and Operations on April 23,
2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: June 5, 2007

3. Proposal No. 2007-38, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to the Blue Horizon Water Company, for Location of Waterlines on Certain County-Owned Rights of Way; and Authorizing the County Executive to Execute said Franchise.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush

Department contact person: Jerry West, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-3687

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

For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-54, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Expressing its Intent to Implement an On-site Septic Repair Loan Program by Accepting a State Revolving Fund Loan Requiring Repayment and a Centennial Clean Water Grant From the Washington Department of Ecology; and Directing the Pierce County Public Works and Utilities

Department, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, and the Pierce County Community Development Corporation to Accept, Administer and Financially Assure the Loan Program Against Default.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Dan Wrye, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-4672

Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, (253) 798-3665

For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
Suggested date of Council hearing: May 29, 2007

d. Other Items

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 23, 2007, was read into the record:

Ordinance No. 2006-66s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Declaring Certain County-Owned Real Property as Surplus, Located off 144th Street NW and Peacock Hill Avenue NW, in the Gig Harbor Area (Commonly Referred to as the Peacock Hill Property); Authorizing the County Executive to Pursue Disposal of the Property, Pursuant to Pierce County Code 2.110, and Expressing Council Intent Regarding the Use of Proceeds from Any Sale.

Ordinance No. 2007-3, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending the Pierce County Code, Chapter 18A.75, "Pierce County Development Regulations – Zoning," to Create a New Type of Planned Unit Development Called Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP) and Establish a Review Process and Required Findings for the Approval of a MIMP; Adopting Findings of Fact; and Setting an Effective Date.

Ordinance No. 2007-13, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Documenting the Adopted Prior Amendment of Comprehensive Plan Maps Contained in Pierce County Code Section 19A.30.010, Urban Growth Areas, Section 19A.30.170, Open Space, and Section 19A.30.230, Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designations Map.

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

Proposal No. R2007-52, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Proclaiming the Week of May 7-11 2007, to be "Juror Appreciation 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 records in its entirety.

Staff Testimony

Thomas Larkin, Superior Court Presiding Judge, commended the Council for recognizing jurors and National Juror Appreciation Week. Larkin spoke to the history of jurors and to the important of celebrating jurors. Larkin recognized the Juror Coordinators, Court Administrator, and Assistant Court Administrator in attendance.

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

In response to Muri's question, Larkin explained the juror selection process.

Gelman expressed her appreciation to the Juror Coordinators, and she spoke to the importance of the legal system.

The Chair encouraged all citizens, to fulfill their juror responsibility, if called.

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

Larkin accepted the Proclamation.

Proposal No. R2007-55, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Reappointing One Existing Member (Kim D.E.D. Hails) and Appointing One New Member (Katrina Asay) to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

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

No Staff report was provided.

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

Bush spoke in support o the appointment and reappointment.

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

VIII. Ordinances - None

IX. Resolutions

Proposal No. R2007-37, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Accepting the Conserving Pierce County Farmlands: Development Rights Purchasing Program Report; Requesting the Pierce County Executive to Proceed with Development of an Ordinance Establishing a Purchase of Development Rights Program; Referring the Implementing Ordinance to the Planning Commission; Requesting that the Purchase and Transfer of Development Rights Programs be Coordinated and Considered Jointly Before the Planning Commission; and Requesting that Such Programs be Funded in the 2008 Budget.

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

Staff Testimony

Taylor provided a summary of the Proposal to the Council. Taylor explained the Purchase Development Rights Program (PDR) identifies a variety of potential funding sources and funding levels. He noted the Proposal does not endorse any particular funding source or level. Taylor reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation from the Community Development Committee on April 16, 2007. Taylor acknowledged Jeremy Eckhart and Ryan Mellow, Cascade Land Conservancy; and Brynn Brady, Planning and Land Services, for their work on the report.

Goings commented the Proposal is actual step in preserving farm land, and he complimented the Council for preserving farmland in Pierce County.

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

Gelman spoke to the importance of preserving farmland in the County.

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

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.

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

Staff Report

Long explained the Proposal revises the committee membership to add the potential Staff Director, and Jeff Cox and Paul Bocchi as alternates.

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

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

X. Other Business/Announcements - None

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Thomas White, Sumner resident, expressed his concern regarding the potential \$20 license tab increase, and he urged the Council not to support the legislation if the issues comes to the County.
2. Alton MdDonald complemented law enforcement for their part in ensuring school safety; expressed his concern regarding the building costs of the Crystal Judson Justice Center; and requested the County have a public access channel.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved