

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 27, 2003**

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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 Moss.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Moss, followed by a Moment of Silence in tribute to our men and women in the Military.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Paul Bocchi, Shawn Bunney, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, Harold Moss, and Kevin Wimsett. Barbara Gelman was excused at the time of roll call.

Council Staff Present: Gerri Johnson, Administrator/Clerks & Operations; Susan Long, Legal Counsel; Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy; and Anna Graham, Research Analyst.

There were approximately 14 visitors present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wimsett moved approval of the Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes
 1. The minutes of the May 6, 2003, regular Council meeting
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
 1. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-57, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 18.140 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "COMPLIANCE" TO CLARIFY THAT THE CHAPTER APPLIES TO THE SAME DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 18.20.020 OF THE CODE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Contact person: Sean Gaffney, 798-2724
For referral to the Planning & Environment Committee

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2003-81, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE CONSULTATION PROCESS WITH THE FOUR INTERIM COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCILS CREATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2003-53; RATIFYING THE PRIOR CONSULTATION PROCESS WITH THE LAND USE ADVISORY COMMISSIONS RELATING TO THE ZOO-TREK SALES TAX SPENDING PLAN; AND REAFFIRMING THE ZOO-TREK SALES TAX SPENDING PLAN AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2002-112s, THE PIERCE COUNTY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2003.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Contact person: Susan Long, 798-6068
Suggested date of Council hearing: June 3, 2003

d. Other Items

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

VI. MESSAGES FROM EXECUTIVE/JUDGES/PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

1. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinances, which were approved and signed on May 12, 2003, was read into the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-53, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATION; CREATING FOUR INTERIM COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCILS TO ASSIST IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF CAPITAL FACILITIES AND PROJECTS TO BE PAID FOR OUT OF SALES TAX REVENUES PURSUANT TO RCW 82.14.400 (ZOO-TREK SALES TAX); APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE INTERIM COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCILS; ESTABLISHING REPORTING DATES FOR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE COUNCIL; SETTING A SUNSET DATE; ADOPTING A DEFINITION OF "PARKS"; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-27, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION UNDER CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED BOUNDARIES OF PIERCE COUNTY, IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP

16 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT. (APPLICATION NO. OS7-02, FRED A. MILLER - EATONVILLE AREA)

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-28, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION UNDER CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED BOUNDARIES OF PIERCE COUNTY, IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT. (APPLICATION NO. OS10-02, DAVID AND STEPHANIE DREW - PUYALLUP AREA)

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-29, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION UNDER CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED BOUNDARIES OF PIERCE COUNTY, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT. (APPLICATION NO. OS5-02, DAVID AND TAMARA BROWN - BUCKLEY AREA)

PROPOSAL NO. 2003-39, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS, LOCAL 1184, SYSTEM COUNCIL NO. 15, NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF FIREMEN AND OILERS SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION - GENERAL UNIT; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-71, A PROCLAMATION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE DECLARING THE DAY OF MAY 27, 2003 AS "JUDGE JACK NEVIN DAY" IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the proclamation into the record.

County Executive John Ladenburg and District Court Judge James Heller presented the award to Judge Jack Nevin, commending him on his many accomplishments.

Nevin thanked the Council for their recognition.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-79, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ONE EXISTING MEMBER TO THE PIERCE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD. (DAVID MORELL)

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

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

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

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 2003-37s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.85 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "KEY PENINSULA ADVISORY COMMISSION"; AND ESTABLISHING AND CREATING A NINE-MEMBER LAND USE ADVISORY COMMISSION IN THE KEY PENINSULA COMMUNITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KEY PENINSULA ADVISORY COMMISSION.

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

Lee stated he had sponsored this Ordinance to implement the Community Plan that has been adopted. He said the Proposal will also be addressed in this year's budget cycle. Lee said the creation of the Plan and the Commission will provide predictability and certainty in land use matters in the Key Peninsula area.

Public Testimony

Jeff Harris spoke in support and urged the County to work in partnership with the Commission.

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2003-48, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS UNION, UNITED STAFF NURSES UNION LOCAL 141; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

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

Staff Testimony

Joe Carillo, Labor Relations Manager, Personnel, spoke in support of the Ordinance stating he was available for questions from Councilmembers.

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

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-42s, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN INTENT TO INITIATE A COMMUNITY PLAN FOR THE KEY PENINSULA COMMUNITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KEY PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLAN; AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THIS COMMUNITY PLAN IN THE NEXT ANNUAL BUDGET.

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

Lee stated this Resolution was a companion measure to Proposal 2003-37s, and stated the Council's intent to initiate a Community Plan for the Key Peninsula Community.

Public Testimony

Jeff Harris spoke in support, stating he felt the expense of a Community Plan will be an investment in the future and will pay long-term dividends.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-72, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO APPLY TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM, TO DEVELOP THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CUSHMAN TRAIL IN GIG HARBOR; AND TO DEVELOP THE ASHFORD PARK IN ASHFORD, AS PROVIDED BY THE WASHINGTON WILDLIFE RECREATION PROGRAM.

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

Staff Testimony

Jon Ortgiesen, Park Planner, Parks and Recreation Services, stated he was available for questions and responded to questions of Councilmembers regarding the application process.

Public Testimony

Randy Boss spoke in support of the Resolution.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2003-80, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE FORMATION OF "THE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP"; AND SUPPORTING ITS AGENDA FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION.

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

Staff Testimony

Skip Stansbury, Special Assistant to the Executive, Executive's Office, stated this Proposal had been brought forward by labor, government and community leadership. He stated the County Executive supports passage of the Resolution.

Public Testimony

David Graybill, Tacoma Pierce County Chamber; and Bruce Kendall, Economic Development Board, spoke in support of the Resolution.

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

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wimsett moved to change the June 4, 2003, Planning & Environment Committee meeting starting time from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Motion seconded; and passed on a voice vote.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Williams stated that in the expenditure of the Zoo Trek revenue monies there has been a lack of opportunity for public input.

Jeff Harris announced the Gig Harbor area would conduct a Safe Family, Safe Communities seminar on understanding domestic violence on Saturday, May 31. A copy of the flyer is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.

Randy Boss spoke to the Council regarding the Zoo Trek resolution and Ordinance, stating he feels they are in conflict, and that there has been a flaw in the process.

Alton McDonald referenced Resolution No. R2003-80, stating he feels African Americans have been left out of the economic boom in Pierce County, and there should be a process to include all contractors. He also expressed a concern with a recent lawsuit with the Tacoma Police Department.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Attest:

Gerri Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Councilmember Harold Moss, Council Chair

Date Approved