

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 29, 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, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri; Barbara Gelman arrived after roll call. Calvin Goings and Timothy M. Farrell were excused.

Council Staff Present: Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Anna Graham, Senior Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator of Clerks and Legal; Leslie Swalley, Councilmember Assistant; and Hugh Taylor, Senior Legislative Analyst.

There were four 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

Bunney 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 May 15, 2007, regular Council meeting
2. The May 8, 2007, regular Council meeting
3. The May 1, 2007, regular Council meeting

4. The April 24, 2007, regular Council meeting
5. The April 17, 2007, regular Council meeting
6. The May 30, 2006, District No. 6 Council meeting
7. The May 23, 2006, regular Council meeting
8. The May 2, 2006, District No. 4 Council meeting

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

1. Proposal No. 2007-35, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Vacating a Portion of Spokane Avenue and Puget Avenue located in the Plat of Delano Beach Park in the Northeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 20 North, Range 1 West, of the Willamette Meridian, in the Key Peninsula South Area.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush

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

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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Economic and Infrastructure
Development on May 15, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: July 3, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-43, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Related to the Funding of the Pierce County Law Library; Recognizing the Need for Additional Financial Support; and Directing the Clerk of the Pierce County Superior Court to Reallocate the Portion of Superior Court Civil Filing Fees Paid to the Credit of the Law Library as Provided by Revised Code of Washington 27.24.070, from the Current Seventeen Dollars to Twenty Dollars.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings

Department contact person: Laurie Miller, Pierce County Law Library,
(253) 798-2973

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

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

3. Proposal No. 2007-44, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 12.28 of the Pierce County Code to Allow for Summary Removal of Illegally Placed Objects, Including Signs, from County Rights-of-Way; and Adopting Civil Penalties for Certain Violations.

Sponsored by: Pierce County Council

Department contact person: Brian Stacy, Public Works and Utilities
(253) 798-7257

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

For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: *June 19, 2007

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-64, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Adopting its Preliminary 2008 Budget Information and Funding Priorities; and Requesting that the Pierce County Executive Include These Priorities in the 2008 Budget for Pierce County.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on June 11, 2007
Suggested date of Council hearing: June 12, 2007

2. Proposal No. R2007-66, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Setting the Date of an Evening Council Meeting in Council District No. 5 for Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., at Collins Elementary School, in the Multi-purpose Room, 4608 128th Street East, Tacoma, Washington.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Barbara Gelman
Council contact person: Patty Face, (253) 798-2687
Suggested date of Council hearing: June 5, 2007

3. Proposal No. R2007-67, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Pierce County Executive to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Orting for the Transfer of a Portion of the Orting Sewer Service Area to Pierce County.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
Department contact person: Tim Ramsaur, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-4109
Council contact person: Jeff Cox, (253) 798-7579
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

d. Other Items

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

VI. Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney - None

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

Proposal No. R2007-65, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of One New Member to the Pierce County Conservation Futures Citizens' Advisory Board (Denise McCluskey).

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

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for Council comments; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of five to zero.

Proposal No. R2007-68, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of Six New Members (Wendy Lake, Kimberli Randall, Paul Becker, Robert Dreyer, Marc Johnson, and Skylar McCune) to the Graham Advisory Commission.

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

Public Testimony

Bud Rehberg spoke to the appointment proposal.

The Chair called for Council comments; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of five to zero.

VIII. Ordinances

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)

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

Staff Testimony

Graham explained the Proposal approves five open space applications, and reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation from the Community Development Committee on April 16, 2007. Graham explained the open space tax reductions.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for Council comments; there was no response. The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

IX. Resolutions

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.

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

Staff Testimony

Taylor explained the Proposal established an on-site septic repair loan program, and he informed the Council that Dan Wyre, Public Works and Utilities Department, was available to answer questions.

Dan Wyre responded to Councilmember questions.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of five to zero.

Proposal No. R2007-62, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Requesting the United States to Refrain from Disposing of the Fort Lewis Golf Course or Transferring Any Interest Held by the United States in Fort Lewis Properties Encumbered by a Pierce County Reversionary Interest To A Party Other than Pierce County; and Requesting that the Army Continue Operating the Fort Lewis Golf Course as a Military Owned and Operated Recreation Facility for the Indefinite Future.

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

Staff Testimony

Cox reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation from the Rules and Operations Committee on May 29, 2007. Cox explained Proposal and provided historical information on the Proposal. He spoke to the letter to the Nisqually Tribe from the Executive, and informed the Council that a copy of the letter is included with the Proposal.

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

Muri and Farrell spoke in support of the Proposal.

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of four to zero (Gelman abstained).

X. Other Business/Announcements - None

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Ken Paulson spoke to the actions of the Regional Transportation Improvement District (RTID).

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