

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 12, 2007

930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 1045
Tacoma, WA 98402

(Note: These minutes are not verbatim. Recorded tapes are available upon request.)

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: Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Anna Graham, Senior Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; Hugh Taylor, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Michael Transue, Budget Consultant.

There were seven 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 May 22, 2007, regular Council meeting

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

1. Proposal No. 2007-48, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 17B.30 of the Pierce County Code, "Roads and Bridges"; Responding to Recently Adopted County Council Resolution No. R2006-78; Adopting Findings of Fact; and Setting an Effective Date.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
Department contact person: Nancy Morgan, Planning and Land Services,
(253) 798-2706
Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, (253) 798-3665
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
To be heard in the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
on June 19, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-50, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing Amendments to the Pierce County Charter to Make the Assessor-Treasurer a Nonpartisan Position and Setting the Limit on Terms to Three Consecutive 4-Year Terms; Requesting the Auditor to Submit these Amendments to the Voters at the November 2007 General Election; and Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Sponsored by: Pierce County Council
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 10, 2007

3. Proposal No. 2007-51, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing Amendments to the Pierce County Charter to Make the Auditor a Nonpartisan Position and Setting the Limit on Terms to Three Consecutive 4-Year Terms; Requesting the Auditor to Submit these Amendments to the Voters at the November 2007 General Election; and Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Sponsored by: Pierce County Council
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
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4. Proposal No. 2007-52, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing Amendments to the Pierce County Charter to Create the Office of Environment and Lands; to Make the Environment and Lands Commissioner a Nonpartisan Position; Setting the Limit on Terms to Three Consecutive 4-Year Terms; Requesting the Auditor to Submit these Amendments to the Voters at the November 2007 General Election; and Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Dick Muri and Barbara Gelman
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 10, 2007

5. Proposal No. 2007-53, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Declaring County-Owned Real Property as Surplus, Tax Parcel Number 747002-128-2, Approximately 2.90 Acres Located on the East Side of Pacific Avenue, South of South 35th Street in Tacoma, Washington; and

Authorizing the County Executive to Pursue Disposal of the Property Pursuant to Pierce County Code 2.110.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Timothy M. Farrell and Calvin Goings
Department contact person: Hollie Rogge, Facilities Management, (253) 798-6364

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

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: July 10, 2007

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-59, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Stating Its Intent to Establish a Unique Transportation Level of Service for Spanaway Loop Road between Tule Lake Road South and Military Road South in Recognition of the Residential Character of the Spanaway Loop Road Area and the Desire to Minimize Impacts to the Neighborhood Associated with Future Roadway Widening; and Requesting the Department of Public Works and Utilities to Include a Recommendation on the Level of Service within the Annual Amendments to the Pierce County Capital Facilities Plan.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Barbara Gelman

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

Committee recommendation: Forward without Recommendation at Community Development on May 21, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: July 10, 2007

2. Proposal No. R2007-67s, 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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted at Economic and Infrastructure Development on June 5, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: June 19, 2007

3. Proposal No. R2007-71, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Calling for An Election to be Held on November 6, 2007, for the Purpose of Submitting to the Affected Voters the Determination of Whether or Not Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 16 Shall Expand the Board of Fire Commissioners from Three Members to Five Members; and Requesting that the Prosecuting Attorney Write an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

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

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 3, 2007

4. Proposal No. R2007-72, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Approving the Issuance of Tax exempt Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds of the Health and Educational Facilities Authority of the State of Missouri for the Benefit of Mount Rainier Lutheran High School in Accordance with the Requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as Amended.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Dick Muri

Department contact person: Stacey Crawshaw-Lewis, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates, (206) 370-7656

Council contact persons: Susan Long, (263) 798-6068, and Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 3, 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 May 23, 2007, was read into the record:

Ordinance No. 2007-23, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 14.16 of the Pierce County Code, "Pierce County Fair," by Increasing Concession Booth Rates.

Ordinance No. 2007-37, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with the Pierce County Captain's Association; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

2. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinance which was approved and signed on May 31, 2007, was read into the record:

Ordinance 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)

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

Proposal No. R2007-73, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Existing Member (Terry Nettles) and the Appointment of One New Member to the Building and Fire Codes Board of Appeals (Jill Sousa).

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

Staff Testimony

Gordon Aleshire, Building Official, spoke to the importance of the Board and in support of the appointments.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for final Council comments; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero (Goings was excused at the time of vote).

Proposal No. R2007-74, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Existing Member to the Community Services Citizens' Advisory Board. (Ellen Johnson)

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 final Council comments; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

Proposal No. R2007-75, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Existing Member (Burton Nessel), and the Appointment of One New Member (Larry May) to the Parkland-Spanaway-Midland Land Use Advisory Commission.

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

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

VIII. Ordinances

Proposal No. 2006-144, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Approval of Applications for Timber Land Classification Under Current Use Assessment on Certain Properties Located within the Unincorporated Boundaries of Pierce County; and Adopting Findings of Fact. (Application No. OST3-06, Tom O. McCullough – Ashford Area; Application No. OST9-06, John and Barbara Marshall – McKenna Area; Application No. OST10-06, Horan Real Estate and The Quinnett

Family Trust – McKenna Area; Application No. OST11-06, Robert and Elaine Riddell – McKenna Area)

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

Staff Testimony

Graham provided information on the Proposal and the land taxation. Graham reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Community Development Committee on April 16, 2007.

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

Proposal No. 2007-31s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 2006-115s, Relating to the 2007 Budget, and Directions and Reporting Requirements Given to Certain County Departments During Fiscal Year 2007.

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

Staff Testimony

Transue summarized the Proposal to the Council.

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

IX. Resolutions

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.

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

Staff Testimony

Transue explained the Proposal by highlighting each Section of the Proposal. Transue reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on June 11, 2007.

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

Proposal No. R2007-69, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Accepting an Update on the Scope, Schedule, and Budget for an Environmental Education Center to be Located at Pierce County's Chambers Creek Properties; and Authorizing the Expenditure of an Additional \$74,900 from the Solid Waste Management Fund for Community Engagement Purposes.

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

Staff Testimony

Taylor provided information on the Proposal and explained that the Proposal authorizes \$74,900 from the Solid Waste Management Fund. Taylor reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on June 11, 2007.

Steve Wamback, Solid Waste Division, thanked the Council for their support and explained how the funding would be used.

Public Testimony

Bud Rehberg provided testimony on the Proposal.

Bunney explained that he has concerns with the funding, but he would support this Proposal to get the Environmental Education Center.

The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of six to one (Bush voted nay).

X. Other Business/Announcements

1. Goings moved to amend the Meeting Schedule for the week of June 18-22 to add the following item to the Regional Support Governing Board Agenda for Wednesday June 20:

“7. Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Resolutions on Continuing the Pierce County Regional Support Network.”

The motion was seconded and carried.

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Bruce Minker, Corrections Department, urged the Council to reinstate the County Employee Suggestion Award Program. Minker expressed his concerns regarding excessive spending at the County jail.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved