

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 15, 2004**

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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 Vice Chair Wimsett.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**III. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, Dick Muri, and Kevin Wimsett. Harold Moss was excused.

Council Staff Present: Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Operations; Leslie Swalley, Councilmember Assistant; Hugh Taylor, Research Analyst; and Tom Weber, Administrator for Research and Policy.

There were six visitors present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approval of Minutes

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. 2004-29s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 3.76.045 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "ACTIVE DUTY DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT", PROVIDING FOR DIFFERENTIAL PAY AND CONTINUATION OF HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES CALLED TO ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Kevin Wimsett, Shawn Bunney, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri

Contact person: Steve Gross, 798-7579

DO PASS AS SUBSTITUTED RECOMMENDATION - RULES & OPERATIONS

COMMITTEE ON JUNE 7, 2004 - (Harold Moss, Chair; Kevin Wimsett, Vice Chair; Terry Lee, Member)

Suggested date of Council hearing: July 13, 2004

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2004-52, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING THE 2003 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS, CORRECTING TECHNICAL ERRORS, AND MAKING SUBSTANTIVE AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, INCLUDING REORGANIZATION; REPEALING CHAPTER 18A.25, ZONE CLASSIFICATIONS AND USE TABLES; CREATING NEW CHAPTERS, 18A.17, PIERCE COUNTY (OUTSIDE COMMUNITY PLAN AREAS) USE AND DENSITY/DIMENSION TABLES, 18A.22 FREDERICKSON USE AND DENSITY/DIMENSION TABLES, 18A.23 GIG HARBOR USE AND DENSITY/DIMENSION TABLES, 18A.28 PARKLAND-SPANAWAY-MIDLAND USE AND DENSITY/DIMENSION TABLES, 18A.29, SOUTH HILL USE AND DENSITY/DIMENSION TABLES, 18A.31, UPPER NISQUALLY USE AND DENSITY/DIMENSION TABLES, AND 18A.33, ZONE CLASSIFICATIONS; AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING ATLAS; AMENDING TITLE 18B, PIERCE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS-SIGNS; AMENDING TITLE 18J, PIERCE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS-DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings

Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253

For referral to the Community Development Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: July 27, 2004

3. PROPOSAL NO. 2004-53, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SUBSECTION 14.16.030E OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, AUTHORIZING THE PIERCE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION TO ISSUE PASSES TO MILITARY FAMILIES.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Kevin Wimsett

Contact person: Steve Gross, 798-7579

For referral to the Rules & Operations Committee

To be heard in the Rules & Operations Committee on  
July 6, 2004  
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 13, 2004

- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
1. PROPOSAL NO. R2004-88, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2004, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE AFFECTED VOTERS THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PIERCE COUNTY GENERAL COUNTY LEVY RATE SHALL BE RENEWED AT THE EXISTING RATE OF \$1.5545 IN 2005.  
Sponsored by: Councilmembers Dick Muri, Terry Lee, Shawn Bunney, Barbara Gelman, and Calvin Goings  
Contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067  
For referral to the Rules & Operations Committee  
To be heard in the Rules & Operations Committee on July 6, 2004  
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 13, 2004
  2. PROPOSAL NO. R2004-89, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING, AS REQUIRED BY PIERCE COUNTY CODE 2.110.120, THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 868 173RD STREET SOUTH, SPANAWAY, WASHINGTON.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Contact person: Suzanne Hedlund, 798-6880  
For referral to the Rules & Operations Committee

d. Other Items

**VI. MESSAGES FROM EXECUTIVE/JUDGES/PROSECUTING ATTORNEY - None**

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-85, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCLAIMING THE DAY OF SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2004, AS "TACOMA HIGHLAND GAMES DAY" IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON.**

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proclamation into the record.

Charles Cook accepted the Proclamation and invited the Council and the community to attend the special event.

Bunney commented on last year's event and encouraged the Council to attend this year's event.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-84, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE PIERCE COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION (GRANT SULHAM).**

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proclamation into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero.

**VIII. ORDINANCES**

**PROPOSAL NO. 2004-27s2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 10.24 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, PARKING, TO PROVIDE FOR IMPOUNDMENT OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES ON NARROW STREETS IN SMALL LOT DEVELOPMENTS; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proclamation into the record.

Staff Testimony

Weber stated the Proposal received a do pass as substituted recommendation by the Community Development Committee on April 26, 2004.

Chip Vincent, Planning and Land Services Department, stated the Proposal is a companion to the Small Lot Development Ordinance. The Proposal will allow for vehicles that are in violation of the parking requirements and signage to be towed. The Department has worked with the Fire Marshall's office and with the Prosecuting Attorney's office to develop supportive Proposal language. He explained Small Lot Development and answered questions relating to the issue.

Wayne Weinholz, Fire Marshall, explained the importance of having the Proposal, stating the streets will be kept clear for emergency vehicles.

Chief Paul Web, Lakewood Fire Department and President of Pierce County Fire Chiefs, spoke in support of the Proposal.

In response to Lee's question, Weinholz spoke to the enforcement procedures for the Proposal.

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

Goings thanked the Fire Marshall and Fire Chiefs for their work on the Proposal.

In response to Gelman's question, Weinholz stated the Council will be kept informed of the outcome of the parking situation.

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

#### **IX. RESOLUTIONS**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-83, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING ITS INTENT TO VACATE A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR 170TH AVENUE KPN, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE KEY PENINSULA AREA; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXAMINE THE INTENDED VACATION AND REPORT THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS THEREOF TO THE COUNCIL.**

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

#### Staff Testimony

Weber stated the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on June 15, 2004. Since the Proposal is a Council initiated vacation, passage is the first step in a two-step process. If adopted, the County Engineer will be asked to prepare a report to see if the road vacation should be granted.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-87, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R2003-139s TO INITIATE CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THE SPECIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CYCLE REQUIRED BY REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON (RCW) 36.70A.130(4).**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber stated the Proposal was not heard in Committee and today an amendment will be offered to correct a parcel number error.

Lee moved Council Amendment No. 1 on the blue; motion seconded. A copy of the amendment is attached with these minutes as Attachment I.

Taylor explained the amendment, stating that an extra digit was listed in the parcel number and clarifying language regarding rezoning will be added to the Proposal.

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

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

**X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Lee moved to amend the Council Meeting Agenda for July 6, 2004, to add the following Item 1. to Section VII., for final consideration; motion seconded and passed.

PROPOSAL NO. R2004-90, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTING MIKE CARRELL TO THE POSITION OF WASHINGTON STATE SENATOR REPRESENTING THE 28TH DISTRICT.

At 3:30 p.m., the Chair announced the conclusion of the televised portion of the meeting.

**XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Charles Cresco read a statement into the record requesting that the Council allow televised general public comments on a trial basis. A copy of his letter is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.

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**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at  
3:32 p.m.

Attest:

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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Councilmember Harold Moss, Council Chair

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Date Approved

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