

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
June 17, 2008

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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 Lee.

II. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri. Timothy M. Farrell was excused.

Council Staff Present: Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Operations; Anna Graham, Administrator for Research and Policy; Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Mike Kruger, Research Analyst; and 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
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)

1. Proposal No. 2008-36, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 5.26.030 of the Pierce County Code, "Fares," to Increase the Drop Rate for Taxicabs Operating in Unincorporated Pierce County.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Dick Muri

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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Rules and Operations on
June 16, 2008

Suggested date of Council hearing: July 8, 2008

2. Proposal No. 2008-42, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Vacating a Portion of 204th Street East (J Street) located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 19 North, Range 4 East of the Willamette Meridian, in the Graham 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

For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

To be heard in the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on
June 23, 2008

3. Proposal No. 2008-43, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Executive to Enter Into a Long-Term Ground Lease with the Boys & Girls Club of South Puget Sound.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Grant Griffin, Parks and Recreation Services,
(253) 798-4049

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

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

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

1. Proposal No. R2008-77s, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Relating to the Creation of a Local Economic Stimulus Plan for Pierce County; Requesting that the Office of Economic Development Evaluate the Effect of Development Related Charges, Fees, and Other Factors on Development Financing and Total Development Costs; and Requesting that the Office of Economic Development Identify Actions that Can Be Taken to Stimulate Greater Investment in the Local Economy.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney

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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted at the Rules and
Operations Committee on June 2, 2008

Suggested date of Council hearing: July 1, 2008

d. Other Items

Goings moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a roll call vote of 6-0.

VI. Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney

1. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinances, which were approved and signed on May 29, 2008, was read into the record:

Ordinance No. 2008-20s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 13.13.010 of the Pierce County Code, "Definitions," to Create a Definition of Transfer Sewer Service Area; Amending Section 13.13.085 of the Pierce County Code, "Rates and Charges," to Establish a \$24.00 Debt Service Sewer Surcharge on Customers within the City of DuPont Historic Village Area; Amending Chapter 13.16 of the Pierce County Code, "Connection Charges," by Adding Provisions Related to Sanitary Sewer Utility Connection Charges to the Historic Village Area; and Setting an Effective Date.

Ordinance No. 2008-22s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 2007-102s, as Amended by Ordinance No. 2008-9s2; and Modifying the County 2008 Budget.

2. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinances, which were approved and signed on June 5, 2008, was read into the record:

Ordinance No. 2008-19s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting Classifications of County Roads; Repealing Prior Road Classification Ordinance No. 2005-26; Adopting a New Pierce County Road Classification Plan; Directing the County Engineer to Properly Implement the Arterial Designations through the Use of Appropriate Traffic Control Devices; and Setting an Effective date.

Ordinance No. 2008-29, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting Maximum Speed Limits On County Roads; Repealing Prior Speed Limit Ordinance No. 2006-32; Repealing Ordinance No. 2005-112; Directing the County Engineer to Properly Implement the Maximum Speed Limits Through the Use of Appropriate Traffic Control Devices; and Setting an Effective Date of July 1, 2008.

Ordinance No. 2008-31, 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. OS13-07, Charles T. Abbott – Gig Harbor Area; Application No. OS14-07, John H. McMillan – Gig Harbor Area; Application No. OS15-07, John M. and Lorraine I. Timm – Roy Area; Application No. OS17-07, Jon and Christy Miller – Eatonville Area; Application No. OS18-07, Donald J. and Lucinda J. Wingard – Gig Harbor Area)

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

Proposal No. R2008-90, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of Two New Members (Florence Ball and Alan Dahl) to the Aging and Long Term Care Advisory Board.

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

Long explained Proposal No. R2008-90.

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

The question was called; Proposal No. R2008-90 was adopted on a roll call vote of 6-0.

VIII. Ordinances

Proposal No. 2008-34, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 2.08 of the Pierce County Code, "Superior Court Clerk – Electronic Data Access Services," Revising the Fees to be Charged by the Clerk for Subscription Accounts for Electronic Access to Superior Court Records for Those Who are Resellers of Data; and Setting an Effective Date.

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

Bocchi explained Proposal No. 2008-34.

Kevin Stock, Clerk of the Superior Court, responded to questions of Councilmembers.

The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony: Ken Paulson spoke regarding Proposal No. 2008-34.

The question was called; Proposal No. 2008-34 was passed on a roll call vote of 6-0.

IX. Resolutions

Proposal No. R2008-87, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Supporting the Puget Sound Meat Producers Co-operative in Their Efforts to Develop a USDA-Inspected Mobile Meat Processing Facility and to Revive a Local Farming Industry and Keep Valuable Farmland in Farming.

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

Kruger explained Proposal No. R2008-87.

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

Cheryl Ouellette, Farm Advisory Board, spoke regarding Proposal No. R2008-87.

Bunney spoke in support of Proposal. No. R2008-87.

The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony: Jesse Hill spoke regarding Proposal No. R2008-87.

Goings spoke in support of Proposal No. R2008-87.

The question was called; Proposal No. R2008-87 was adopted on a roll call vote of 6-0.

Proposal No. R2008-88, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Accepting the State Auditor's Performance Audit Report on Open Public Records Practices of 30 Government Entities and Requesting the Pierce County Performance Audit Coordinator to Prepare and Submit an Annual Report Regarding the County's Legislative Implementation of the Audit Recommendations by July 1 of Each Year as Required by RCW 43.09.470.

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

Long explained Proposal No. R2008-88. She introduced Chris Cortines, Washington State Auditor's Office, who provided a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions of Councilmembers. A copy of the PowerPoint is contained in the Ordinance file.

The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony: Jesse Hill and Steve Aldridge spoke regarding Proposal No. R2008-88

Bunney responded to questions raised during public testimony.

The question was called; Proposal No. R2008-88 was adopted on a roll call vote of 6-0.

Proposal No. R2008-92, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Adopting its Preliminary 2009 Budget Information and Funding Priorities; and Requesting that the Pierce County Executive Include These Priorities in the 2009 Budget for Pierce County.

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

Bocchi explained Proposal No. R2008-92 and suggested that the proposal be continued to June 24, 2008.

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

Goings moved to continue Proposal No. R2008-92 to a date certain of June 24, 2008;
motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

X. Other Business/Announcements - None

XI. Citizens' Forum

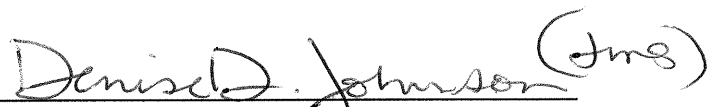
The following individuals addressed the Council: Dean Webber, Country Aire Manor; and Steve Alridge.

Lee responded to issues raised during Citizens' Forum.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Attest:


Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:


Terry Lee, Council Chair

10/28/08
Date Approved