

**MINUTES**  
**PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 23, 2009**

930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 1045  
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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 Bush.

**II. Roll Call**

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, Timothy M. Farrell, Barbara Gelman, Terry Lee, Joyce McDonald, and Dick Muri.

Council Staff Present: Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Anna Graham, Administrator for Research and Policy; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Mike Kruger, Legislative Analyst; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; Carolyn Pendle, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Tom Swanson, Councilmember Assistant.

There were 21 visitors present.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

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

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Lee 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 June 16, 2009, regular Council Meeting

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

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

1. Proposal No. R2009-59s, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Relating to Contracting Indebtedness; and Expressing the Council's intent to Authorize the Issuance of Approximately \$24,000,000 Par Value Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds for General County Purposes to Provide Funds from which to Pay the Cost of Land Acquisition, Designing and Constructing Those Transportation System Improvements Included in the Transportation Improvement Plan.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush

Department contact person: Patrick Kenney, Budget and Finance,  
(253) 798-7546

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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted at Rules and Operations  
on June 8, 2009

Date of final Council hearing: July 7, 2009

2. Proposal No. R2009-68, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Amending Resolution No. R2008-185, as Amended by Resolution No. R2009-36, by Adjusting Appointments of Councilmembers and Staff to Positions on External Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Other Organizations for the Year 2009.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush

Council contact person: Anna Graham, (253) 798-6253

Date of final Council hearing: July 7, 2009

Lee 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 - None**

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

**Proposal No. R2009-69, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council and Executive Proclaiming County Support for the Multi-Agency ACHIEVE Initiative Strategies to Increase Physical Activity and Healthy Eating for All County Youth and Adults.**

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair read the Proclamation into the record in its entirety.

Dr. Paul Schneider, ACHIEVE; and Bob Eckland, YMCA and ACHIEVE, spoke to the Proposal.

The Chair called for public testimony.

### Public Testimony

Janet Bissell, Metro Parks of Tacoma; and Joann Maxwell, ACHIEVE, testified.

Final Councilmember comments were provided by Bunney, Lee, Muri, and Gelman.

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

Dr. Schneider accepted the Proclamation.

The Chair directed staff to send a letter to the school districts along with a copy of the Proposal.

### **VIII. Ordinances**

#### **Proposal No. 2009-36, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 14.16.030 of the Pierce County Code, "Fees," by Modifying Certain Pierce County Fair Fee Rates.**

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Long provided information on the Proposal and explained the Committee amendments will be discussed since they were not rolled into a substitute at committee level.

Betty Backstrom, Pierce County Fair, spoke to the Proposal and the upcoming Pierce County Fair.

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

Lee moved an oral amendment to page 1 of Exhibit A at line 33 to strike the words "beeth-or"; motion seconded.

The Chair called for public testimony on the amendment; there was no response. The Chair called for Councilmember comments on the amendment.

The question was called; the amendment carried.

The Chair called for public testimony on the Proposal as amended; there was no response. The Chair called for final Councilmember comments on the Proposal as amended; there was no response.

The question was called; the Proposal was passed as amended on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

### **IX. Resolutions**

#### **Proposal No. R2009-37, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Re-Establishing the Housing Affordability Task Force to Complete Recommendations for Implementing its**

**March 2007 Report; Re-Appointing Membership of the Task Force; Requesting the Planning Commission to Review the Proposal and Make Recommendations to the County Council by a Date Certain; and Extending the Sunset Date for the Task Force.**

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

Farrell moved an oral amendment to Resolution page 3 at line 13, Section 5., to delete "2009" and insert "2010"; motion seconded.

The Chair called for public testimony on the amendment.

Public Testimony

Gary Aden, Community Services, testified.

The Chair called for public testimony on the amended Proposal; there was no response. The Chair called for final Councilmember comments on the amended Proposal; Bunney responded.

The question was called; the Proposal was passed as amended on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**Proposal No. R2009-57, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Endorsing the Pierce County Sheriff Department's Acceptance of a Grant Award of \$1,083,891.50 in Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Funds for Public Safety and Judicial Services that Address Critical Needs for Pierce County Citizens; and Providing a Public Hearing on the County's Proposed Use of the Money Received.**

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Cox explained the Proposal and responded to Councilmember questions.

Julie Williams, Sheriff's Department, spoke to the Proposal and responded to Councilmember questions.

Bunney spoke to the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center funding.

The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony

Bruce Minker, Pierce County Jail, testified.

Lee moved to continue the Proposal to June 30, 2009; motion seconded and carried.

**Proposal No. R2009-70, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Related to the Office of the Hearing Examiner; Adding and Removing Deputy Hearing Examiners; and Amending Resolution No. R2006-52s, As Amended, in Connection Therewith.**

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. Long explained the Proposal and answered Councilmember questions.

The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony

Ed McGuire testified.

The Chair called for final Council comments; there was no response.

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**X. Other Business/Announcements - None**


**XI. Citizens' Forum**

The following addressed the Council: Ken Paulson; Bruce Minker, Pierce County Jail; Susan Hartland, Dogs Deserve Better (handout in Clerk's meeting file.)

**XII. Adjournment**


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

  
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Roger Bush, Council Chair

  
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Date Approved