

MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
**JULY 3, 2007**

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 Acting Chair Bunney.

II. Roll Call

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

Council Staff Present: Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst; Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Anna Graham, Interim Administrator for Research and Policy; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; and Carolyn Pendle, Senior Research Analyst.

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

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**

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

1. Proposal No. 2007-40, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 4.48.020 of the Pierce County Code to Delete the Behavioral Health Fund and Establish a New Regional Support Network Fund.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Patrick Kenney, Budget and Finance,  
(253) 798-7450

Council contact person: Carolyn Pendle, (253) 798-3631

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Public Safety and Human  
Services on June 12, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: July 31, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-48s, 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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted on June 19, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: July 31, 2007

3. Proposal No. 2007-63s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing Amendments to the Pierce County Charter to Clarify and Establish Procedures for the Conduct of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV); Providing for Ranking of Top Three Candidates in 2008 and Full Ranking in 2010; Requesting the Auditor to Submit These Amendments to the Voters at the November 2007 General Election; and Requesting the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Timothy M. Farrell

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

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: July 31, 2007

4. Proposal No. 2007-64, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing Amendments to the Pierce County Charter to Clarify and Establish Filing Requirements for Minor Party and Independent Candidates for Partisan County Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Offices; Requesting the Auditor to Submit These Amendments to the Voters at the November 2007 General Election; and Requesting the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Timothy M. Farrell and Dick Muri  
Department contact person: Pat McCarthy, Auditor, (253) 798-3188  
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 31, 2007

5. Proposal No. 2007-65, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing an Amendment to Section 4.10 of the Pierce County Charter to Extend the Instant Runoff Voting Implementation Deadline from July 2008 to July 2010; Requesting the Auditor to Submit this Amendment to the Voters at the November 2007 General Election; and Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Dick Muri  
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 31, 2007

6. Proposal No. 2007-66, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing Amendments to Section 5.70 of the Pierce County Charter to Authorize the Council to Establish a Filing Fee for Referenda; Requesting the Auditor to Submit this Amendment to the Voters at the November 2007 General Election; and Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Dick Muri  
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 31, 2007

7. Proposal No. 2007-68, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing Amendments to the Pierce County Charter to Clarify and Establish Procedures for the Conduct of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV); Requesting the Auditor to Submit These Amendments to the Voters at the November 2007 General Election; and Requesting the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Department contact person: Pat McCarthy, Auditor, (253) 798-3188  
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 31, 2007

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-82, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Establishing the Development Sign Advisory Committee, An Ad Hoc Committee to Advise the Pierce County Council Regarding Sign Standards to be Applied to On-Site and Off-Site Signage Associated with the

Advertising of New Home and Lot Sales within New Subdivisions and Similar Development Projects; Providing Guidelines and a Timeline for the Work of the Committee; and Requesting that the Recommendations of the Committee be Forwarded to the Planning Commission for Review by a Date Certain.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush  
Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, (253) 798-3665  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on July 9, 2007  
Suggested date of Council hearing: July 17, 2007

**d. Other Items**

**1. Rescind Council's Action of Setting Date of Public Hearing of July 10, 2007 for the following Proposal:**

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.

Bunney 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 June 19, 2007, was read into the record:

Ordinance 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)

Ordinance 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.

VII. Proclamations, Awards, and/or Appointments to Boards and Commissions - None

VIII. Ordinances

**Proposal No. 2007-29, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Subsection 2.40.030 F. of the Pierce County Code to Revise the Nomination Process for Employment of the Regional Support Network (RSN) Administrator.**

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

Staff Testimony

Pendle briefed the Council on the Proposal by explaining the RSN board selection process and concerns expressed by some board members. Pendle reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Public Safety and Human Services Committee on April 24, 2007.

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

**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.**

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

Staff Testimony

Taylor provided information on the Proposal and reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on May 15, 2007.

Grey Dussault, Public Works and Utilities Department, in response on Farrell's question, explained that he was not sure how long the County had the right-of-way but assumed for at least 100 years. He informed the Council that he does not know why the Planning and Land Services Department allowed a house to be built on the right-of-way.

Bunney commented the Proposal is necessary to see if the road is needed as part of the County road system.

Dussault explained the Proposal cleans up problems, and he informed the Council the Department supports the Proposal.

Public Testimony

Todd Borgardus, property owner, testified on the Proposal.

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

**Proposal No. 2007-45, 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. OS20-06, Tacoma Builders Collective, LLC – Roy Area; Application No. OS21-06, Ryan Banks – South Prairie Area; Application No. OS22-06, L/M Investments, LLC – South Prairie Area; Application No. OS 23-06, Matt and Lucie Arrell – South Prairie Area; Application No. OS25-06, Todd S. and Joni L. Larson – Tanwax Lake Area; Application No. OS27-06, Robert E. Dimond – Mid-County Area; and Application No. OS28-06, Barry Locke and Leah Walter – Roy Area)**

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

Staff Testimony

Cox explained the Proposal consolidates seven open space applications for approval and spoke to the tax rating benefits. Cox reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Community Development Committee on June 18, 2007.

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

**Proposal No. 2007-46, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Approval of an Application 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. OST26-06, Arundel Research Corporation – Nisqually River Forest Reserve Area)**

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

Staff Testimony

Cox briefed the Council on the Proposal and reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Community Development Committee on June 18, 2007.

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

**Proposal No. 2007-47, 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. OS30-06, Cary Thormodsgard – Tule Lake Area; Application No. OS31-06, Robert Riddell – Orting Area; Application No. OS34-06, Wade E. and Lauren A. Hader – Tanwax Lake Area)**

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

Staff Testimony

Cox briefed the Council on the Proposal and reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Community Development Committee on June 18, 2007.

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

IX. Resolutions

**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.**

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

Staff Testimony

Cox briefed the Council on the Proposal and reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Community Development Committee on July 2, 2007.

Public Testimony

Rick Sorrels testified on the Proposal.

In response to Councilmember questions, Sorrels explained the Fire District will pay for the November election, and informed the Council that there is enough population increase to have more representation on the Board.

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

**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.**

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

Public Testimony

Bocchi explained the Proposal and Section 147(f). He noted that Pierce County will have no financial obligation for the bond.

Bocchi explained the notice was published on June 6, 2007, and he suggested that an oral amendment be made on page 2 at line 9 to strike the blank "\_\_\_\_\_" and replace with "June 6"

Bunney moved the suggested oral amendment; motion seconded.

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

Public Testimony on Proposal No. R2007-72 as Amended

Bart Luedemann, Mount Rainier Lutheran High School; and Stacy Crawshaw-Lewis testified on the amended Proposal.

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

**Proposal No. R2007-78, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Setting the Date of an Evening Council Meeting in Council District No. 3 for Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., at Frontier Park, in the new Home Economics Building, 21800 Meridian South, Graham, Washington.**

Bunney moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The question was called; the Proposal passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

X. Other Business/Announcements - None

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Bud Rehberg expressed his concerns with City of Tacoma citizens going into other jurisdictions to light fireworks.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Attest:

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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Terry Lee, Council Chair

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Date Approved