

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2005**

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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 Bunney.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Barbara Gelman, Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri. Tim Farrell and Calvin Goings arrived after roll call.

Council Staff Present: Steve Gross, Deputy Legal Counsel; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Legal Counsel, Carolyn Pendle, Research Analyst; Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy; and Victoria Woodards, Councilmember Assistant.

There were approximately 20 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. 2005-53, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO PENINSULA LIGHT COMPANY, INC., OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, FOR LOCATION OF ELECTRIC LINES ON CERTAIN RIGHTS OF WAY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY

EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SAID FRANCHISE.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687

For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure
Development Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2005-54, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING INTERIM SIGN AND DESIGN STANDARDS FOR THE ALDERTON-MCMILLIN COMMUNITY PLAN AREA FOR APPLICATION TO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS UNTIL THE COMMUNITY PLAN AND ASSOCIATED IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS CAN BE DEVELOPED; ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 18B.200 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "ALDERTON-MCMILLIN INTERIM SIGN STANDARDS"; ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 18J.100, "ALDERTON-MCMILLIN INTERIM DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES"; REQUESTING REVIEW BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253
For referral to the Community Development Committee
To be heard in the Community Development Committee on July 25, 2005
Suggested date of Council hearing: August 16, 2005

- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
- d. Other Items

Lee moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

VI. MESSAGES FROM EXECUTIVE/JUDGES/PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

1. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinance, which was approved and signed on July 5, 2005, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-24, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 1.28.050 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "COUNCIL MEETING AND AGENDA".

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

1. Government Finance Office Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award presented to Patrick Kenney, Director of Budget and Finance - Executive John Ladenburg

Ladenburg read into the record the May 28, 2005, press

release on the award. Ladenburg presented the award to Kenney, stating he is impressed with Kenney's running the budget, and his communications with the Council and Executive of the budget process.

Kenney thanked the Executive and Council for their support and involvement in the budget process. In addition, Kenney thanked the Budget and Finance Department staff, and gave special recognition to Mary Schmitdke, Budget Manager.

On behalf of the Council, Bunney congratulated Kenney on receiving the award.

2. 2004 Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award presented to Brian Ziegler, Director of Public Works and Utilities; and Tim Ramsaur, Wastewater Utility Manager - Executive John Ladenburg.

Ziegler thanked the Public Works & Utilities Department staff, and he stated that the Department works as a team.

Ramsaur acknowledged the key players at the waste water treatment plant.

PROPOSAL NO. R2005-91, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCLAIMING THE DAY OF SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2005, AS PIERCE COUNTY "HALL OF FAME VOTER DAY" IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

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

Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Auditor, accepted the Proclamation and provided background information on the Hall of Fame Voter Day. Currently, Pierce County has 4,358 voters over 60 years old. She acknowledged the corporate sponsors of the event.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2005-93, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE PIERCE COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION (LOUISE KOEHLER ANDERSON).

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

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

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PROPOSAL NO. R2005-98, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE FREDERICKSON LAND USE ADVISORY COMMISSION. (DEAN ABSHER)

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

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2005-99, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES. (EUGENE K. MATSUSAKA)

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

Lee spoke in support of the appointment.

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

VIII. ORDINANCES - None

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2005-97, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH OF PIERCE COUNTY.

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

Farrell spoke in support of the Proposal, stating the Alliance is a joint effort of Pierce County, the City of Tacoma, Metropolitan Parks, and Tacoma Schools.

Staff Testimony

Gross stated the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on July 11, 2005.

Public Testimony

Curt Miller provided information on the Proposal and explained the Proposal is the process for the entire community to communicate. Miller read Section 1. of the Proposal into the record.

Beth Wilson, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, explained the functions of the Coalition. Wilson thanked Farrell and Woodards for their work on the Proposal, and urged the Council's support. A copy of the presented handout is included in the Clerk's meeting file.

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

With permission of the Chair, Bush acknowledged Dean Absher, who arrived after adoption of R2005-98, and spoke in support of Absher's appointment to the Advisory Commission.

Absher thanked the Executive and Bush for their support, and expressed his appreciation to the Council for his appointment.

Without objection, the Chair advanced to Section XI., GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS.

The Chair announced the conclusion of the televised portion of the business meeting.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Sarah Officier expressed her concern with the lack of sidewalks in unincorporated areas of Pierce County. A copy of her letter is included in the Clerk's meeting file.
2. Tom White spoke to the road construction projects in the Bonney Lake area, and he asked the Council to preserve forest lands in the Bonney Lake area.

The Chair returned to the regular order of business.

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 42.30.110(1)(i): to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Long stated the Executive Session is authorized pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and provided information on the

RCW.

The Chair announced the Executive Session will end at 3:55 p.m. At 3:40 p.m. the business portion of the Council recessed and the Council convened into Executive Session. At 3:55 p.m. the Chair extended the Executive Session to 4:07 p.m.; the Council returned into Executive Session. At 4:07 the Executive Session concluded; the Council returned to its business meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Shawn Bunney, Council Chair

Date Approved