

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 18, 2006**

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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. ROLL CALL**

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

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

There were five visitors present.

**III. 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.

Reconsideration of Proposal No. 2006-68

**PROPOSAL NO. 2006-68, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE PIERCE COUNTY CHARTER FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 2006 GENERAL ELECTION; AND REQUESTING THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO DRAFT APPROPRIATE BALLOT TITLES**

Having voted on the prevailing side, Muri moved to reconsider Proposal No. 2006-68; motion seconded.

In response to questions, Bunney clarified the Ordinance in its entirety is being reconsidered, and if the amendments pass, it will take five affirmative votes to pass the Ordinance. The motion to reconsider carried. The Clerk read the title into

the record.

Muri moved Council Amendment No. 6 on salmon; motion seconded. A copy of the amendment is identified as Attachment I to these minutes.

Muri explained the intent of the amendment is to make the Planning and Land Services Department director an elected position.

#### Public Testimony

Katherine Rudolph, Association of Realtors, questioned the legality of the department position only being in unincorporated area of the county.

Councilmembers Bush, Lee, Farrell, Gelman, and Bunney expressed their concerns with the amendment.

The question was called; the amendment failed on a roll call vote of five to two (Bush, Lee, Farrell, Gelman, and Bunney voted nay).

Farrell moved Council Amendment No. 1 on blue; motion seconded. A copy of the amendment is identified as Attachment II to these minutes.

Farrell explained the intent of the amendment.

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

The Chair called for Council discussion; there was no response.

The question was called; the amendment failed on a roll call vote of four to three (Lee, Bush, Gelman, and Bunney voted nay).

The Chair called for public testimony on Proposal No. 2006-68; there was no response.

The question was called; on reconsideration the Proposal was defeated on a roll call vote of four to three (Farrell, Goings and Bunney voted nay).

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Goings 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. 2006-75, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 19D.60 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "STORM DRAINAGE AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN"; ADOPTING THE "HYLEBOS BROWNS-DASH POINT BASIN PLAN" FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF PIERCE COUNTY AS AN AREA UPDATE TO PIERCE COUNTY'S STORM DRAINAGE AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.  
Sponsored by: Councilmembers Roger Bush and Calvin Goings  
Department contact person: Janine Redmond, 798-7569  
Council contact person: Steve Gross, 798-7579  
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
  
2. PROPOSAL NO. 2006-76, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 18I.35.040, "NOTIFICATION," REGARDING RIGHT TO FARM PROTECTIONS BY ADOPTING A MAP OF AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE CONTINUED AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS IN PIERCE COUNTY; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.  
Sponsored by: Councilmembers Shawn Bunney and Calvin Goings  
Department contact person: Brynn Brady, 798-3667  
Council contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253  
For referral to the Community Development Committee
  
3. PROPOSAL NO. 2006-77, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 117, AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, GENERAL UNIT; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney  
Department contact person: Joe Carrillo, 798-6690  
Council contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on July 31, 2006  
Suggested date of Council hearing: August 15, 2006
  
4. PROPOSAL NO. 2006-78, 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. OST62-05, IRENE B. KOPEL 1993 TRUST - FOREST GLEN AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST63-05, WILLIE R. AND

ADRIENE L. TILLMAN - TAHOMA RIDGE AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST64-05, IRENE B. KOPEL 1993 TRUST - FOREST GLEN AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST70-05, RODNEY MCLEAN - FOREST GLEN AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST71-05, SCOTT CANDOO AND JEFFREY HAUGH - TAHOMA RIDGE AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST72-05, RODNEY MCLEAN - TAHOMA RIDGE AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST73-05, LORI HAMILTON-VOLLER - FOREST GLEN AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST74-05, MARK LACKERMAYER - FOREST GROVE AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST76-05, ROBERT AND HANNE SYROVATKA - NISQUALLY HIGHLANDS AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST77-05, CHERI HILL - FOREST GLEN AREA)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings  
Department contact person: Chad Williams, 798-3683  
Council contact person: Steve Gross, 798-7579  
For referral to the Community Development Committee  
To be heard in the Community Development Committee  
on August 7, 2006  
Suggested date of Council hearing: August 15, 2006

5. PROPOSAL NO. 2006-79, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF 210TH AVENUE EAST LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE BONNEY LAKE AREA.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Shawn Bunney and Terry Lee  
Department contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687  
Council contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067  
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2006-96, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTING THAT THE PLANNING AND LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO AQUACULTURAL PRACTICES; THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSULT WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS; THAT THE DEPARTMENT COMPLETE ANY REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW; AND THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING ANY REQUIRED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 20, SHORELINE USE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS, BE FORWARDED TO THE PIERCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW BY A DATE CERTAIN.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, 798-3665  
For referral to the Community Development Committee  
To be heard in the Community Development Committee  
on August 7, 2006

2. PROPOSAL NO. R2006-97, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTING THAT THE PLANNING AND LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF SALTWATER DOCKS AND PIERS WHICH INCLUDE DISINCENTIVES FOR SINGLE USE STRUCTURES AND INCENTIVES FOR JOINT USE STRUCTURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FLOATING BOAT LIFTS; THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSULT WITH THE PENINSULA ADVISORY COMMISSION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS; THAT THE DEPARTMENT COMPLETE ANY REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND CONSULT WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, AS APPROPRIATE; AND THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING ANY REQUIRED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 20, SHORELINE USE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS, BE FORWARDED TO THE PIERCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW BY A DATE CERTAIN.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, 798-3665  
For referral to the Community Development Committee  
To be heard in the Community Development Committee  
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d. Other Items

1. Rescind Council's Action of Referral to the Community Development Committee on July 11, 2006:

PROPOSAL NO. 2006-74, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REAUTHORIZING INTERIM STANDARDS FOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AS INTERIM AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 18A, "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - ZONING," AND TITLE 18J, "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES"; EXTENDING THE SUNSET DATE FOR THE INTERIM REGULATIONS; REAFFIRMING THE AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

2. Rescind Council's Action of Setting a Suggested Date of Council Hearing for August 8, 2006, on July 11, 2006:

PROPOSAL NO. 2006-80, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS, LOCATED OFF PIONEER WAY EAST AND 134TH AVENUE EAST, IN THE PUYALLUP AREA; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTY BY LEASE, PURSUANT TO PIERCE COUNTY CODE 2.110.

Goings 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 July 5, 2006, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-31, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RELATED TO FEES FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ROAD CLOSURE PERMITS; WAIVING CERTAIN FEES FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 17B.10 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-43, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; ADOPTING DEFINITIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 18.25.030 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-46, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 18F.10.060 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "LAND DIVISIONS AND BOUNDARY CHANGES, EXEMPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS"; AMENDING SECTIONS 18A.27.030, "DENSITY AND DIMENSION," AND 18A.35.020 G., "GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS," TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR REVIEWING DIVISIONS OF LAND MADE BY TESTAMENTARY PROVISIONS OR LAWS OF DESCENT AND TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENT IN THE RURAL SEPARATOR ZONE CLASSIFICATION; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-55, 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. OS35-05, JUSTIN AND SHERI COOK - ROY AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS36-05, MV LAND, LLC - ROY AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS37-05, ROBERT D. AND DEANNA R. GODINEZ - ROY AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS38-05, MV LAND, LLC - ROY AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS39-05, MV LAND, LLC - ROY AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS40-05, MARK AND HEATHER I. BUSH - ROY AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS41-05, GURDIAL SINGH AND TARSEM SINGH AND RANJIT KAUR - ROY AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS42-05, WILLIAM L. DAVISON - ROY AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS44-05, JOHN AND HEIDE BAHM - GIG HARBOR AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS47-05, PAUL AND MARIA MACDONALD - ROY AREA)



ORDINANCE NO. 2006-56, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL 612 SUPERVISORS; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-57, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 141 UNITED STAFF NURSES UNION; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-58, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 483; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2006-94, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE PIERCE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BUDD WAGNER).**

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. R2006-95, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE PIERCE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION. (SUSAN LEONARD)**

Goings 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.

At 3:23 p.m. the business meeting recessed; at 3:35 p.m. the business meeting reconvened with all Councilmembers in attendance.

**VIII. ORDINANCES**

**PROPOSAL NO. 2006-32, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON COUNTY ROADS; REPEALING PRIOR SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE NO. 2004-79s; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2002-16s; 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 AUGUST 1, 2006.**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on June 6, 2006.

Goings moved Council Amendment No. 1 on yellow; motion seconded.

Jim Ellison, Public Works and Utilities Department, explained the purpose of the amendment.

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

The motion passed.

Proposal No. 2006-32 passed as amended on a roll call vote of six to one (Farrell voted nay).

**PROPOSAL NO. 2006-36, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY SURPLUS; AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE THEREOF (FERRY M/V STEILACOOM).**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on June 6, 2006.

Mike Clark, Purchasing Agent for Pierce County, explained there will be a surplus sale to advertise numerous publications. Clark is not sure of cost the County will receive when the ferry is sold. The last ferry surplused sold for \$60,000. Clark answered questions of Councilmembers.

Councilmembers Muri explained why the ferry is being surplused

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

Councilmembers Lee, Muri, Farrell, Gelman provided closing remarks.

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

**IX. RESOLUTIONS**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2006-81, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SETTING THE DATE OF AN EVENING COUNCIL MEETING IN COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006, AT 5:30 P.M., AT THE WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 7707 - 112TH STREET EAST, PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON.**

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. R2006-86s, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING, AS CREATING MUNICIPALITY, RESOLUTION NO. 2006-03 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF PIERCE COUNTY, ADOPTED JUNE 2, 2006; AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-02 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF PIERCE COUNTY, ADOPTED AUGUST 6, 2004, TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500,000 OF NONRECOURSE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF JNB ENTERPRISES LLC (DBA PRINT NW).**

Lee moved that the Proposal be continued to July 25 at 3:00 p.m.; motion seconded and passed.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2006-87, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING, AS CREATING MUNICIPALITY, RESOLUTION NO. 2006-01 OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF PIERCE COUNTY, ADOPTED JUNE 2, 2006, TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,250,000 OF NONRECOURSE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF QUALITY STAMPING & MACHINING INC.**

Lee moved that the Proposal be continued to July 25 at 3:00 p.m.; motion seconded and passed.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**XI. CITIZENS' FORUM**

1. Katherine Rudolph commented on the extension of the Planned Development Districts (PDD) and spoke in favor of extending the work of the committee.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 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



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*Failed on a  
roll call vote  
5-2  
at the 7/18/06  
Council Mtg.*

July 17, 2006

**COUNCIL AMENDMENT NO. 6**  
**Salmon**

TO: Councilmembers

FROM: Councilmember Dick Muri

*Dick Muri failed*

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2006-68**

I recommend the addition of a new Exhibit C to Proposed Ordinance No. 2006-68 to read as follows:

"The Pierce County Council has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter establishing a nonpartisan elected Pierce County Director of Planning and Land Services. This amendment would require the Director of Planning and Land Services to be elected, rather than appointed by the County Executive, in a nonpartisan office, commencing on January 1, 2008, and provides for transition until the first election and for the Director's compensation level. Should this Charter amendment be approved?"

**Section 3.75 – Director of Planning and Land Services**

There is hereby created the executive department of Planning and Land Services. The Director of Planning and Land Services shall be a resident of unincorporated Pierce County and be nominated and elected by the voters of unincorporated Pierce County and shall serve full time.

**Section 4.10 – Election Procedures**

The nominating primaries and elections of the Council members, Executive, Assessor-Treasurer, and Prosecuting Attorney, shall be conducted in accordance with general law governing the election of partisan county officers.

The nominating primaries and elections of the Director of Planning and Land Services shall be conducted in accordance with general law governing the election of nonpartisan county officers.

**Section 4.90 – Limitation on Terms of Office**

No person shall be allowed to serve in County elective office for more than two consecutive four year terms in the same position, as a council member, Executive, or separately elected department head, except that the Director of Planning and Land Services may serve up to three consecutive four year terms. Service as an elected County official prior to the commencement of this Charter shall not be counted as part of any





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June 28, 2006

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1**

TO: Rules and Operations Committee Members:  
Shawn Bunney, Chair  
Terry Lee, Vice Chair  
Calvin Goings, Member

FROM: Susan A. Long, Administrator for Legal and Operations *SL*

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PROPOSAL NO. 2006-68**

*Blue  
Failed 4-3 on a  
roll call vote at  
the 7-18-06 Council  
meeting*

Proposed ballot title:

"The Pierce County Council has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Charter concerning the creation of an Office of the County Ombudsman (OCO) comprised of an elected nonpartisan Ombudsman and an appointed Citizens Oversight Board. The purpose of the OCO shall be to insure ethics in government and to provide customer service by receiving and investigating complaints. The OCO shall be independent of the Executive and Council. Should this Charter amendment be approved?"

**Section 4.10 -- Election Procedures**

The nominating primaries and elections of the Council members, Executive, Assessor-Treasurer, and Prosecuting Attorney, shall be conducted in accordance with general law governing the election of partisan county officers.

The nominating primaries and elections of the County Ombudsman shall be conducted in accordance with general law governing the election of nonpartisan county officers in even-numbered years, beginning in 2008. The term of office shall be four years. The County Ombudsman shall be limited to two consecutive terms.

"New Section"

**Section 9.38 -- Office of the County Ombudsman (OCO)**

(1) There is hereby created the Office of the County Ombudsman (OCO). The County Ombudsman shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the County to serve as the director of the OCO. The Ombudsman shall serve as a member of the Performance Audit Committee. The Ombudsman shall appoint the members of the Citizens Oversight Board (COB) as specified in Section 9.50.

