

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 19, 2005**

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SPANAWAY, WASHINGTON  
(COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 3)

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The District No. 3 meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 5:00 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: Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri. Tim Farrell arrived after roll call.

Council Staff Present: Alison Beason, Acting Deputy Clerk; Anna Graham, Research Analyst; Steve Gross, Deputy Legal Counsel; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Karen Lee-Smith, Councilmember Assistant; Leslie Swalley, Councilmember Assistant; and Tom Weber.

There were approximately 30 visitors present.

Bunney explained the County Charter requires that once a year Councilmembers are to conduct a Council meeting in his or her district. Bunney passed the gavel to Bush, Host Councilmember.

The Councilmembers introduced themselves and stated the Council District they represent. Bush introduced Council staff in attendance.

**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 six to zero (Farrell, excused).

Without objection, Bush advanced to Section X., OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS, Item 1 - presentation from Jeff Johnson.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. Remarks from Spanaway Water Company -- Jeff Johnson, Manager.



Johnson welcomed the Council to Spanaway Water Company. Johnson provided background information on the water facility and spoke to water issues. Johnson informed the Council that he would be leaving the meeting early to attend a memorial service. Johnson introduced the water company staff in attendance.

Bush returned to the regular order of business.

**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**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2005-103, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMENDING THE ORGANIZERS AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE 2005 TACOMA TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN CELEBRATING TACOMA'S HISTORIC WATERFRONT.**

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

Lee moved to continue the Proposal to the August 2, 2005, Council meeting; motion seconded.

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

Bunney explained the Proposal was being continued due to the key people on the issue not being able to attend today's meeting.

The motion was passed.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2005-102, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR CITIZEN MEMBERS AND THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTY SHOOTING CLUBS TO THE FIREARMS ADVISORY COMMISSION. (CITIZEN REPRESENTATION: DEAN ABSHER, JOSEPH PRICE, DANIEL KOCH, AND KARIE LESTER. SHOOTING CLUBS REPRESENTATION: ROBERT BROWN, TACOMA RIFLE AND REVOLVER CLUB; ALLAN HODGES, SUMNER**

**SPORTSMAN CLUB; AND MICHAEL RASMUSSEN, TACOMA SPORTSMAN CLUB)**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber explained the appointment process for Boards and Commissions, stating the Executive recommended the appointments and the Council will confirm the appointments at tonight's meeting.

Councilmembers Muri, Lee and Bush spoke in support of the advisory group.

Public Testimony

Joseph Price thanked the Council for his appointment to the Advisory Commission.

Michael Rasmussen thanked the Council for its support to protect citizens' rights.

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

Bush thanked the appointees for their willingness to volunteer and for their efforts on the Advisory Commission.

At the direction of Bush, Farrell introduced himself and explained his Council District.

**VIII. ORDINANCES - None**

**IX. RESOLUTIONS**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2005-101, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE PIERCE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION'S REQUEST TO CONVENE TO ACT ON TIMELY FILED TAXPAYER PETITIONS WHICH EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS OF REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON 84.48.010.**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber explained the process for the Board of Equalization to meet. He read the Whereas clause on page 1 at line 17 into the record.

At Muri's request, Weber explained the role of the Board of

Equalization.

Weber stated the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on July 18, 2005.

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

**X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)**

2. Council District No. 3 Community Updates:

- Cross-Base Highway and State Route 7 Projects -- Gordon Roycroft, Project Engineer, Washington State Department of Transportation; and John Ho, Assistant Project Engineer, Washington State Department of Transportation
- Town of Eatonville -- Bruce Rath, Mayor of Eatonville
- Eatonville School District -- Raymond F. Arment III, Superintendent
- Puyallup School District -- Debra Aungst, Assistant Superintendent
- Bethel School District -- Thomas G. Seigel, Superintendent

Each provided updates to the Council and responded to Councilmember questions. The handouts presented are included in the Clerk's meeting file.

3. Status Report on the County of Promise -- Tom Hilyard, Director, Pierce County Community Services.

Hilyard; Edith Owen, Co-Chair of Alliance of Youth; Helen Myrick, Alliance for Youth; and Louise Erickson, Alliance for Youth provided remarks to the Council on the youth program. The handouts presented are included in the Clerk's meeting file.

4. Bush announced the upcoming Pierce County Fair on August 11-14, 2005, and invited all to attend.

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

**XI. CITIZENS' FORUM**

1. Eddie Hamilton thanked the presenters for the updates on community issues. He spoke to the Cross-base Highway

project, and suggested that the military be included at the upcoming open house on the issue.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Attest:

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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Shawn Bunney, Council Chair

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Date Approved