

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
July 24, 2007

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New Home Economics Building
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(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 5:30 p.m. by Chair Lee.

II. Roll Call

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

Council Staff Present: Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Karen Lease-Smith, Councilmember Assistant; and Hugh Taylor, Senior Legislative Analyst.

There were approximately 80 visitors present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The pledge was led by the Graham Boys Scout Troop 677, Girls Scout Troop 038, and Club Scout Troop 619, all from the Graham area. The Chair recognized a Moment of Silence in tribute to our men and women in the Military.

Reconsideration of Resolution No. R2007-82

Resolution 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.

Having voted on the prevailing side in which Resolution No. R2007-82 was passed, Goings moved to reconsider Resolution No. R2007-82; motion seconded and carried. Goings moved approval of Resolution No. R2007-82s; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

Staff Testimony

Cox informed the Council that the Resolution version being considered today was passed out of committee, and he explained the differences between the original version and substitute version of the Resolution.

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

Bunney explained the Resolution corrects a technical error from last week's Council meeting.

The question was called; Resolution R2007-82s was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero.

Lee explained the Charter requirement for district Council meetings and turned the gavel over to Councilmember Bush, Host Councilmember. Councilmember introductions were made, and Bush introduced Council staff and special guests.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Goings 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. 2007-57, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 1.28.020 of the Pierce County Code, "Organization of the Council," to Extend the Time Line within which the Council is Required to Hold its Annual Election of Officers

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Rules and Operations on July 9, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: August 21, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-58s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Authorizing Pierce County to Provide for a Recruitment Bonus Leave Program for Qualified County Employees Under Certain Conditions When They Recruit Successful Candidates for Specified High Demand Positions.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Department contact person: Betsy Sawyers, Human Resources,
(253) 798-7469
Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304
Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted at Rules and Operations on July 9, 2007
Suggested date of Council hearing: August 21, 2007
3. Proposal No. 2007-61, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Consolidating Parks Related Advisory Boards by Repealing Chapters 2.73 and 2.80 of the Pierce County Code, "Pierce County Golf Course Citizens' Advisory Board" and "Pierce County Regional Trails Advisory Commission"; and Amending Chapter 2.71 of the Pierce County Code, "Parks and Recreation Citizens' Advisory Board."

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Department contact person: Janel Krilich, Parks, (253) 798-4008
Council contact person: Anna Graham, (253) 798-6253
Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Rules and Operations on July 9, 2007
Suggested date of Council hearing: August 21, 2007
4. Proposal No. 2007-70, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to the Town of Steilacoom, a Municipal Corporation 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 Roger Bush
Department contact person: Jerry West, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-3687
Council contact person: Jeff Cox, (253) 798-7579
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
5. Proposal No. 2007-71, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to Curran Road Mutual Water Association for Location of Waterlines on Certain County-Owned Rights-of-Way; and Authorizing the County Executive to Execute Said Franchise.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
Department contact person: Jerry West, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-3687
Council contact person: Jeff Cox, (253) 798-7579
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

6. Proposal No. 2007-72, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to the Crystal River Ranch Association for Location of Waterlines on Certain County-Owned Rights of Way; and Authorizing the County Executive to Execute Said Franchise.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
Department contact person: Jerry West, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-3687

Council contact person: Jeff Cox, (253) 798-7579

For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

7. Proposal No. 2007-75, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting a New Chapter 19B.130 of the Pierce County Code, "The Key Peninsula Community Plan"; Amending Pierce County Code Chapters 19A.30, "Land Use Element", and 19A.40, "Rural Element", to Include a New Designation, Park and Recreation; Setting an Effective Date; and Adopting Findings of Fact.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Mike Kruger, Planning and Land Services,
(253) 798-2700

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

For referral to the Community Development Committee

8. Proposal No. 2007-76, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Repealing Chapter 2.04 of the Pierce County Code, "Public Records Inspection and Copying Procedures"; and Adopting a New Chapter 2.04 of the Pierce County Code, "Public Records Inspection and Copying Procedures."

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
Council contact person: Jeff Cox, (253) 798-7579
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-93, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Related to the Pierce County Airport – Thun Field, Finding That the Budget Proviso Set Forth in Ordinance No. 2006-114s Related to the Expenditure of \$150,000 for Design Work for Hanger Reconstruction Has Been Partially Satisfied; and Redirecting the \$150,000 Budgeted for the Hanger Design Work to the Development of a Long-Term Economic Development, Asset Management, and Revenue Plan for the Airport.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Kandace Thomas, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-7104

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

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

d. Other Items

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

VI. Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney - None

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

Proposal No. R2007-88, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council and Executive Recognizing and Honoring the Contributions Made to Pierce County by the Pierce County Fair for the Past 60 Years.

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

Public Testimony

Kathy Kravit-Smith, Parks and Recreation Services, recognized Kent Bassett, Parks Staff; and Betty Backstrom, and welcomed the Council to the new lodge.

Gelman expressed her appreciation to Backstrom for her work with the Pierce County Fair.

Bush also recognized Backstrom for her work with the County fair, and recognized Bassett for his years of service.

Betty Backstrom invited the Council to the County fair to be held on August 19, 2007.

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

Proposal No. R2007-92, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of One Member (Shawn Hunstock) to the South Hill Advisory Commission.

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

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

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

VIII. Ordinances

Proposal No. 2007-59, 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. OS40-06, Soy Sar and Sihowe Som, Tule Lake Area; Application No. OS41-06, Curtis Hillegas, Roy Area; Application No. OS45-06, Robert J. and Koreen L. Gray, Graham Area; Application No. OS46-06, John and Holly Trujillo, Lake Tapps Area)

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

Staff Testimony

Cox explained the applications for approval. In May 2007 the Planning Commission considered the applications and recommended approval. On July 16, 2007 the Community Development Committee recommended a do pass recommendation.

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

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

Proposal No. 2007-60, 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. OST39-06, Dean L. and Margaret M. Field – Tanwax Lake Area; Application No. OST42-06, John W. Howard and Patricia Ashley – Ohop Valley Area)

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

Staff Testimony

Cox provided information on timber land applications. In May 2007 the Planning Commission considered the applications and recommended approval. The Proposal received a do pass recommendation in the Community Development Committee on July 16, 2007.

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

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

IX. Resolutions - None

X. Other Business/Announcements

1. Ramiro Chavez, Public Works and Utilities Department briefed the Council on the planning, design and construction of the 176th Street East and Canyon Road Southerly Extension. Brian Stacey, Public Works and Utilities, spoke to Sewer Utilities challenges.
2. The Honorable Tom Smallwood, Mayor of Eatonville, provided an update on the Town of Eatonville's top priorities.

The business meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m.; reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

3. Kathy Kravit-Smith, Director of Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services, provided an update of District 3 park issues.
4. Jeanette Dorner, Salmon Recovery Program Manager, Nisqually Indian Tribe, provided an update on the Nisqually Watershed Stewardship Plan and updated the Council on projects in the Nisqually area. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Matt Hamilton spoke to the need of Lake Kapowsin being cleaned up.
2. Mike Stanzell expressed his concerns that the Hearing Examiner not reaching a decision within the allowed 10 days. A copy of his handout is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.
3. Bruce Minker expressed his concerns regarding issues involving the County jail. A copy of his handout is included in the Clerk's meeting file.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved