

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 31, 2001**

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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 Brown.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Brown.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Karen S. Biskey, Wendell Brown, Calvin Goings, Pat O'Malley, Jan Shabro, and Kevin Wimsett; Harold Moss was excused at the time of roll call.

Council Staff Present: Anna Graham, Research Analyst; Susan Long, Legal Counsel; Gerri Rainwater, Administrator/Clerks & Operations; and Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy.

There were approximately 34 visitors present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

O'Malley moved approval of the Agenda; motion seconded and passed.

O'Malley moved that the Council reconsider Resolution No. R2001-101, which had been adopted on July 24, 2001, to make clerical and clarifying amendments; motion seconded and passed.

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-101, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF MOVING EXPENSES FOR MATTHEW SORENSON, DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR OF SUPERIOR COURT; AND APPROVING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF NOT MORE THAN 65% OF THE ACTUAL MOVING EXPENSES FOR MATTHEW SORENSON.

O'Malley moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

Staff Testimony

Long explained the amendment was to correct the spelling of Matthew Sorenson's name and to make technical changes to Exhibit "A." A copy of the amendment is set forth in Attachment I to these minutes.

The amendment passed. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal passed as amended on a roll call vote of six to zero.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of the June 5, 2001, Council meeting held in District No. 1.
2. The minutes of the June 19, 2001, regular Council meeting.
3. The minutes of the June 26, 2001, regular Council meeting.
4. The minutes of the July 17, 2001, regular Council meeting.

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-63, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2001 AMENDMENTS TO THE PIERCE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING TITLE 19A OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, PIERCE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Karen Biskey
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253
For referral to the Planning & Environment Committee and the Public Works Committee
Suggested date of Council hearing: October 16, 2001
2. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-64, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 3.67 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, PERSONNEL -FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Wendell Brown
Contact person: Joe Carrillo, 798-6690
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
3. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-65, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REPEALING CHAPTER 2.67 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, SOUTHWEST PIERCE COUNTY ADVISORY COMMISSION; ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.67 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, SOUTHWEST PIERCE COUNTY ADVISORY COMMISSION, TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 2.45 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY

CODE; CHANGING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO FIVE; AND ADJUSTING THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Kevin Wimsett
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253
For referral to the Planning and Environment Committee

4. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-66, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REPEALING CHAPTER 2.62 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, SPANAWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION; ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.62 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, SPANAWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION, TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 2.45 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE; AND ADJUSTING THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Kevin Wimsett
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253
For referral to the Planning and Environment Committee

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

Moss 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. Presentation by Superior, District One, and Tacoma Municipal Courts: Coordination Efforts.
2. Update from Superior Court: Criminal Division Court Changes.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND/OR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - None

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-35, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO FIRGROVE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY, FOR LOCATION OF WATER LINES ON CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SAID FRANCHISE.

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

Staff Testimony

Jennifer Andres, Public Works Department, stated passage of this Ordinance would renew an existing franchise, and expand the current service area.

Goings pointed out he is a customer of Firgrove Mutual Water Company and feels they provide a quality service.

Public Testimony

Steve Wieneke, Firgrove Mutual Water Company, complimented and thanked Pierce County staff for their assistance and good work.

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-37, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.83 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, ENTITLED "ALDERTON-MCMILLIN ADVISORY COMMISSION"; AND ESTABLISHING AND CREATING A FIVE-MEMBER LAND USE ADVISORY COMMISSION IN THE ALDERTON-MCMILLIN COMMUNITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALDERTON-MCMILLIN ADVISORY COMMISSION.

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

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 1 as set forth in Attachment II to these minutes; motion seconded. The Clerk read the amendment into the record. The amendment passed.

Staff Testimony

In response to Brown's question as to whether or not the geographical boundaries overlap with any other advisory commission, Graham stated they do not.

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-47, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING SUPPLEMENTAL FRANCHISE NO. 10 TO THE CITY OF TACOMA, DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, WATER DIVISION, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, FOR LOCATION OF WATER LINES ON CERTAIN COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY WHICH EXPANDS THEIR FRANCHISE AREA; TERMINATING THE WATER FRANCHISES OF SOUTHEAST TACOMA MUTUAL WATER AND HYADA MUTUAL WATER; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE FRANCHISE.

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

Staff Testimony

Jennifer Andres stated the City of Tacoma Public Utilities Department has acquired the Southeast Tacoma Mutual Water and Hyada Mutual Water Companies, and approval of this franchise would allow the City to do business in these service areas.

Diana Burroughs, Tacoma Water Division, spoke in support of the Ordinance, and provided an overview supporting the request.

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-52, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING THE CITY OF ORTING, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A SANITARY SEWER PIPELINE SYSTEM IN, ALONG, AND UNDER CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED ROADS AND HIGHWAYS IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE FRANCHISE.

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

Staff Testimony

Andres stated this is a new franchise area along County-owned right-of-way for the City of Orting, and the Department supports the request.

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-73, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING AN INTENT TO INITIATE A COMMUNITY PLAN FOR THE ALDERTON-MCMILLIN COMMUNITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALDERTON-MCMILLIN COMMUNITY PLAN; AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THIS COMMUNITY PLAN IN THE NEXT ANNUAL BUDGET.

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

Goings stated the request for this Community Plan was generated by a group of farmers in the valley who wanted to take a more active role in land-use decisions.

Staff Testimony

Chip Vincent, Planning and Land Services Department, stated an additional Community Plan would impact current staff and resources; however, it is anticipated that on this particular Plan a partnership could be arranged with Orting, Puyallup, and Sumner. He stated it would be beneficial if the four jurisdictions also partnered for seeking grant monies from the State of Washington.

The gavel passed to Councilmember Harold Moss.

Vincent stated the County had received \$100,000 in grant monies from the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development for the Ashford/Elbe Community Plan.

Public Testimony

Mayor Barbara Skinner, City of Sumner, stated Sumner would most likely be willing to participate in these efforts, stating many in the Valley had indicated a desire to take advantage of the City's sewer and water facility. She stated it is currently difficult to plan when boundaries are not identified.

Michael Nelson stated government should do all possible to save money, and get the most benefit for the costs of spending.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-85, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE PIERCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO DEVELOP A COUNTY-WIDE PROGRAM FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO ADOPT STREAM BANKS FOR MAINTENANCE, ENHANCEMENT, PROTECTION AND EDUCATION PURPOSES; AND THAT THE PIERCE COUNTY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT INVENTORY COUNTY-OWNED LAND AND IDENTIFY POTENTIAL ADOPTION SITES.

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

Wimsett stated this Resolution was sponsored as a request from the community to allow for the creation of a program for stream bank maintenance, enhancement, and protection, similar to the programs for Adopt-a-Road or Adopt-a-Trail.

Wimsett moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 1 as set forth in Attachment III to these minutes; motion seconded. The Clerk read the amendment into the record. The amendment passed.

Public Testimony

Monty Mahan spoke in support of the Resolution, stating this is a good program, especially for education purposes, and encouraged Council's adoption.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-126, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE PIERCE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD. (ERNEST C. BAY)

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

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pierce County Conservation District -- Proposal for Assessment Funding, Monty Mahan, District Manager.
2. Moss moved approval of the following week's Meeting Schedule; motion seconded and passed. Moss moved approval of the Council's August 7, 2001, Meeting Agenda; motion seconded and passed.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Duffy, Washington State Department of Ecology, stated he feels the Department may be of assistance to Pierce County in the implementation of the Alderton-McMillin Community Plan. He stated there will be a letter from the Department to the Council to that effect, and he looks forward to the County applying for grant funding through a competitive process.

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Michael Nelson stated the County needs to look at little things as well as large things for cost savings. He feels that the airport-like screen monitors that were referenced by Superior Court in their presentation could be replaced with paper postings.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Attest:

Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Council Chair

Date Approved

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