

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 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, Dick Muri, Calvin Goings, and Terry Lee; Roger Bush, Timothy Farrell and Barbara Gelman arrived after roll call.

Council Staff Present: Paul Bocchi, Budget Analyst; Brad Chatfield, Communications Legislative Analyst; Steve Gross, Senior Legal Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Karen Lease-Smith, Councilmember Assistant; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Operations; Tom Weber, Administrator for Research and Policy; and Christine Wilson, Councilmember Assistant.

There were approximately 35 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.

**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. 2006-67s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REPEALING SECTION 2. AND EXHIBIT A OF ORDINANCE NO. 2004-51, THE ORGANIZATION CHART FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney  
Council contact person: Susan Long, 798-6068  
DO PASS AS SUBSTITUTED RECOMMENDATION - RULES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON JULY 17, 2006  
Suggested date of Council hearing: August 29, 2006
  
2. PROPOSAL NO. 2006-83, 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. OS78-05, TS DEVELOPMENT, LLC - ORTING AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS80-05, MICHAEL AND BETH WHELIHAN - EATONVILLE AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS83-05, DONALD L. CARSON AND CHARLENE L. FELLER - GRAHAM AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS85-05, NICHOLE NYLUND - SUMMIT-WALLER AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS86-05, GRACE E. NILSSON - SUMMIT-WALLER AREA; APPLICATION NO. OS87-05, DAVID K. AND CLARA M. PETERSON - SUMMIT-WALLER 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  
Suggested date of Council hearing: August 29, 2006
  
3. PROPOSAL NO. 2006-84, 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. OST79-05, THOMAS WALKER AND CAROL FREDERICK - FOREST GLEN AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST81-05, DAVID AND LESLIE GIGNAC - EATONVILLE AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST84-05, MARILYN NEUMAN NELSON - FOREST GLEN AREA; APPLICATION NO. OST88-05, MICHAEL S. HARRIS - EATONVILLE AREA)  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings  
Department contact person: Chad Williams, 798-3683  
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c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2006-83s, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A NEW ORGANIZATION CHART FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney  
Council contact person: Susan Long, 798-6068  
DO PASS AS SUBSTITUTED RECOMMENDATION - RULES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON JULY 17, 2006  
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d. Other Items

Lee 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 24, 2006, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE 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.

ORDINANCE 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).

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2006-104, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO PIERCE COUNTY BY THE PIERCE COUNTY FAIR AND ITS ROYAL COURT FOR THE PAST 59 YEARS.**

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

Betty Backstrom, Pierce County Fair Manager, expressed her appreciation to the Council for the Proclamation.

Backstrom provided information on the fair and noted this is the first Proclamation presented in the history of the fair. The Fair Royalty, which consists of Princesses Kristin Bartels, Yvonne Kicken, Zoe Stoy, and Toni Tonetti, introduced themselves and spoke to the fair's events, history and location.

Bush congratulated Brian Burleson, Fair Electrician, for being this year's fair honoree, and Betty Backstrom for her many years of dedication to the fair. Bush encouraged the Council and members of the audience to purchase fair buttons from the Princesses.

On behalf of the Council, Bush presented signed congratulations cards for Backstrom and Burleson. (Backstrom accepted Burleson's card in his absence.)

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

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

Gelman congratulated Backstrom and encouraged all citizens to attend the fair.

**2005 Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant Award Presentation to the Public Works and Utilities Department - Presented by the Washington State Department of Ecology: Mr. Kelly Susewind and Ms. Pat Bailey.**

Susewind explained the role of the Washington State Department of Ecology Wastewater Treatment plants.

The award was accepted by Brian Ziegler, Director of Public Works and Utilities; and Tim Ramsaur, Wastewater Utility Manager. Ramsaur acknowledged the Utility staff for their dedication.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2006-100, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE AGING AND LONG TERM CARE ADVISORY BOARD. (GRACE E. BENNETT)**

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

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

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero (Bush was excused).

**PROPOSAL NO. R2006-101, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE PIERCE COUNTY FARM ADVISORY COMMISSION. (CHERYL OUELLETTE AND CAROLYN MAYER)**

Lee 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 final Councilmember comments; there was no response.

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero (Bush was excused).

**PROPOSAL NO. R2006-102, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION. (RICHARD MCGRUE)**

Lee 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 final Councilmember comments; there was no response.

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero (Bush was excused).

**PROPOSAL NO. R2006-103, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL KAWAMURA AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ASSIGNED COUNSEL.**

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

County Executive John Ladenburg provided to the Council background information on Kawamura and he spoke to Kawamura's legal experience. Ladenburg explained the search process to fill the vacant Director position, and urged the Council to accept Kawamura as the new Director of Assigned Counsel.

Kawamura thanked the Executive for his recommendation, and explained to the Council his experiences as the Chief Deputy Director of Assigned Counsel. Kawamura answered Councilmember questions.

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

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

#### VIII. ORDINANCES

**PROPOSAL NO. 2006-71s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF THE PARK JUNCTION WATER-SEWER DISTRICT IN THE ELBE AREA; APPOINTING THREE INITIAL WATER-SEWER COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT (SELWYN BINGHAM, CORA ADAMS, AND RICK ADAMS); DIRECTING THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL TO TRANSMIT A REPORT OF THE COUNCIL'S ACTION AND ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD; CONDITIONING THE SERVICE AREA OF THE DISTRICT; LIMITING PIERCE COUNTY'S LIABILITY; AND LIMITING THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

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

#### Staff Testimony

Gross explained the Proposal to the Council and spoke to Revised Code of Washington 57.04.140. Gross notified the Council that there are no petitions and he explained the criteria for formation of the water-sewer district. In response to the Chair's questions, Gross concurred the proposal is in compliance with state law and the criteria has been met.

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

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

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**IX. RESOLUTIONS - None**

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

**XI. CITIZENS' FORUM - None**

**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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Shawn Bunney, Council Chair

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Date Approved

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