

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2003**

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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 Moss.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

The pledge was led by Moss, followed by a Moment of Silence in tribute to our men and women in the Military.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Paul Bocchi, Shawn Bunney, Barbara Gelman, Terry Lee, Harold Moss, Kevin Wimsett. Calvin Goings was excused.

Council Staff Present: Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Operations; and Tom Weber, Administrator for Research & Policy.

There were approximately 50 visitors present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Wimsett 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. 2003-77, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF PARK JUNCTION ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE ELBE AREA.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney

Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687

For referral to the Public Works Committee

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2. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-78, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT IN 2003, FOR COLLECTION IN 2004, AGAINST LAND IN PIERCE COUNTY FOR THE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss  
Contact person: Rebecca Shoemaker, 798-6800  
For referral to the Rules & Operations Committee
3. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-79, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF 192ND STREET EAST, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE SPANAWAY AREA.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney  
Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687  
For referral to the Public Works Committee
4. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-81, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 14.20.040 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "FACILITIES USE FEES", BY AMENDING PARK FACILITIES FEE SCHEDULES, ADDING NEW FEES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE NEW FEES.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings  
Contact person: Janel Krilich, 798-4008  
For referral to the Rules & Operations Committee  
Suggested date of Council hearing: September 9, 2003
5. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-83, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT GUILD; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss  
Contact person: Joe Carrillo, 798-6690  
For referral to the Rules & Operations Committee  
Suggested date of Council hearing: September 9, 2003
6. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-86, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-43 TO CORRECT THE PARCEL NUMBER OF ONE OF FIVE PROPERTIES APPROVED FOR TIMBER LAND CLASSIFICATION UNDER CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT. (APPLICATION OST17-02, WAYNE E. ARNOLD AND BONNIE JO CHRISTNER - TANWAX AREA)  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253  
Suggested date of Council hearing: September 9, 2003

7. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-87, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-41S TO CORRECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY APPROVED FOR OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATION UNDER CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT. (APPLICATION OS12-02, SCOTT RAMMELL - BUCKLEY AREA)  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253  
Suggested date of Council hearing: September 9, 2003
  
8. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-88, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-59 TO CORRECT THE PARCEL NUMBER, STREET ADDRESS, AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF TWO OF FIVE PROPERTIES APPROVED FOR TIMBER LAND CLASSIFICATION UNDER CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT. (APPLICATIONS OST40-02 AND OST42-02, MANKE LUMBER COMPANY, INC. - KEY PENINSULA AREA)  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253  
Suggested date of Council hearing: September 9, 2003

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2003-98, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE 2003 GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR A WATER SYSTEM FOR THE EAST GIG HARBOR WATER DISTRICT.  
Sponsored by: Councilmembers Shawn Bunney and Terry Lee  
Contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067  
For referral to the Public Works Committee

d. Other Items

Wimsett 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**

1. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinance, which was approved and signed on July 28, 2003, was read into the record.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-50, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 3.12.030 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "ETHICAL STANDARDS AND PROHIBITED PRACTICES ENUMERATED" BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF PERMITTED MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM COUNTY PERSONNEL FROM \$50 TO \$100 PER CALENDAR YEAR PER CANDIDATE FOR ELECTED COUNTY OFFICE.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-105, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11-18, 2003, AS SISTER CITY CULTURAL BASEBALL EXCHANGE WEEK IN MAJESTIC PIERCE COUNTY.**

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

Public Testimony

Tony Anderson, International Board of Directors Member, and Chairperson, Tacoma-Pierce County Sister Cities Program, thanked the Councilmembers, Tom Hilyard, Director, Community Services, and Marlette Buchanan, Community Services, for showing their support in the program. He introduced the committee members and the home stay parent that were in attendance and provided information on the program.

Gelman remarked she had hosted two exchange students from Japan, and felt it was wonderful to increase their scope of experiences throughout the world. Anderson responded by stating this year is the 150th anniversary of the relationship between the United States and Japan; 44th anniversary of the Sister City program; and 12th anniversary of the Tacoma-Pierce County exchange program.

Mr. Nishi Nohora, Executive Director of Board of Education, Kitakyushu, Japan, thanked the Council for their support, and thanked the citizens of Pierce County for their participation in the exchange program.

Gifts were exchanged between Nohora, Anderson, and the Council.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-104, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE WASHINGTON STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION NAME THE STATE ROUTE 16 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAIL "THE SCOTT PIERSON GENTLE WAYS BIKE TRAIL."**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber provided the intent of the Resolution, and stated the City of Tacoma will be acting upon a similar Resolution at its tonight's meeting.

Bob Vogel, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated he worked with Pierson on non-motorized issues. He read letters of support into the record. Copies are contained in the Clerk's meeting file.

Public Testimony

Ralph Wessels, Tacoma Wheelmen Bicycle Club, on behalf of the Club read a letter of support into the record. A copy is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.

Bob Myrick, spoke in support of the Resolution, stating without Pierson's efforts the trail would not have been accomplished.

Bob Barnes, Washington State Department of Transportation, recommended and supported passage of the Resolution. He stated the Resolution and naming of the trail will be a lasting memory of Pierson.

Ben Pierson, Pierce County Emergency Management and son of Scott Pierson, read a statement into the record honoring the memory of his father, and supporting the trail renaming.

Randy Boss, Chairman, Peninsula Parks & Recreation District, spoke in opposition of the Resolution, stating the trail on the Tacoma side of the Narrows Bridge should be named; however, not the Gig Harbor side.

Lee spoke in support of the Resolution, stating he was privileged to co-sponsor the Resolution, as the trail will a be final tribute to Pierson.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-99, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTING THREE NEW COMMISSIONERS TO THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 24 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO FILL EXISTING VACANCIES. (DICK WOODING, BRYAN STOWE, JOHN WELCH)**

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

Bunney provided information on the Proposal, and urged the Council to pass Resolution.

Public Testimony

John Welch, Appointee, expressed concerns about drainage problems in the District, and thanked the Council for considering the Proposal.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-100, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ONE EXISTING MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (W. CARL STEGMAN); AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R2001-171, THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN ANDREWS TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, BY CHANGING THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE FROM OCTOBER 31, 2005, TO OCTOBER 31, 2004.**

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

Public Testimony

W. Carl Stegman, Appointee, thanked the Council for the opportunity to again serve on the Board.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-102, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL ADVISORY BOARD. (DONALD WINSKILL AND ROBERT MEYERS)**

Wimsett 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 six to zero.

**VIII. ORDINANCES**

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-44, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.89 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "TACOMA NARROWS AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION."**

A substitute Ordinance with the following title will be before the Council on August 12, for consideration:

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-44s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.89 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "TACOMA NARROWS AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION"; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2.58 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "GIG HARBOR PENINSULA ADVISORY COMMISSION" TO TRANSFER ITS REVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING THE TACOMA NARROWS AIRPORT TO THE TACOMA NARROWS AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

Wimsett moved that the Proposal be continued to the September 16, 2003, Council meeting; motion seconded.

Lee provided an explanation of why the Proposal should be continued, stating after discussions with the City of Tacoma it was agreed to continue the Proposal to work on unresolved issues. He read the Airport Element section of the Gig Harbor Community Plan, and highlighted outstanding issues that need to be worked on by the City and County. He asked that the Council support the continuance of the Proposal, and apologized for the inconvenience to those in attendance.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-71, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH PIERCE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS' INDEPENDENT GUILD, LOCAL 1889, COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS UNIT; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.**

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

Joe Carrillo, Personnel Department, stated the Proposal ratifies the agreement reached with the Community Services Officers bargaining unit.

Bunney expressed to Carrillo the importance of the Council understanding the fiscal impact of the contracts.

Moss asked that Carrillo meet with the Council regarding the process of contract negotiations; Carrillo is to meet with the Council on the issue.

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

**IX. RESOLUTIONS**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-61, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF 11 MEMBERS TO THE TACOMA NARROWS AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION. (COUNCILMEMBER TERRY LEE, CARL GEIST, PAUL McCORMICK, HUGH MORGAN, BRIAN O'NEIL, STEVE OSGUTHORPE, MIKE PICKETT, HARDING ROE, JAY SHADDOX, DEENA TURMO, ANN WHITTAKER)**

A substitute Resolution with the following title will be before the Council on August 12, for consideration:

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-61s, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF 10 MEMBERS TO THE TACOMA NARROWS AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION. (CARL GEIST, PAUL McCORMICK, HUGH MORGAN, JAY SHADDOX, ANN WHITTAKER, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, AND \_\_\_\_\_)**

Wimsett moved that the Proposal be continued to the September 16, 2003, Council meeting; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

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

**XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Randy Boss expressed concerns about Proposal No. 2003-44s and 2003-61 being continued, and spoke in opposition to renaming the trail.
2. Karen Vialle spoke in support Proposal No. 2003-104, and thanked the Council for its passage. She asked Moss and Lee to ensure that the Washington State Department of Transportation replaces the landscaping along State Route 16. Lee commented he is currently working on a supplemental landscaping plan for SR16. Vialle offered her assistance.

3. Will Baker expressed concerns with the continuance of Proposal Nos. 2003-44s and R2003-61, and spoke in opposition to the sales tax increase Proposal, which was heard in today's Public Safety & Human Services Committee meeting.
4. Stacy Shown, Graham resident, expressed concern regarding the lack of notification for a public housing project located in the Graham area. Residents who are affected by the project should have been informed.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Attest:

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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Councilmember Harold Moss, Council Chair

Date Approved

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