

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2002**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Moss called the regular meeting of the Pierce County Council to order at 3:06 p.m.

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

Moss led the pledge.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Wendell Brown, Calvin Goings, Harold Moss, Pat O'Malley, and Jan Shabro. Excused: Karen S. Biskey and Kevin Wimsett.

Council Staff Present: Sandy Bassett, Deputy Clerk; Anna Graham, Research Analyst; Susan Long, Legal Counsel; Carolyn Pendle, Research Analyst; and Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy.

There were approximately 20 visitors present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

O'Malley moved approval of the Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes
  1. The minutes of the June 25, 2002, regular Council meeting
  2. The minutes of the July 2, 2002, regular Council meeting.
  3. The minutes of the July 30, 2002, special Council meeting.

- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
  - 1. PROPOSAL NO. 2002-83, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, FOR LOCATION OF WATER LINES ON CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE FRANCHISE.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Pat O'Malley  
Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687  
For referral to the Public Works Committee
  - 2. PROPOSAL NO. 2002-84, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 8.88.460 B.2. OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, REGARDING WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS FOR ALDER LAKE.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Kevin Wimsett  
Contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067  
For referral to the Rules & Operations Committee  
Suggested date of Council hearing: September 10, 2002
- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
  - 1. PROPOSAL NO. R2002-92, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL INITIATING THE PROCESS FOR AMENDING SECTIONS 18A.25.280 J., AND THE INDUSTRIAL USE CATEGORY OF TABLES 18A.25.100 G. AND 18A.25.150 E. OF THE PIERCE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY SEPARATING VEHICLE STORAGE YARDS FROM SALVAGE YARDS; REFERRING THESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND LAND USE ADVISORY COMMISSIONS; AND SETTING A DATE FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO SUBMIT ITS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE COUNCIL.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Jan Shabro  
Contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067  
For referral to the Planning & Environment Committee
- d. Other Items

O'Malley moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved on a roll call vote of five 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 31, 2002, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-69s2, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A WEIGHT RESTRICTION OF TEN TONS ON KAPOWSIN HIGHWAY, FROM ORTING-KAPOWSIN HIGHWAY EAST TO STATE ROUTE 161, DURING THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2002, TO SEPTEMBER 6, 2002, INCLUSIVE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2002-94, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMENDING PAUL JENSEN AS AN EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARD WINNER.**

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

Staff testimony:

Lyle Quasim, Executive Chief of Staff, explained that Paul Jensen and Joseph St. Germaine were not able to attend the Award presentation today. On behalf of the Executive and Pierce County, Quasim praised and thanked each of the individuals for their suggestions.

John Trent, Director of Public Works and Utilities, said he appreciates the Council's support for this program that rewards those employees who find better ways of doing things.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was none. Proposal No. R2002-94 passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2002-95, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMENDING JOSEPH ST. GERMAIN AS AN EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARD WINNER.**

O'Malley moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was none. Proposal No. R2002-95 passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2002-96, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMENDING TORVALD PEARSON AS AN EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARD WINNER.**

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

Staff testimony:

Quasim praised Torvald Pearson for his insight and ingenuity in translating mundane items into significant ongoing savings. Pearson's suggestion involved soap and tissue dispensers used in the jail.

Torvald Pearson said he appreciates the fact that Pierce County's leadership is willing to listen to suggestions.

Chief Eileen Bisson echoed Quasim's comments. Bisson presented a photocopy (see the Clerk's Meeting file) of what looks like a large tarantula that was crafted from toilet paper by a jail inmate.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. Proposal No. R2002-96 passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2002-97, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE COMMENDING STEVEN ROSE AND HERBERT SAYWERS AS EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARD WINNERS.**

Quasim noted that Award winners, Steven Rose and Herbert Saywers, were unable to attend today's meeting.

O'Malley moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was none. Proposal No. R2002-97 passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2002-91, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ONE EXISTING MEMBER TO THE PIERCE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  
(GEORGE DUNCAN)**

O'Malley moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. Proposal No. R2002-91 passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

**VIII. ORDINANCES**

**PROPOSAL NO. 2002-70s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-86S3, AS AMENDED, BY INCREASING THE 2002 BUDGET FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT (BREAKING THE CYCLE PROGRAM), MISCELLANEOUS CURRENT EXPENSE, AND THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND.**

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

O'Malley moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 1 as set forth in **Attachment I** to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff testimony:

Pat Kenney, Budget and Finance Director, said the amendment would clarify the carry over possibility for this appropriation and establish the conditions that would trigger the carry over.

The Chair called for public testimony on the amendment; there was no response. Amendment No. 1 passed on a voice vote.

O'Malley moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 2 as set forth in **Attachment II** to these minutes; motion seconded. The Clerk read the amendment that adds and appropriation of \$5,000 for a Sister County Program.

Staff testimony:

Marlette Buchanan, Pierce County Arts and Cultural Services, responded to questions from Shabro regarding the Sister County Program.

The Chair called for public testimony on Amendment No. 2; there was no response. Council Amendment No. 2 passed on a voice vote.

Public testimony:

Tim Strege, Executive Director of the Small Business Incubator, explained that the Incubator assists small startup enterprises by providing day-to-day management support, office space, and assisting them with the preparation of bids, contracts and business presentations.

Strege said this investment would allow them to build a facility on Interstate 5 and Portland Avenue that can house up to 30 companies. Strege responded to questions from Councilmembers.

Staff testimony:

Kenney said the Break the Cycle Program was previously grant funded; this allocation would allow the Program to continue for the remainder of the year. Kenney said the allocation for Solid Waste would fund clean up activities for their junk car program and an electronics disposal event.

Terree Schmidt-Whelan, of Break the Cycle, said the Program works with drug addicted felons and has been very effective.

Steve Wamback, Solid Waste Manager, described the Pierce County Response program that deals with illegal dumping. He explained the Department's "Dirty Dozen" program that works to rid Pierce County of its worst junk car problems.

Public testimony:

John Bankston expressed his support for the Proposal and praised the Small Business Incubator.

Ron Dyer, a small business consultant, praised the Small Business Incubator. He said, with their assistance, he has been able generate and bid on larger projects and expand his networking capability.

Proposal No. 2002-70s, as amended, passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

**IX. RESOLUTIONS**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2002-85, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL FINDING THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO FORM AND OPERATE A PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT WITH THE CITIES OF TACOMA, FIFE, LAKEWOOD, AND UNIVERSITY PLACE TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A REGIONAL CONVENTION CENTER, TO BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.**

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

Staff testimony:

Skip Stansbury explained that the Proposal would allow the County to participate with the cities named in the construction and operation of a Regional Convention Center. The money for the project comes from the State's portion of the sales tax; there is no increased tax assessed against the taxpayers. Stansbury said the Executive supports the Proposal.

Goings inquired about the membership of the Board. Stansbury said the Board is to be made up of non-legislative members.

Public testimony:

Randy Lewis, of the City of Tacoma's Government Relations Division, explained how Board members are selected.

O'Malley moved the Committee Amendment as set forth in **Attachment III** to these minutes; motion seconded. The Clerk read the amendment into the record.

Staff testimony:

Stansbury explained that the amendment would allow the five legislative bodies to adopt the amendments and allow each body to execute their own documents, rather than serially.

Public testimony:

Randy Lewis provided a history of the Proposal.

Being no further public testimony, the amendment passed on a roll call vote.

The Chair called for public testimony on the amended Proposal; there was no response. Proposal No. R2002-85, as amended, passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. O'Malley said he attended the Change-in-Command at Fort Lewis. He welcomed General Soriano to Pierce County.
2. O'Malley noted the passing of Bud Reese and said he'll be sorely missed.

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3. Shabro invited everyone to the evening meeting in her District. She said there is an excellent presentation on homeland security scheduled.

**XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Attest:

Sandy Bassett, Deputy Clerk

Approved:

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Harold Moss, Council Chair

Date Approved

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