

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
August 21, 2007

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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 Lee.

II. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri. Councilmembers Bunney, Bush and Farrell were excused.

Council Staff Present: Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Anna Graham, Senior Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; Carolyn Pendle, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Leslie Swalley, Councilmember Assistant.

There were approximately 30 visitors present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

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. 2007-70, 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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Economic and Infrastructure
Development on August 7, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: September 25, 2007

2. 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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Economic and Infrastructure
Development on August 7, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: September 25, 2007

3. 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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Economic and Infrastructure
Development on August 7, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: September 25, 2007

4. Proposal No. 2007-74, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Declaring Certain County-Owned Real Property as Surplus, Located along State Route 7 between 224th and 232nd Street East in the Graham Area (Commonly Referred to as the Elk Plain Road Shop and Pit); and Authorizing the County Executive to Pursue Disposal of the Property, Pursuant to Pierce County Code 2.110.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Toby Rickman, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-3720

Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304
Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Rules and Operations on
August 13, 2007
Suggested date of Council hearing: September 11, 2007

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

d. Other Items

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

- VI. Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney - None
- VII. Proclamations, Awards, and/or Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Proposal No. R2007-101, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of Eleven New Members to the Aviculture Advisory Commission. (Erick Stauber, Jerry Gustafson, Vene Luke, Naomi Zemont, Susan Murphy, Frances Davidson, Corrina Peterson, Nedda Turner, Michael Jones, Brian Boman, and Robert Walter)

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

Staff Testimony

Long explained the Proposal was not heard in committee and it was received from the Executive on July 22, 2007 for confirmation of the appointments.

Swalley read a statement into the record expressing her concerns with the Proposal and the appointment process. A copy of her letter is included in the Ordinance file.

Public Testimony

The following individuals testified on the Proposal: Sandy Jacobson (letter in Ordinance file); Susan Dickson (letter in Ordinance file); Natalie Frumin; Carol Miskill (letter in Ordinance file); Julie Carwin (letter in Ordinance file); Smiles Germeau; Renee Ward; Stewart Metz; Janel Johnson (letter in Ordinance file); and Robert Jacobson.

The Councilmembers provided final comments expressing their concerns with the Proposal, and urged that a new list of nominations be provided. The Council wants a fair and balanced Board and wants to ensure the appointees are qualified to serve on the Board.

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

VIII. Ordinances

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.

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

Staff Testimony

Long reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on July 9, 2007. Long explained the Proposal extends the timeline to hold its annual election of officers and that elections currently are to be held by the second Tuesday in January each year. The Proposal extends the timeline to no later than the third Tuesday in January.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for final Council comments; there was no response. The question was called; the Proposal passed on a roll call vote of on a roll call vote of four to zero.

Proposal No. 2007-58s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting a New Chapter 3.28, "Pilot Recruitment Bonus Leave Program," 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; and Setting an Effective Date.

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

Staff Testimony

Bocchi reported the Proposal received a do pass as substituted recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on July 9, 2007. Bocchi informed the Council that there is a proposed amendment to the Proposal.

Goings moved Council Amendment No. 1 on blue; motion seconded. A copy of the amendment is identified as Attachment I to these minutes.

Bocchi explained the amendment replaces Proposal No. 2007-58s in its entirety and changes the effective date and sunset date.

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

Bocchi explained the Proposal creates a new chapter to the Pierce County Code. Bocchi spoke to the four-year pilot program and informed the Council that the Human Resources Director will run the program.

The Chair called for public testimony on the Proposal as amended; there was no response. The Chair called for final Council comments; there was no response. The question was called; the Proposal passed as amended on a roll call vote of four to zero.

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."

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

Staff Testimony

Graham reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on July 1, 2007.

Kathy Kravit-Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided information on the Proposal and answered Council question regarding how the subcommittees are formed. She noted that the Advisory Board recommends the Proposal.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for final Council comments; there was no response. The question was called; the Proposal passed on a roll call vote of four to zero.

IX. Resolutions

Proposal No. R2007-102, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of Dr. Eric Kiesel as the Chief Medical Examiner for Pierce County.

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

Staff Testimony

Lyle Quasim, Chief of Staff, spoke to the extended search process to fill the Medical Examiner position, and he urged the Council to adopt the Proposal.

Dr. Eric Kiesel, Medical Examiner, thanked the Council for welcoming him to Pierce County, and noted that he looks forward to residing back in the Pacific Northwest. He responded to Council questions regarding his background, forensic

investigations, importance of his position, proposed changes in the Medical Examiner Office, communication between the community and other agencies, position salary, and communication between the Medical Examiner office and the Council.

Muri informed Kiesel of the Councilmembers who serve on the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for final Council comments; there was no response. The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of on a roll call vote of four to zero.

The Chair welcomes Kiesel to Pierce County government.

- X. Other Business/Announcements - None
- XI. Citizens' Forum - None
- XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved

Pierce County

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ATTACHMENT I

October 17, 2007

COUNCIL AMENDMENT NO. 1
Blue

TO: Councilmembers

FROM: Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2007-58s**

I recommend we strike all the language in Proposed Ordinance No. 2007-58s and replace with the attached Proposed Ordinance No. 2007-58s2 and Exhibit A thereto. Proposed Ordinance No. 2007-58s2 would adopt a new Code Chapter 3.28, "Pilot Recruitment Bonus Leave Program".

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c: Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council

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Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Requested by: County Executive/Human Resources

File No. 149

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-58s2

An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting a New Chapter 3.28, "Pilot Recruitment Bonus Leave Program" of the Pierce County Code 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; Setting an Effective Date; and Setting a Sunset Date.

Whereas, nationwide, public agencies are facing significant challenges in recruiting and hiring quality candidates in certain "high demand" positions; and

Whereas, the number of qualified candidates applying for high demand positions has significantly decreased over the years, and the new employees in these classifications ultimately hired by Pierce County represent only a small percentage of the number of original applicants; and

Whereas, effective and efficient provision of public services including public safety, engineering and nursing in Pierce County depend on the continuous successful recruiting of qualified candidates for these high demand positions; and

Whereas, credible national research shows that the most effective recruiters for certain positions are current employees in related positions; and

Whereas, when recruiting candidates for employment, Pierce County must compete with other public agencies and private sector employers who are using recruitment bonuses as incentives for employees who successfully recruit; and

Whereas, Pierce County agrees that the current recruiting techniques of the County should be supplemented in order to meet the employment needs of Pierce County; **Now Therefore**,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:

Section 1. A new Chapter 3.28 of the Pierce County Code, "Pilot Recruitment Bonus Leave Program" is hereby adopted as shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2007, and shall sunset on September 30, 2011, or until it is repealed or extended by Ordinance.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2007.

ATTEST:

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
Pierce County, Washington

Denise D. Johnson
Clerk of the Council

Terry Lee
Council Chair

John W. Ladenburg
Pierce County Executive
Approved ___ Vetoed _____
this ___ day of _____, 2007.

Date of Publication of
Notice of Public Hearing: _____

Effective Date of Ordinance: _____