

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
August 28, 2007

930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 1045
Tacoma, WA 98402

(Note: These minutes are not verbatim. Recorded tapes are available upon request.)

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: Timothy M. Farrell, Barbara Gelman, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri. Councilmembers Excused: Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, and Calvin Goings.

Council Staff Present: Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst; Anna Graham, Senior Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; and Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks

There were three 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

Muri 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. 2007-81, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 2006-114s as Amended by Ordinance Nos. 2007-8s, 2007-12s and 2007-54s; and Modifying the County 2007 Budget.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Aaron BeMiller, Budget and Finance, (253) 798-7512

Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-93, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Related to the Pierce County Airport – Thun Field, Finding That the Budget Proviso Set Forth in Ordinance No. 2006-114s Related to the Expenditure of \$150,000 for Design Work for Hanger Reconstruction Has Been Partially Satisfied; and Redirecting the \$150,000 Budgeted for the Hanger Design Work to the Development of a Long-Term Economic Development, Asset Management, and Revenue Plan for the Airport.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Aaron BeMiller, Budget and Finance, (253) 798-7512

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

2. Proposal No. R2007-94, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Amending Resolution No. R2000-31 to Revise the Membership of the Courthouse Security Committee.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Mike Panagiotu, Risk Management, (253) 798-7462

Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068
Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Rules and Operations
on August 13, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: September 11, 2007

3. Proposal No. R2007-100s, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Pierce County Executive to Apply to the Recreation and Conservation Office as Provided in Chapter 79A.15 of the Revised Code of Washington for Funding Assistance for a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Farmland Preservation Project Involving the Acquisition of Interest in Real Property for Farmland Preservation (Ted Ford Farm and Terry's Berries Farm).

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney
Department contact person: Kimberly Freeman, Planning and Land Services, (235) 798-2784

Council contact person: Anna Graham, (253) 798-6253

Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted at Rules and Operations

on August 20, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: September 4, 2007

4. Proposal No. R2007-105, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Approving the Pierce County Board of Equalization's Request to Convene to Act on Timely Filed Taxpayer Petitions Which Exceed the Requirements of Revised Code of Washington 84.48.010.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: September 18, 2007

d. Other Items

Muri 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

1. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinances, which were approved and signed on August 10, 2007, was read into the record:

Ordinance No. 2007-43, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Related to the Funding of the Pierce County Law Library; Recognizing the Need for Additional Financial Support; and Directing the Clerk of the Pierce County Superior Court to Reallocate the Portion of Superior Court Civil Filing Fees Paid to the Credit of the Law Library as Provided by Revised Code of Washington 27.24.070, from the Current Seventeen Dollars to Twenty Dollars.

Ordinance No. 2007-48s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 17B.30 of the Pierce County Code, "Roads and Bridges"; Responding to Recently Adopted County Council Resolution No. R2006-78; Adopting Findings of Fact; and Setting an Effective Date.

Ordinance No. 2007-67, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with Council 2, Washington State Council of County and City Employees, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, Local 120 – District Court Probation; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

VII. Proclamations, Awards, and/or Appointments to Boards and Commissions - None

VIII. Ordinances

Proposal No. 2007-55s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Title 17C of the Pierce County Code, "Construction and Infrastructure Regulations – Building and Fire Codes," to Adopt the State's 2006 International Building, Residential, and Mechanical Codes; and Adopting the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Codes, Pursuant to Revised Code of Washington 19.27.031.

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

Staff Testimony

Graham reported the Proposal received a do pass as substituted recommendation by the Community Development Committee on July 16, 2007. Graham explained the Proposal is an amendment to the Building and Fire Codes to be consistent with the state changes to the 2006 codes.

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

Proposal No. 2007-78, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reached with Council 2, Washington State Council of County and City Employees, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, Local 3752 CD – Corrections and Detention; and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.

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

Staff Testimony

Bocchi explained the Proposal is a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Corrections Officers. Bocchi spoke to the terms and provisions of the collective bargaining agreement. Bocchi explained that step pay ranges will be adjusted by eliminating one step and creating a new Step 6. Bocchi reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on August 13, 2007.

Joe Carrillo, Labor Relations Manager, responded to Muri's questions regarding the elimination of the step by explaining the changes to the step process. Carrillo noted that at for salary classifications to remain competitive other jurisdictions are reviewed.

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

IX. Resolutions - None

X. Other Business/Announcements

Muri moved to approve the September 3-7, 2007, Meeting Schedule and the September 4, 2007, Council Agenda; motion seconded and carried.

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Joe Winkler, Thurston County resident, addressed the Council regarding the recent pit pull attack in the Gig Harbor area, and urged that laws be changed to prohibit owning pit pull dogs.

Lee responded to Winkler's comments.

2. Ken Paulson addressed the Council regarding eliminating Ordinance No. 2007-68, having an ombudsman this budget cycle, monitoring Chambers Bay Golf Course Park costs, and requesting the Executive to not spend all the projected tax revenue.

Lee responded to Paulson's comments.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved