

Minutes
Pierce County Council Meeting
September 4, 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: Roger Bush, Timothy M. Farrell, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee and Dick Muri. Shawn Bunney was excused.

Council Staff Present: Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst; Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel, Patty Face, Acting Clerk of the Council; Anna Graham, Interim Administrator for Research and Policy; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Operations; and Carolyn Pendle, Senior Legislative Analyst.

There were approximately 35 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

a. Approval of Minutes - none

b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)

1. Proposal No. 2007-79s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting a New Chapter 2.100 of the Pierce County Code, "Pierce County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials."

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Calvin Goings, Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, Timothy M. Farrell, Barbara Gelman, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri
Council contact person: Jeff Cox, (253) 798-7579
Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted at Rules and Operations on August 13, 2007
Suggested date of Council hearing: October 2, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-82, 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. OST24-06, Steven and Taran Johnson – Jackson Forest Area; Application No. OST32-06, Christine Newman-Garvey – Nisqually River Forest Reserve Area; Application No. OST48-06, Eric E. and Kendra A. Niesz – Fox Island Area; Application No. OST49-06, Gary P. and Karyn T. Brady – Tahoma Ridge Area)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Chad Williams, Planning and Land Services, (253) 798-3683
Council contact person: Jeff Cox, (253) 798-7579
For referral to the Community Development Committee
Suggested date of Council hearing: October 2, 2007

3. Proposal No. 2007-83, 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. OS47-06, Daniel D. and Donna J. Iverson, Gig Harbor Area; Application No. OS50-06, Christina DiRe (Remmers), Tacoma Area)

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4. Proposal No. 2007-84, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Levying an Assessment in 2007, for Collection in 2008, Against Land in Pierce County for the Control of Noxious Weeds.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Beki Shoemaker, Noxious Weed Control,
(253) 798-6800

Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

5. Proposal No. 2007-85, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending the Pierce County Code, Chapter 18.25, "Definitions," Chapter 18.140, "Compliance," Title 18A, "Pierce County Development Regulations – Zoning," Title 18B, "Pierce County Development Regulations – Signs," Title 18F, "Pierce County Development Regulations – Land Divisions and Boundary Changes," and Title 18J, "Development Regulations – Design Standards and Guidelines"; Addressing the Creation of 9-Lot Short Plats and the Relocation of Billboards Associated with Public Right-of-Way Acquisition; Creating Regulations Addressing Outdoor Stockpiling of Materials for Recycling, Sale or Disposal; Creating a Vegetation Retention Exception for Developments with Limited Size Constraints; and Adopting other Clarifying and Technical Amendments Affecting Various Use Types, Design Standards, and Definitions; Adopting Findings of Fact; and Setting an Effective Date.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Sean Gaffney, Planning and Land Services,
(253) 798-2724

Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, (253) 798-3665

For referral to the Community Development Committee

To be heard in the Community Development Committee on September 17,
2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: November 6, 2007

c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing) - none

d. Other Items - none

Goings 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 - none

VII. Proclamations, Awards, and/or Appointments to Boards and Commissions

American Public Works Association (APWA) Accreditation Award Presentation to the Pierce County Public Works and Utilities Department by the American Public Works Association.

Executive John Ladenburg introduced John Ostrowski, representing the American Public Works Association (APWA). Ostrowski explained the accreditation process and presented the Pierce County Public Works and Utilities Accreditation Award Plaque to Executive John Ladenburg. Ladenburg had high marks for the Public Works and Utilities Department for achieving accreditation. Ladenburg presented the Award Plaque to Brian Ziegler, Director of Public Works and Utilities. Ziegler thanked the Public Works and Utilities Department leaders and staff.

Council Comment

Councilmembers Muri, Gelman and Lee expressed congratulations for the top honors.

Proposal No. R2007-103, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council and Executive Proclaiming the Month of September 2007 as “Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month” in Pierce County, Washington.

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

Joan Elvin-McAree, President and Co-Founder of the Ovarian and Breast Cancer Alliance of Washington, thanked the Council for the public awareness the Proclamation brings.

Executive Ladenburg said it was an honor to sign the joint Proclamation.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for Council comment; there was none. The Proclamation was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero. Sheila Pudists, Human Resources, accompanied Elvin-McAree to the dais for the Proclamation presentation.

Proposal No. R2007-106, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Member (“Hal” Eban Gorbaty) to the Ethics Commission.

Goings 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 Council comment; there was none. The Resolution was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero.

Proposal No. R2007-107, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of One New Member (Michael Clark) and the Reappointment of One Member (Donald Winskill) to the Assigned Counsel Advisory Board.

Goings 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 Council comment; there was none. The Resolution was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero.

Proposal No. R2007-108, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of One Member (John Austin) to the Frederickson Advisory Commission.

Goings moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony.

Public Testimony

Joe Phillips, Economic Development, testified in support of John Austin's appointment.

There being no further public testimony; the Chair called for Council comment.

Council Comment

Bush encouraged the Council to support the Resolution and commented on John Austin's abilities as a proven community leader and problem-solver.

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

VIII. Ordinances

Proposal No. 2007-40, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Section 4.48.020 of the Pierce County Code to Delete the Behavioral Health Fund and Establish a New Regional Support Network Fund.

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

Staff Testimony

Carolyn Pendle briefed the Council. Pendle reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation at the Public Safety and Human Services Committee held June 12, 2007, and was continued from the July 31, 2007, Council Meeting.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for Council comment; there was none. The Ordinance passed on a roll call vote of six to zero.

Proposal No. 2007-69s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapter 2.98 of the Pierce County Code, "Pierce County Law and Justice Commission", to Revise the Membership and Update the Functions of the Pierce County Law and Justice Commission.

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

Staff Testimony

Carolyn Pendle briefed the Council and responded to questions. Pendle reported the Proposal received a do pass as substituted recommendation at the Public Safety and Human Services Committee held July 24, 2007.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was none. The Ordinance passed on a roll call vote of six to zero.

IX. Resolutions

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).

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

Staff Testimony

Anna Graham briefed the Council and responded to questions. Graham provided an oral technical amendment on page 2 of 2 of the Proposal, line 8, after the words the Ted Ford Farm; add "and/or the Terry's Berries farm." The amendment passed on a voice vote.

Kimberly Freeman, Planning and Land Services, addressed the grant funding process, matched funding, and establishment of conservation easements.

The Chair called for public testimony on the Resolution as amended.

Public Testimony

Ryan Mellow, Cascade Land Conservancy, testified.

Bill Giddings testified.

There being no further public testimony; the Chair called for Council comment.

Council Comment

Bush asked for the date the grant funding results would be available. Freeman replied the grant funding results would be known by mid-November.

The Resolution was adopted as amended on a roll call vote of six to zero.

X. Other Business/Announcements - none

XI. Citizens' Forum - none

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Attest:

Patricia L. Face, Acting Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved