

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2005**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. by Chair Bunney.

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

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

**III. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, Dick Muri, Timothy M. Farrell, Calvin Goings, and Terry Lee. Barbara Gelman arrived after roll call.

Council Staff Present: Anna Graham, Research Analyst; Steve Gross, Deputy Legal Counsel; Hugh Taylor, Research Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Operations; Carolyn Pendle, Research Analyst; Michael Transue, Budget Consultant; and Tom Weber, Administrator for Research and Policy.

There were approximately 25 visitors present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Lee 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. 2005-72, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 19D.60 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "STORM DRAINAGE AND SURFACE

WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND ADOPTING THE "MID-  
PUYALLUP BASIN PLAN" FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF  
PIERCE

COUNTY AS AN AREA UPDATE TO PIERCE COUNTY'S STORM  
DRAINAGE AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Marsha Huebner, 798-4662

Council contact person: Steve Gross, 798-7579

For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure  
Development Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2005-73, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE  
COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 15101 SILCOX DRIVE SOUTHWEST, LAKEWOOD,  
WASHINGTON, AS SURPLUS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE TO TRANSFER SAID PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF  
LAKEWOOD, PURSUANT TO REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON  
CHAPTER 39.33 AND PIERCE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.110.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney  
Department contact person: Suzanne Hedlund, 798-  
6200  
Council contact person: Steve Gross, 798-7579  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
Suggested date of Council hearing: October 4, 2005

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2005-124, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE  
COUNTY COUNCIL CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 8, 2005, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO  
THE AFFECTED VOTERS THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR  
NOT PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 5 SHALL EXPAND  
THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FROM THREE MEMBERS  
TO FIVEM EMBERS; AND REQUESTING THAT THE PROSECUTING  
ATTORNEY WRITE AN APPROPRIATE BALLOT TITLE.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Council contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on  
September 12, 2005  
Suggested date of Council hearing: September 13,  
2005
2. PROPOSAL NO. R2005-125, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE  
COUNTY COUNCIL CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER  
8, 2005, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE  
AFFECTED VOTERS THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT  
CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN UNINCORPORATED PIERCE  
COUNTY SHOULD BE ANNEXED TO THE VALLEY WATER  
DISTRICT; AND REQUESTING THAT THE PROSECUTING

ATTORNEY WRITE AN APPROPRIATE BALLOT TITLE.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney  
Council contact person: Steve Gross, 798-7579  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on  
September 12, 2005  
Suggested date of Council hearing: September 20, 2005

3. PROPOSAL NO. R2005-126, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2005, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE AFFECTED VOTERS THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN TERRITORY THAT IS IN UNINCORPORATED PIERCE COUNTY, LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE CURRENT CITY LIMITS OF PUYALLUP, SHOULD BE ANNEXED TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE CITY OF PUYALLUP; AND REQUESTING THAT THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY WRITE AN APPROPRIATE BALLOT TITLE.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney  
Council contact person: Susan Long, 798-6068  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on  
September 12, 2005  
Suggested date of Council hearing: September 13, 2005

#### Other Items

1. Rescind Council's Action of Setting Date of Hearing of September 20, 2005  
PROPOSAL NO. 2005-55, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING TAX TITLED PARTIAL OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO PURSUE DISPOSAL OF THE COUNTY'S PARTIAL OWNERSHIP BY EXCHANGE OR A COMMENSURATE INTEREST IN SIMILAR REAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2.110 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE. (THE COUNTY'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IS IN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 20605 131ST STREET COURT EAST IN THE BONNEY LAKE AREA.)

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

#### **VI. MESSAGES FROM EXECUTIVE/JUDGES/PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

Executive John Ladenburg read into the record the Operation Evergreen Proclamation. Ladenburg briefed the Council on

the arrival of Hurricane Katrina evacuees to Washington State and Pierce County. A copy of the handout is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.

Lee suggested to Ladenburg that Operation Evergreen information be posted on the Council's website.

**VII. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND/OR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - None**

**VIII. ORDINANCES**

**PROPOSAL NO. 2005-11s2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATING THE PIERCE COUNTY SUBDIVISION AND PLATTING CODE; REPEALING TITLE 16, "SUBDIVISION AND PLATTING"; ADOPTING A NEW TITLE 18F, "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS-LAND DIVISIONS AND BOUNDARY CHANGES"; AMENDING TITLE 18, "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS-GENERAL PROVISIONS"; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Staff Testimony

Taylor briefed the Council on the Proposal, and reported the Proposal received a do pass as substituted recommendation by the Community Development Committee on July 25, 2005.

In response to Gelman's question, Taylor spoke to the time frame for the short platting process.

Public Testimony

Tiffany Speir, Master Builders Association, spoke in support of the Proposal.

Alison Moss spoke in support of the Proposal.

In response to Gelman's question, Taylor explained how the Proposal affects the existing short plats. The Ordinance effective date is November 1, 2005.

Goings thanked Taylor and all parties involved for their work on the Proposal.

The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

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**PROPOSAL NO. 2005-46s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-122; AND AUTHORIZING THE REOPENING OF A PORTION OF A. P. TUBBS ROAD IN THE WILKESON-CARBONADO AREA.**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on July 19, 2005.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2005-52s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 19D.240 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNTY-WIDE PLANNING POLICIES, TO REFLECT AMENDMENTS RATIFIED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL.**

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

Staff Testimony

Graham explained the Proposal reflects the new County-wide Planning policies to the Pierce County Code. She reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Community Development Committee on July 18, 2005.

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

The Chair explained the Council will be in recess to allow time for staff to finalize amendments to Proposal No. 2005-62s2. At 3:25 p.m. the meeting recessed; at 4:23 p.m. the business meeting reconvened.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2005-62s2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2004-107s; AND MODIFYING THE COUNTY 2005 BUDGET.**

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

Staff Testimony

Michael Transue summarized the Proposal, and he explained the modified 2005 Budget totals (Section 1) and the Budget funding sources (Section 2). Transue briefed the Council on Exhibits A and B, and on the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Domestic Violence funding.

In response to Lee's question, Eileen Bisson, Corrections, spoke to jail housing units.

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

Transue explained the amendment to the Council.

Goings moved the following oral amendment to Council Amendment No. 1, Item 5; motion seconded:

Pipeline Road/144<sup>th</sup> Street East Trail (Pierce County Parks), strike "~~+\$34,268~~" and replace with "~~+\$30,000~~."

Parkland/Spanaway/Graham/Frederickson Street Illumination, strike "~~+\$15,000~~" and replace with "~~+\$19,268~~."

The Chair called for testimony on the oral amendment; there was no response. The motion passed.

The following spoke to Council Amendment No. 1:

Gary Aden, Community Services Department, spoke to the need of an additional \$100,000 for the homeless housing fund.

The motion passed.

Lee moved Council Amendment No. 2 on blue; motion seconded. A copy of the amendment is attached to these minutes identified as Attachment II.

Transue briefed the Council on the amendment.

Ladenburg spoke to September 6, 2005, letter requesting an additional Superior Court Judgeship position (Department 22), and urged the Council to approve the position. A copy of his letter is contained in the Ordinance file.

Bush thanked Ladenburg for working with the Council, and he spoke in support of the additional Superior Court position.

Stephanie Arend, Presiding Judge, thanked the Council for addressing needs of the Superior Court.

Councilmembers offered comments in support of the new Superior Court position.

The motion carried.

The following spoke to the proposal as amended:

Gary Aden requested \$100,000 funding to assist in Hurricane Katrina evacuees arrival in Pierce County.

Eileen Bisson thanked the Council for supporting funding for additional jail housing, and she responded to questions regarding early release of inmates.

Tiffany Speir thanked the Council for the line item on affordable housing.

Transue suggested the following oral amendments:

Page 6 of 15, line 22, delete "~~\$25,000~~" and insert "\$125,000."

Page 7 of 15, line 14, at the end of the sentence insert "and \$125,000 from Fund Balance."

Page 12 of 15, line 23-1/2, delete "~~\$25,000~~" and insert "\$125,000" and adjust totals accordingly.

Exhibit B, page 2 of 2, line 14, at the end of the sentence insert "The funding for this \$100,000 will be provided by Fund Balance and be used for purposes of assisting Hurricane Katrina evacuees."

Goings moved the oral amendments suggested by Transue; motion seconded.

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

The Chair called for testimony on the Proposal as amended; there was no response.

Goings summarized the amendments to the 2005 Budget. Bush spoke to the safety of Pierce County citizens.

The Proposal passed as amended on a roll call vote of six to zero (Gelman was excused).

**IX. RESOLUTIONS**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2005-107s, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING ITS PRELIMINARY 2006 BUDGET INFORMATION AND FUNDING PRIORITIES AND REQUESTING THAT THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE INCLUDE THESE PRIORITIES IN THE 2006 BUDGET FOR PIERCE COUNTY.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue briefed the Council on the Proposal, and explained the amendments approved by the Rules and Operations Committee.

Transue suggested the following oral amendment:

Exhibit A, page 1 of 2, line 6-1/2 delete "~~two~~" and insert "one."

Goings moved the oral amendment suggested by Transue; motion seconded.

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

The Chair called for testimony on the Proposal as amended; there was no response.

The Proposal passed as amended on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

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

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**XI. CITIZENS' FORUM**

The Chair called for citizens' comments; there was no response.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Attest:

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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Shawn Bunney, Council Chair

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Date Approved

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