

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 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 arrived after roll call.

Council Staff Present: Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst; Brad Chatfield, Communications Legislative Analyst; Anna Graham, Administrator for Research and Policy; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; Carolyn Pendle, Senior Research Analyst; and Hugh Taylor, Senior Legislative Analyst.

There were 12 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.

No final action on any Ordinance or Resolution will be taken under this Section.

a. Approval of Minutes

1. The Minutes of the September 4, 2007, Regular Council Meeting

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

1. Proposal No. 2007-41s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting a New Chapter 19B.120 of the Pierce County Code, "The Alderton-McMillin Community Plan"; Amending Pierce County Code Sections 19A.30.060 and 19A.40.060 to Include a New Designation, Rural Industrial Centers; Setting an Effective Date; and Adopting Findings of Fact.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney

Department contact person: Kimberly Freeman, Planning and Land Services

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

For Re-referral to the Community Development Committee

To be heard in the Community Development Committee on October 8, 2007

Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted at Community Development on August 6, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: October 23, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-75, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting a New Chapter 19B.130 of the Pierce County Code, "The Key Peninsula Community Plan"; Amending Pierce County Code Chapters 19A.30, "Land Use Element", and 19A.40, "Rural Element", to Include a New Designation, Park and Recreation; Setting an Effective Date; and Adopting Findings of Fact.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Mike Kruger, Planning and Land Services, (253) 798-2700

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

To be heard in the Community Development Committee on September 10, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: October 16, 2007

3. Proposal No. 2007-86, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting the 2007 Amendments to the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan; Amending Title 19A of the Pierce County Code, "Comprehensive Plan"; Chapter 19B.10, "Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan," Chapter 19B.30, "The Frederickson Community Plan," Chapter 19B.40, "The Parkland-Spanaway-Midland Communities Plan," Chapter 19B.80, "The Upper Nisqually Valley Community Plan," Chapter 19B.90, "The South Hill Community Plan," Chapter 19B.100, "Mid-County Community Plan," and Chapter 19B.110, "The Graham Community Plan"; Setting Forth an Effective Date; and Adopting Findings of Fact.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Calvin Goings and Terry Lee

Department contact person: Mike Erkinen, Planning and Land Services, (253) 798-2705

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

For referral to the Community Development Committee

To be heard in the Community Development Committee on September 24,
2007, and October 1, 2007
Suggested date of Council hearing: October 30, 2007

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-110, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Endorsing the Pierce County Sheriff Department's Acceptance of a Grant Award of \$243,940.50 in Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Funds, for Public Safety and Judicial Services that Address Critical Needs for Pierce County Citizens; and Providing a Public Hearing on the Proposed County's Use of the Money Received.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Julie Williams, Sheriff, (253) 798-3430
Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

2. Proposal No. R2007-114, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Approving Additional Regular Staff Positions in the 2007 Budget; Finding that the Department of Public Works and Utilities has Satisfied the Traffic Impact Fee Fund 2007 Budget Proviso; and Authorizing the Removal of the Expenditure Limitation of \$150,000 Within the Traffic Impact Fee Fund Budget for 2007.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush
Department contact person: Gary Predoehl, Public Works and Utilities
(253) 798-2768
Council contact person: Hugh Taylor, (253) 798-3665
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
To be heard in the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
on September 18, 2007

Goings 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

1. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinances, which were approved and signed on August 28, 2007, was read into the record:

Ordinance 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.

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.

Ordinance 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."

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

Proposal No. R2007-109, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Commemorating the Sixth Anniversary of the September 11, 2001, Terrorist Attacks on the United States and Declaring September 11, 2007, as "Patriot's Day" in Pierce County, Washington.

Goings moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair read the Proclamation into the record in its entirety, and spoke to the importance of not forgetting the 9/11 date.

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 seven to zero.

Proposal No. R2007-104, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Proclaiming the day of Sunday, September 16, 2007, as "Hall of Fame Voter Day" in Pierce County, Washington.

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

Staff Testimony

Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Auditor, thanked the Council for the Proclamation and highlighted the Hall of Fame Voter Day event. McCarthy announced the event will be held at the Tacoma Dome on September 16, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. There are 4,117 inductees for this year's Hall of Fame.

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

Lee presented McCarthy the Proclamation.

Proposal No. R2007-111, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of Claudia Finseth (District 5) to the Pierce County Planning Commission.

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

Claudia Finseth thanked the Council for the honor to serve on the Commission.

Muri spoke in support of the proposed appointment.

Public Testimony

Bud Rehberg spoke in support of the appointment.

The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to one (Bush voted nay).

Lee welcomed Finseth to the Planning Commission.

Proposal No. R2007-112, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of One New Member (Gage Simmons) to the Parkland-Spanaway-Midland Land Use Advisory 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 Councilmember comments; there was no response. The question was called; the Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

Proposal No. R2007-113, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of New Member (Herman Dillon) to the Mental Health Advisory Board.

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

Staff Testimony

Pendle explained that Herman Dillon is not willing to serve due to time constraints, and recommended the Proposal be rejected.

Goings explained if the Council does not act on the Resolution today, the appointment will go through per Charter requirement; Long concurred.

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

VIII. Ordinances

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.

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

Staff Testimony

Bocchi explained the entire 63 acres is being proposed to be surplus, and a portion of the expected sale of the property is to help finance the Maintenance Facility. Bocchi reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on August 13, 2007.

Bush spoke to preserving a portion of the land for future use. Bush explained that since the Council received a letter yesterday regarding property legal concerns, he suggested Legal Staff review the Proposal before it is approved. Bush suggested the Proposal be continued to the October 2, 2007 Council meeting.

Public Testimony

Bud Rehberg spoke to the Proposal.

Gelman extended happy birthday wishes to Rehberg.

Bush moved to continue Proposal No. 2007-74 to the October 2, 2007, 3:00 p.m. Council meeting; motion seconded and carried.

IX. Resolutions

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

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

Staff Testimony

Taylor provided a summary of the Proposal to the Council. Taylor reported the Rules and Operations Committee passed the Proposal with a do pass recommendation on August 13,

2007, and noted the Proposal was not heard in the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee.

Toby Rickman, Public Works and Utilities Department, spoke in support of 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 was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

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.

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

Staff Testimony

Long reported the Rules and Operations Committee passed the Proposal with a do pass recommendation on August 13, 2007. Long explained the Proposal revises the membership to the current Resolution by removing agencies and departments that are no longer in the County-City Building, and adds agencies that are in the building to the Committee.

Skip Stansbury, Executive Staff, spoke in support of 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 was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

X. Other Business/Announcements

1. Update from the Puget Sound Regional Council on Activities of the Prosperity Partnership Effort - Presented by Bob Drewell and Eric Schinfeld.

Drewell provide a PowerPoint presentation on the Puget Sound Regional Council. After the presentation he answered Council questions.

The Council thanked Drewell for the presentation, and the Chair offered Pierce County's assistance to the Puget Sound Regional Council.

A copy of the presentation material is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.

2. Goings moved to promote Ann Graham to Administrator for Research and Policy, starting at Step 10; motion seconded and carried.
3. The Chair announced the upcoming benefit baseball game between the Pierce County Notables and Joeseppi's slow pitch team at Cheney Stadium on Wednesday evening.

XI. Citizens' Forum - None

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved