

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2001**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

At 3:10 p.m. Chair Brown called the regular meeting of the Pierce County Council to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Karen S. Biskey, Wendell Brown, Calvin Goings, Harold Moss, Pat O'Malley, Jan Shabro, and Kevin Wimsett.

Council Staff Present: Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy; Sandy Bassett, Deputy Clerk; and Susan Long, Legal Counsel.

There were approximately 22 visitors present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moss moved approval of the Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. The minutes of the August 28, 2001, District No. 3 Council meeting
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
 - 1. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-81, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-98 TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THE LAW AND JUSTICE COMMISSION MAKE ANNUAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE USE OF THE COUNTY'S 0.1 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PURPOSES.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Karen Biskey
Contact person: Carolyn Pendle, 798-3631
For referral to the Public Safety and Human
Services Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-82, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE JUNE 2001 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES, AS REQUESTED IN SOLUTION NO. R2001-30S; IMPLEMENTING ONE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION BY CREATING AN ALLOCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PREVENTION PROGRAMS, TO RECOMMEND AND MONITOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE 25 PERCENT PREVENTION REVENUES OF THE ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT CRIMINAL JUSTICE SALES AND USE TAX, AS SPECIFIED IN PIERCE COUNTY CODE 4.28.130; SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING THESE PREVENTION PROGRAMS; ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENT THAT PIERCE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES SHALL STAFF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND SETTING AN ANNUAL REPORTING DEADLINE FOR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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Services Committee

- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
- d. Other Items

Moss 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 Ordinance, which was approved and signed on September 5, 2001, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-74, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE PIERCE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT GUILD; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND/OR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-151, AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONDEMNING THE RECENT COWARDLY AND DEADLY TERRORISTS' ACTIONS; SUPPORTING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS AS

THEY WORK FOR NATIONAL SECURITY IN DEFENDING AMERICA AGAINST FURTHER ATTACKS; AND URGING THE CITIZENS OF PIERCE COUNTY TO SUPPORT OUR NATION'S RELIEF EFFORTS.

Moss moved Proposal No. R2001-151; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proclamation into the record.

Shabro noted that Proclamations like this are being passed all across Washington State. She said the County should accelerate its efforts to relocate the Emergency Management Department.

O'Malley agreed that relocating Emergency Management is imperative.

Lyle Quasim, Assistant to the Executive, said, in the short term, the County is planning to move the Department into a temporary location in partnership with the City of Tacoma. Long term, they are hoping to move the Department to a permanent facility in a combined effort with other Pierce County cities and towns.

O'Malley suggested the Council consider authoring a letter to our congressional delegation suggesting adding a spot on income tax forms to allow taxpayers to make a donation to aid our nation's relief effort.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was none. Proposal No. R2001-151 passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-155, AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CALLING AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2001, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE AFFECTED VOTERS THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT CERTAIN TERRITORY IN UNINCORPORATED PIERCE COUNTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE CURRENT CITY LIMITS OF BONNEY LAKE SHOULD BE ANNEXED TO AND BECOME A PART OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moss moved Proposal No. R2001-155; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proposal into the record.

Shabro asked Councilmembers to support the Proposal.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was none. Proposal No. R2001-155 passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

The "Outstanding Wastewater Treatment Plant" Award Presented to Pierce County Environmental Service Division

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Sue Maurermann, Regional Director for the Washington State Department of Ecology, presented the Award and congratulated Pierce County on receiving the award for the sixth time. She said the Award represents 100% compliance with the Wastewater Pact.

Staff testimony:

Lyle Quasim, representing the Executive, thanked the Wastewater Treatment Plant staff for their work. Four members of the Waste Water Treatment Plant staff were present to accept the award: Mark Newport, Larry Ekstrom, Chuck Morrell, and Steve Hanenburg. Quasim also praised John Trent for his leadership.

Steve Hanenburg expressed thanks for the recognition.

Larry Ekstrom said the award is very important to their staff. He said they have a staff of 29 who all make a strong effort.

Councilmembers also recognized Karen Goon and Brian Stacy for their efforts.

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-143, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SOUTH HILL HERITAGE CORRIDOR; AND PROCLAIMING THE DAY OF OCTOBER 11, 2001, AS SOUTH HILL HERITAGE APPRECIATION DAY IN PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

Moss moved Proposal No. R2001-143; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proposal into the record.

Goings thanked the Council for restoring the historical names to roads on South Hill. He said that action has created an increased appreciation for the deep and rich history of the area.

Public testimony:

Paul Hackett, President of the South Hill Historical Society, expressed appreciation to the Council.

Carl Vest, South Hill Historical Society member, also thanked the Council.

Proposal No. R2001-143 passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero. The Chair presented the Proclamation to Hackett and Vest.

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-58s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2000-93s2, AS AMENDED; AND MODIFYING THE BUDGET FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, CLERK, EXECUTIVE, DISTRICT COURT EATONVILLE, DISTRICT COURT GIG HARBOR, JUVENILE, PROBATION, CORRECTIONS, SHERIFF, MEDICAL EXAMINER, PLANNING AND LAND SERVICES, SPECIAL PROJECTS AND THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL DEPARTMENTS IN THE GENERAL FUND; AND THE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT FUND.

Moss moved Proposal No. R2001-58s; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proposal into the record.

Moss moved Council Amendment No. 1 on the yellow (see **Attachment 1** to these minutes); motion seconded. The Clerk read the amendment into the record. The Chair called for public testimony on the amendment; there was none. The amendment passed on a voice vote.

Staff testimony:

Pat Kenney, Director of Budget and Finance, went through each of the changes being proposed.

Judge Farrow, on his first visit before the Council since his sick leave, asked that the Council approve the budget amendments.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was none. Proposal No. R2001-58s, as amended, passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-70, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT IN 2001, FOR COLLECTION IN 2002, AGAINST LAND IN PIERCE COUNTY FOR THE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS; SETTING THE RATE OF THE LEVY; AND EXEMPTING CERTAIN PROPERTY.

Moss moved Proposal No. R2001-70; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proposal into the record.

Staff testimony:

Tom Bertram, Program Coordinator for the Weed Control program, said in 20 years of working on the Noxious Weed Control Program this is the worst year he's seen. He reported that the Program operates with 11 field inspectors who cover all of Pierce County. He responded to questions from Councilmembers and accepted their praise for his efforts.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was none. Proposal No. R2001-70 passed on a roll call vote of six to zero. Wimsett was excused at the time of the vote.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-144, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTING TO RECEIVE NATIONAL FOREST RELATED SAFETY-NET PAYMENTS UNDER THE SECURE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000 AND DECLARING ITS INTENDED DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN TITLE II AND TITLE III OF THE ACT.

Moss moved Proposal No. R2001-144; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proposal into the record.

Goings moved to amend the Proposal as follows:

Page 5, line 17, replace 65 percent with 0 percent;
Page 5, line 18, replace 35 percent with 100 percent.

The motion was seconded.

Staff testimony:

George Walk, Government Relations, explained that Congress has enacted a new law regarding the federal revenue sharing formula. This Proposal would enable Pierce County to receive its full payment amount of the National Forest Revenues. At Goings' request, Walk provided the rationale for the proposed amendment. He said under the Title III option, the County would get their share of the revenue at one time and would be able to choose appropriate ways to spend the money.

Eileen Bisson, Sheriff's Department, said the revenue could be used to help provide funds for Search and Rescue.

Walk read from a memo from the Legal Counsel of the Oregon State Association of Counties which contains details on how to handle the funds. A copy of the memo is contained in the Meeting File.

Bisson credited Search and Rescue employee, Doug Pressel, with bringing this potential revenue source to the County's attention.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was none. The oral amendment passed on a voice vote.

The Chair called for public testimony on the amended

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Proposal; there was none. Proposal No. R2001-144 passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2001-145, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
DECLARING INTENT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE WASHINGTON STATE
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR A TIMBER ANALYST-COORDINATOR.**

Moss moved Proposal No. R2001-145; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proposal into the record.

Staff testimony:

Walk said this Proposal was drafted at the request of the Washington State Association of Counties.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was none.
Proposal No. R2001-145 passed on a roll call vote of seven
to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2001-146, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2001, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SUBMITTING TO THE AFFECTED VOTERS THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR
NOT TO DISSOLVE THE WHITEMAN'S COVE WATER DISTRICT.**

Moss moved Proposal No. R2001-146; motion seconded. The
Clerk read the Proposal into the record.

Staff testimony:

Long gave a history of the Whiteman's Cove Water District.
She said the District has drafted a Resolution to
dissolve. The District is \$40,000 indebted at this time.

Public testimony:

Rudy Wallace, President of the Whiteman's Cove Water
District Board, concurred with Long's testimony.

Shabro said she appreciated having something in writing
from Peninsula Light Company regarding their offer to
accept ownership of the Whiteman's Cove Water District
after approval of this Proposal (see letter dated Sept.
17, 2001, in the Meeting File).

Wallace said the District feels it's a win-win situation.
He said they appreciate all the help they have received
from Pierce County, especially the help of Cindy Willis,
Susan Long, and Tom Weber. Wallace said they have spent
two years waiting for a permit, which increased their
costs significantly.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was none.
Proposal No. R2001-146 passed on a roll call vote of seven
to zero.

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Moss moved to amend the Meeting Schedule for the week of September 24-28, 2001 to change the 10:00 a.m. Committee of the Whole meeting on September 25, 2001, to 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.
2. Moss moved to amend the Council Agenda of September 25, 2001 to add the following Proposal under Section IX - Resolutions for final consideration:

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-156, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SETTING THE DATE OF AN EVENING COUNCIL MEETING IN COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 6, FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2001, AT STEILACOOM HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMANCE AUDITORIUM, LOCATED AT 54 SENTINEL DRIVE, STEILACOOM, WA 98388.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

3. Goings issued a reminder that today is Election Day.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Attest:

Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Council Chair

Date Approved