

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 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 Acting Chair Goings.

II. Roll Call

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

Council Staff Present: Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst; Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Anna Graham, Administrator for Research and Policy; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; Michael Transue, Budget Consultant; and Carolyn Pendle, Senior Legislative Analyst.

There were six visitors present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The pledge was led by Goings, 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. 2007-34s2, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting Amendments to Title 20 of the Pierce County Code, "Shoreline

Management Use Regulations”, Establishing Interim Regulatory Requirements for Geoduck Aquacultural Operations and Other Aquaculture Practices; Modifying Definitions and Permitted Uses; Setting an Effective Date; Providing for the Sunset of the Interim Requirements Upon the Implementation of the Comprehensive Update to the Pierce County Shoreline Master Program; and Adopting Findings of Fact.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Department contact person: Mike Erkinen, Planning and Land Services,
(235) 798-2705

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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted at Community
Development on September 10, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: October 16, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-81s, 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

Committee recommendation: Do Pass as Substituted at Rules and
Operations on September 17, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: October 23, 2007

3. Proposal No. 2007-89, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting a New Section 1.28.175 of the Pierce County Code, "Procedure for Confirmation of Chief Officers of Executive Departments".

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

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

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

4. Proposal No. 2007-90, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program and 2008-2021 Fourteen-Year Ferry Program, Pursuant to Revised Code of Washington Sections 36.81.121, 36.81.122, 36.81.130, and 36.54.015, and Washington Administrative Code 136, Chapters 15 and 16; Finding that Each Project Contained in the Plan is a Public Necessity; Authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to Commence Condemnation Proceedings to Acquire Real Property for only those Capital Improvement Projects Contained in the Document for Expenditure of Funds in 2008; and Adopting Findings of Fact. (Annual Road Program, Six-Year Road Program, and the Fourteen-Year Ferry Program)

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
October 2, 2007

5. Proposal No. 2007-91, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Creating a Transfer and Purchase of Development Rights Program and Adopting Technical Amendments to Implement the Program; Amending the Pierce County Code by Adopting a New Chapter 18I.25, "Transfer and Purchase of Development Rights", and a New Chapter 2.100, "Transfer of Development Rights Committee"; Amending Chapter 18.25, "Definitions", Chapter 18A.75, "Use Permits", and Chapter 19C.10, "Procedures for Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan"; Setting an Effective Date; and Adopting Findings of Fact.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Shawn Bunney, Calvin Goings and Terry Lee

Department contact person: Brynn Brady, Planning and Land Services,
(253) 798-3667

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

For referral to the Community Development Committee

To be heard in the Community Development Committee on October 1, 2007

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

d. Other Items

1. Motion to certify the following budget Certification, and instruct the Clerk of the Council to forward the Certification to the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's Office, pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 84.52.020:

Carbonado School District

Muri moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a roll call vote of four to zero (Bunney and Gelman were excused).

Without objection from the Council, the Chair advanced to Section VII of the Agenda to allow time for the Executive to arrive to the meeting.

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

Proposal No. R2007-115, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Existing Member (Erik Hodge) and the Appointment of Three New Members (Edgar Stephenson, James McLean and Dianne Avey) to the Anderson Island Citizens' Advisory Board.

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

Muri spoke in support of the appointment.

Goings thanked the appointees for their willingness to serve on the Anderson Island Citizens' Advisory Board.

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 four to zero (Bunney and Gelman were excused).

VIII. Ordinances

Proposal No. 2007-70, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to the Town of Steilacoom, a Municipal Corporation of Pierce County, Washington, for Location of Electric Lines on Certain Rights-of-Way; and Authorizing the County Executive to Execute Said Franchise.

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

Staff Testimony

Cox explained the 15-year franchise and the franchise area. The County Engineer has approved the franchise. The Proposal received a do pass recommendation at the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on August 7, 2007.

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 passed on a roll call vote of four to zero (Bunney and Gelman were excused).

Proposal No. 2007-71, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to Curran Road Mutual Water Association for Location of Waterlines on Certain County-Owned Rights-of-Way; and Authorizing the County Executive to Execute Said Franchise.

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

Staff Testimony

Cox provided information on the 15-year franchise and spoke to the territory of the franchise. The County Engineer has approved the franchise. The Proposal received a do pass recommendation at the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on August 7, 2007.

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 passed on a roll call vote of five to zero (Gelman was excused).

Proposal No. 2007-72, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to the Crystal River Ranch Association for Location of Waterlines on Certain County-Owned Rights-of-Way; and Authorizing the County Executive to Execute Said Franchise.

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

Staff Testimony

Cox provided information on the 15-year franchise and informed the Council the franchise is in Northeast Pierce County. The Department supports the franchise request. The Proposal received a do pass recommendation at the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on August 7, 2007.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Chair called for Councilmember comments; there was no response.

IX. Resolutions - None

X. Other Business/Announcements

1. Bunney moved to approve the Meeting Agenda for October 2, 2007, and the Meeting Schedule for the week of October 1-5, 2007; motion seconded and carried.

The Chair announced the Executive has arrived to the meeting, and he returned to Section VI of the Agenda.

VI. Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney

Presentation of the Executive's Proposed 2008 Pierce County Budget – Executive John Ladenburg

Ladenburg announced the proposed 2008 budget is \$863,279,589, which is \$33,000,000 less than the 2007 budget due to the County no longer being a Regional Support Network for mental health services. Ladenburg provided a summary of the proposed budget. After the presentation, Ladenburg requested the Council to contact him or the Budget Director if they had any budget questions.

Goings thanked the Executive and his staff for their work on the 2008 budget. In addition, he thanked the Executive for making his staff available to the Council during the budget process.

Gelman thanked the Executive for the presentation, and explained she looks forward to solving 2008 budget challenges with the Executive.

Goings informed the citizens that the 2008 budget schedule is listed on the Council's website.

Goings returned to the regular order of business.

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Al Schmauder expressed his concerns with Code Enforcement, and noted that Code Enforcement should be funded with General Fund monies.

Goings responded to Schmauder's comments, asking him to provide his name and address so he can be notified of the Planning and Land Services budget hearing.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved