

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2001**

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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 Brown.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Brown.

III. ROLL CALL

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

Council Staff Present: Susan Long, Legal Counsel; Gerri Rainwater, Administrator/Clerks & Operations; and Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy.

There were approximately 34 visitors present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moss moved approval of the Agenda; motion seconded and passed.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of the September 18, 2001, regular Council meeting

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-80, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 2.60 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, BY ADDING A SIXTH POSITION TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PIERCE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Wendell Brown

Contact person: Hudson Stansbury, 798-7477

DO PASS RECOMMENDATION - RULES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

(Wendell Brown, Chair; Harold Moss, Vice

Chair/excused; Pat O'Malley, Member)
Suggested date of Council hearing: October 23,
2001

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2001-84, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2002-2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND 2002-2015 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 2002; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT. (ANNUAL ROAD PROGRAM, SIX-YEAR ROAD PROGRAM, AND THE FOURTEEN-YEAR FERRY PROGRAM)
Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss
Contact person: Troy Lee, 798-3555
For referral to the Planning and Public Works Committee

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2001-158, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REFERRING THE *PARK, RECREATION, & OPEN SPACE PLAN* TO THE PIERCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND SERVICES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE REVIEW, REPORT, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL; AND SETTING A DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE COUNCIL.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Karen Biskey
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253
For referral to the Planning and Public Works Committee
2. PROPOSAL NO. R2001-163, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING AMENDMENT NO. THREE TO THE PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS RATIFIED BY RESOLUTION NO. R2000-87, RELATIVE TO THE SURPLUS COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1304 PACIFIC AVENUE IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON, REFERRED TO AS THE PACIFIC BLOCK PROPERTY.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Wendell Brown
Contact person: Suzanne Hedlund, 798-6880
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
Suggested date of Council hearing: October 23,
2001

d. Other Items

Moss moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a roll call vote of five 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 September 20, 2001, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE 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.

ORDINANCE 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.

2. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinance, which was approved and signed on September 28, 2001, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-77s, AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2000-34s AND ORDINANCE NO. 2000-35s, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2001-23, TO CHANGE THE EFFECTIVE DATE FROM OCTOBER 1, 2001, TO MARCH 1, 2002; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-161, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE DISPLAYED BY THE PUGET SOUND URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE DURING THEIR RECOVERY EFFORTS AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE IN NEW YORK CITY.

Moss moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proclamation into the record.

County Executive John Ladenburg and Harold Moss presented the Proclamations to the members of the Urban Search and Rescue Task Force. Councilmembers thanked the members for

their search and rescue efforts in New York City.
The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of five to zero.

At 3:30 p.m. the meeting recessed; at 3:50 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-75, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 5.26.030 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, FARES, TO INCREASE TAXICAB FARES IN UNINCORPORATED PIERCE COUNTY.

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

Staff Testimony

Long stated this Ordinance before the Council has been requested by the Fort Lewis Taxi Company and Lakewood Taxi, Inc. She stated fares have not been increased in unincorporated Pierce County since 1990. Long referenced a chart of taxicab rates in nearby jurisdictions, pointing out that Pierce County is the lowest. (A copy of the chart is included in the Ordinance file.) If the rate increase is approved, Pierce County will still be at the low end of the scale of the fares charged.

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-160, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SETTING THE DATE OF AN EVENING COUNCIL MEETING IN COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 4, FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2001, AT MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 4402 NASSAU AVENUE NE, TACOMA, WA 98422.

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

Moss stated that this evening meeting in District No. 4 is being scheduled to satisfy a Charter requirement.

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

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Moss moved to certify the following budget certifications, and instruct the Clerk of the Council to forward the Certifications to the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer's Office, pursuant to Revised Code of Washington 84.52.020:
 - a. Steilacoom Historical School District No. 001
 - b. Yelm Community Schools

The motion was seconded and passed.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Attest:

Gerri Rainwater
Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Wendell B. Brown
Council Chair

Date Approved