

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 2003**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chair Moss.

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

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

**III. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Paul Bocchi, Shawn Bunney, Barbara Gelman, Terry Lee, Harold Moss, and Kevin Wimsett. Councilmember Goings was excused at time of roll call.

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

There were ten visitors present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Wimsett 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. 2003-104, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATING THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT POPULATION ALLOCATIONS TO THE CITIES, TOWNS, AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF PIERCE COUNTY FOR THE YEAR

2022; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings

Contact person: Dan Cardwell, 798-7039

For referral to the Planning & Environment Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-113, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTIONS 11.02.040 AND 11.02.050 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION FOR TIMBER AND FOREST LANDS FROM SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGES; TO CREATE A MINIMUM 10 PERCENT CREDIT FOR SITES WITH A RAINWATER HARVEST SYSTEM; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss

Contact person: Harold Smelt, 798-6202

For referral to the Public Works Committee

To be heard by the Public Works Committee on November 4, 2003

Suggested date of Council hearing: November 18, 2003

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 Revised Code of Washington 84.52.020:

- Peninsula School District

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

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

Presentation of 2004 County Budget - Executive John Ladenburg

Ladenburg stated that the 2004 budget does not reflect the proposed sales tax increase. He suggested that 81 percent of the new revenue be spent on law enforcement. Ladenburg highlighted the following budget items: performance measures, historically underutilized small business; general fund, 2004 services and program changes, revenue assumptions, impact of Initiative 747, General Fund expenditures by function and department, use of prior fund balances, tax rate and assessed valuations, prognosis of fiscal 2005, other County funds, major community and Human Services fund, Transportation Services, environmental services, and unresolved issues. In response to Gelman's question, Ladenburg commented on County percentage reserves.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-134, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2003 AS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MONTH IN PIERCE COUNTY; ENCOURAGING ITS CITIZENS TO APPLAUD THE WORK OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY; AND JOIN THEM IN THEIR WORK ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proclamation into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proclamation was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-131, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO THE SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. (RICHARD SOKOLOWSKI)**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero. Moss thanked Sokolowski for his service to the Commission.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-132, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE PIERCE COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD. (RENÉ SKAGGS)**

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

Staff Testimony

Tom Bertram, Program Coordinator, Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board, announced that Skaggs was in attendance, but had to leave.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2003-133, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE PIERCE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD. (RONALD CAUGHEY AND LEONARD SANDERSON)**

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

Public Testimony

Caughey stated he was available to answer questions of Councilmembers.

Moss thanked Caughey for his service to the Commission. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**VIII. ORDINANCES**

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-77, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF PARK JUNCTION ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE ELBE AREA.**

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

Staff Testimony

Les Olsen, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated all the property abutting this vacation is owned by the Park Junction LCC. The railroad is not opposing the vacation, and the Department supports the vacation.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-78, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT IN 2003, FOR COLLECTION IN 2004, AGAINST LAND IN PIERCE COUNTY FOR THE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS.**

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

Staff Testimony

Bertram stated he was available to answer questions of Councilmembers.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-79, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF 192ND STREET EAST, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE SPANAWAY AREA.**

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

Staff Testimony

Olsen provided information on the Proposal, and stated the Department supports the vacation.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-85, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING HORSESHOE ROAD EAST AND A PORTION OF TREK DRIVE EAST LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE CLEAR LAKE AREA.**

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

Staff Testimony

Olsen provided information on the Proposal. There has been no opposition to the proposed turnaround, and the Department supports the vacation of the two roads.

Lee emphasized the importance of the fire department having keys to access the property in case of an emergency. Olsen stated emergency service vehicles would have keys to the gates.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-96s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 1.28 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "RULES OF PROCEDURE - PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL" BY ADOPTING CLARIFYING AND TECHNICAL CHANGES.**

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

Staff Testimony

Long explained the proposed changes to the Council Meeting Agenda and Rules of Procedure. In response to Bunney's question, Long clarified the difference between scope and object relating to a Proposal title.

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

**IX. RESOLUTIONS - None**

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

**XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Bob Henkel expressed concerns with a County mailing regarding Proposition No. 1.
2. Dale Washam expressed concerns with the Proposition No. 1 political campaign signs.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Attest:

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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Councilmember Harold Moss, Council Chair

Date Approved