

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2002**

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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 Moss.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Moss.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Karen S. Biskey, Calvin Goings, Harold Moss, Jan Shabro, and Kevin Wimsett; Wendell Brown and Pat O'Malley arrived after the roll call.

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

There were approximately 12 visitors present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
 - 1. PROPOSAL NO. 2002-94s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 18I.35, "RIGHT TO FARM PROTECTIONS", TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE CONTINUED AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS IN PIERCE COUNTY; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Contact person: Brynn Brady, 798-3667

DO PASS AS SUBSTITUTED RECOMMENDATION - PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (Calvin Goings, Chair; Kevin Wimsett, Vice Chair; Karen Biskey, Member; Wendell Brown, Member/excused; Jan Shabro, Member)
Suggested date of Council hearing: December 3, 2002

- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
1. PROPOSAL NO. R2002-122, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR TO PROVIDE FOR JOINT PLANNING WITHIN THE CITY'S URBAN GROWTH AREA, CONSISTENT WITH THE ADOPTED GIG HARBOR PENINSULA COMMUNITY PLAN, CHAPTER 19B.10 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE (PCC), AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS, PCC TITLES 18, 18A, 18B, AND 18J.
Sponsored by: Councilmember Karen S. Biskey
Contact person: Lloyd Fetterly, 798-6730
For referral to the Planning and Environment Committee
To be heard in Committee on October 30, 2002
Suggested date of Council hearing: November 12, 2002
- 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:

- East Gig Harbor Water District

Wimsett 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. Presentation of 2003 County Budget -- Executive John Ladenburg. A copy of Ladenburg's address is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.
2. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinance, which was approved and signed on October 8, 2002, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-87s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTIONS 4.32.070 AND 4.32.080 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE TO INCREASE THE COUNTY ENHANCED 9-1-1 EXCISE TAX BY TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORIZATION SET FORTH IN HOUSE BILL 2925; ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 4.32.090 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "REFUND PROCEDURE"; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Brown and O'Malley entered the meeting.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2002-120, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINTING SIXTEEN NEW MEMBERS TO THE CITIZENS' ELECTION OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COMMISSION. (RICHARD GORGONE, GEORGE LARK, JUDY SHARNES, JONNY WHITING, CHARLOTTE VALBERT, MARK DAVIDSON, CASEY COCHRANE, PAUL WEBB, FRED HOHEIM, JUDI CHELOTTI, BARBARA SKINNER, MARLYS TRON, BARBARA JOHNSON, LOU MURKOWSKI, RON BAUER AND RICHARD SCHROEDEL)

O'Malley moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

The Chair recognized several of the appointees who were attending the meeting, and thanked them for their willingness to volunteer on the Commission.

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

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 2002-89, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT IN 2002, FOR COLLECTION IN 2003, AGAINST LAND IN PIERCE COUNTY FOR THE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS.

O'Malley moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

Staff Testimony

Tom Bertram, Program Coordinator for the Noxious Weed Control Board, stated the assessment contained in this Ordinance is the same as in the past several years. He urged the Council's adoption of this Ordinance to fund the Board for their activities in the next Budget period.

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2002-93, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY AT THE PIERCE COUNTY AIRPORT--THUN FIELD WITH HANGAR, INC.; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE.

O'Malley moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

Staff Testimony

Bob Snyder, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated the company of Hangar, Inc., has a current facility at the airport, and wishes to expand to include hangars. He stated the County will not use the property in question, and their expansion will enhance airport income.

At Snyder's suggestion, Brown moved an amendment on page 3 of Exhibit "A" to insert the dates of November 2, 2002, and October 31, 2052 in the blanks; motion seconded and passed. Following discussion among Councilmembers and Snyder regarding questions that arose at the Committee hearing, Goings moved to table the issue until later in the meeting to allow Staff time to address those comments; motion seconded and passed.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2002-111, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT/OPPPOSITION TO STATE OF WASHINGTON INITIATIVE 776, WHICH WOULD REPEAL THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX THAT IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO LOCAL TRANSIT AGENCIES, ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE THE LOCAL VOTER-APPROVED MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX OPTION FOR HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT THAT FUNDS SOUND TRANSIT PROJECTS, REPEAL THE VEHICLE LICENSE FEE THAT IS CURRENTLY COLLECTED IN SEVERAL COUNTIES TO FUND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS, AND REQUIRE LICENSE TABS TO BE \$30 PER YEAR.

O'Malley moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

Moss stated this Resolution had been continued from the October 15, 2002, meeting as the proponents of Initiative 776 did not attend the meeting to provide their comments. Moss stated the proponents were again contacted to advise them of the meeting on October 22, 2002.

Moss called for public testimony from proponents of Initiative 776; there was no response.

Staff Testimony

George Walk, Director, Government Relations Department, provided an overview of the effects of Initiative 776.

Tom Ballard, County Engineer, provided an overview of the projects that would be affected in Pierce County, if Initiative 776 were approved by the voters.

Goings moved an amendment on page 1 of the Resolution at line 12, delete the word "support"; on page 3 at line 3, delete the word "support"; and on page at line 4, delete the word "yes"; motion seconded.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The amendment passed on a voice vote.

The Chair again called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of five to zero; Wimsett and Shabro were excused at the time of roll call.

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. O'Malley mentioned the death of Robert McMillian, Principal in Totem Ocean Trailer Company, who made many contributions to the economic development of the Port and the community.
2. Goings moved to take from the table Proposal No. 2002-93; motion seconded and passed.

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Staff Testimony

Weber stated the Executive will be available to sign the Ordinance, which means the effective date of November 1, 2002, for the franchise can be met.

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

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XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at
4:20 p.m.

Attest:

Gerri Rainwater, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Harold Moss, Council Chair

Date Approved

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