MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2000

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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 Casada.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Casada.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Karen S. Biskey, Wendell Brown, Sarah Casada, Ken Madsen, Harold Moss, Pat O'Malley, and Jan Shabro.

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

There were approximately 29 visitors present.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Brown 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. 2000-90, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF UNDEVELOPED ROY-CHRISTY ALTERATION ROAD, ALSO KNOWN AS 304TH STREET SOUTH AND 32ND AVENUE SOUTH, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE ROY AREA.
   Sponsored by: Councilmembers Ken Madsen and Harold Moss
   Contact person: Jennifer Andres, 798-7250

For referral to the Public Works Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-91a, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RELATING TO CONTRACTING INDEBTEDNESS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF $37,000,000.00 PAR VALUE OF LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2000, OF THE COUNTY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW JAIL FACILITY, INCLUDING THE REPAYMENT OF INTERIM FINANCING THEREFOR, AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS; FIXING THE DATE, FORM, MATURITIES, INTEREST RATES, TERMS AND COVENANTS OF THE BONDS; ESTABLISHING A BOND REDEMPTION FUND; AND APPROVING THE SALE AND PROVIDING FOR THE DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS.
   Sponsored by: Councilmember Jan Shabro
   Contact person: Jack Rusler, 798-7551
   For referral to the Rules Committee
   To be heard by the Rules Committee on November 7, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.
   Suggested date of Council hearing: November 14, 2000

3. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-99, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SUBSECTION 14.20.040K OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES FEES - FACILITY USE FEES" TO REMOVE PARKING FEES AT FORT STEILACOOM PARK; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO HAVE THE FEE COLLECTION BOOTH REMOVED.
   Sponsored by: Councilmember Pat O'Malley
   Contact person: Tom Weber, 798-6067
   For referral to the Rules Committee
   To be heard by the Rules Committee on November 7, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.
   Suggested date of Council hearing: November 7, 2000

4. PROPOSAL NO. 2000-89, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE BY ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 9.54, "REGULATION OF PURCHASE/SALE OF EPHEDRINE."
   Sponsored by Councilmembers Wendell Brown, Ken Madsen, Harold Moss, and Jan Shabro
   DO PASS RECOMMENDATION - RULES COMMITTEE (Sarah Casada, Chair; Wendell Brown/excused, Vice Chair; Karen S. Biskey; Harold Moss; Jan Shabro)
   Contact person: Susan Long, 798-6068
   Suggested date of Council hearing: November 7, 2000

c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
   1. PROPOSAL NO. R2000-167, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING THE INTENT TO VACATE A

PORTION OF UNDEVELOPED ROY-CHRISTY ALTERATION ROAD, ALSO KNOWN AS 304TH STREET SOUTH AND 32ND AVENUE SOUTH, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE ROY AREA; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO EXAMINE THE INTENDED VACATION AND REPORT THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS THEREOF TO THE COUNCIL.
Sponsored by: Councilmembers Ken Madsen and Harold Moss
Contact person: Jennifer Andres, 798-7250
For referral to the Public Works Committee

d. Other Items

1. Motion to approve settlement proposal in Pierce County Cause No. 98-2-05224-0.

2. Motion authorizing Risk Management to proceed with settlement negotiations as requested in Risk Claim File No. J00143.

Brown 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 Ordinances, which were approved and signed on October 11, 2000, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-51s2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 11.02.050 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE “METHOD OF CALCULATING SERVICE CHARGES” (STORM DRAINAGE AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT) TO REVISE THE METHOD BY WHICH CREDITS TO SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGES ARE CALCULATED.

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-67, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF FOREST CANYON ROAD AND SUMNER-TAPPS HIGHWAY EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE LAKE TAPPS AREA.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-166, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCLAIMING THE DAY OF OCTOBER 24, 2000 AS "MEGAN QUANN DAY" IN

PIERCE COUNTY.

Brown moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proclamation into the record. The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero. Casada presented the Proclamation to Megan's father, Tom Quann, who thanked the Council for their recognition.

The Chair stated with the consent of the Council she would like to advance to Item 2 under Other Business and Announcements, a presentation from South Hill. Pam Reid stated the South Hill Aquatic Club had received a gift of 22 acres in the South Hill area. She presented a brochure on the proposed Puyallup Aquatic Club Just Add Water Campaign. A copy is contained in the Clerk's meeting file.

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 2000-55s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE 18B OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, THE PIERCE COUNTY SIGN CODE, TO MODIFY SIGN STANDARDS FOR THE KEY PENINSULA, AND TO CLARIFY THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA COVERED BY THE VARIOUS SIGN DESIGN CHAPTERS IN TITLE 18B; CONSOLIDATING ALL SIGN REGULATIONS INTO TITLE 18B, INCLUDING NECESSARY TECHNICAL CHANGES; RECODIFYING EXISTING SIGN DEFINITIONS FROM TITLE 18A TO TITLE 18B; RECODIFYING SIGN DESIGN STANDARDS FROM TITLE 18J TO TITLE 18B; ELIMINATING REPETITIVE DEFINITIONS AND PERMIT EXEMPTIONS; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

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

Brown moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 1 as set forth in Attachment I to these minutes; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Biskey stated some time ago the Council asked the Executive to address the sign regulations on the Peninsula, and the Ordinance before the Council is a result of that request. She stated zoning conditions have changed, and through the Community Plan there is a new emphasis on economic development in the area. She stated the existing Sign Ordinance did not match up with the other changes that had occurred. She stated a public hearing had been held to hear testimony and receive input on this issue.

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

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-155, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF CONSERVATION FUTURES PROPERTIES.

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

Staff Testimony

Grant Griffin, Parks and Recreation Services Department, stated passage of this Proposal would authorize the Conservation Futures Citizens' Advisory Board's (CAB) recommendations of the 2000 selection of Conservation Futures properties, and authorize the Executive to purchase the properties as set forth in Exhibit "A."

Griffin introduced James Depew, Chair of the CAB, stating the properties nominated represent 415.9 acres of property valued at $2.9 million. He stated there is $1.5 million available to be expended on the properties as set forth in the recommendations. He stated the adoption of the list was based on the open space criteria set forth by the County. Brown asked that in the future staff bring to the Council an inventory of properties that have been purchased in the past through this program to provide a historic perspective to the Council as to where these properties are located throughout the County. Shabro stated her support of that

request, stating it would be helpful to have that information provided on a GIS generated map.

Madsen stated a concern that the Wards Lake property be moved up on the list of priorities. Moss stated he had visited that property, and would support encouraging the Citizens' Advisory Group to give strong weight to that property in the next round of priorities.

Public Testimony

John Ortgiesen spoke in support of the Sehmel Homestead property, in particular, and in support of the recommendations in general.

Vernon Young stated he supports the recommendations of the Committee.

Gail Bronson stated she supports the recommendations of the Committee, and submitted an invitation to the Walk and Grape Harvest at the Sehmel Homestead on October 21, 2000.

Mary Kenney spoke in support of the Sehmel Homestead Park acquisition.

Shirley Tomasi spoke in support of the Committee's recommendations.

Eric Guenther provided the Council with an aerial view of the property with a list of what was planned for the Homestead Park. A copy of the photograph is contained the Clerk's meeting file.

O'Malley thanked the Citizens' Advisory board members for their work on prioritizing the properties to be purchased, stating he supports the collaborative effort as a model for other community groups.

Biskey thanked the citizens for their input and research on these issues.
The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-164, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REFERRING THE UNIFIED SEWER PLAN FOR THE PIERCE COUNTY WASTEWATER UTILITY TO THE SEWERAGE AND/OR WATER GENERAL PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE, TO THE PIERCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND SERVICES, FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE REVIEW, REPORT, AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Brown moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the

title into the record.

Staff Testimony

Marsha Heubner, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated passage of this Resolution would refer the Draft Plan to the Planning Commission, the Sewerage and/or Water General Plan Review Committee, and the Department of Planning and Land Services for their respective review and recommendation back to the Council. She stated hearings are scheduled to begin on November 15, 2000.

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

X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Brown moved to certify the following budget certifications, and instructed 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. Bethel School District No. 403
   b. Yelm School District No. 002

2. O'Malley stated that he had just read of grant moneys that are available for local governments for the construction of corrections facilities. He asked that the Council Chair instruct staff to contact the Executive's office to determine whether or not Pierce County had applied for those moneys.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Dennis Baker, representing the Stadium Business District, invited the Council and audience to attend the District's Halloween celebration for children, stating there would be trick-or-treating throughout the Stadium Business District.

2. Chuck Robbins, Executive Director of Public Safety, stated he had been listening to the Council meeting and had come to report that the Sheriff's office was indeed making application for grant moneys referenced by Councilmember O'Malley.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Council Chair Date Approved

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