

MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
November 7, 2006
3:00 p.m.

930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 1045
Tacoma, WA 98402

(Note: These minutes are not verbatim. Recorded tapes are available upon request.)

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Bunney.

II. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Roger Bush, Terry Lee, and Dick Muri; Timothy M. Farrell, Barbara Gelman and Calvin Goings arrived after the roll call.

Council Staff Present: Anna Graham, Senior Legislative Analyst; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Clerks; Carolyn Pendle, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Tom Weber, Administrator for Research and Policy.

There were 15 visitors present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

IV. Approval of Agenda

Lee moved approval of the agenda; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

V. Consent Agenda

No final action was taken on any Ordinance or Resolution under this Section.

a. Approval of Minutes

1. The Minutes of the September 12, 2006, Regular Council Meeting
2. The Minutes of the October 31, 2006, Special Meeting of Pierce County Council Leadership

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

1. Proposal No. 2006-105, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Approving a Land Lease Agreement for Real Property at the Pierce County

Airport Thun Field with Thun Field Condominium Association; and Authorizing the County Executive to Execute Said Lease.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Kandace Thomas, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-7104
Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304
Committee recommendation: Do pass at Rules and Operations
on October 23, 2006
Suggested date of Council hearing: November 28, 2006

2. Proposal No. 2006-126, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Approval of Applications for Timber Land Classification Under Current Use Assessment on Certain Properties Located within the Unincorporated Boundaries of Pierce County; and Adopting Findings of Fact. (Application No. OST12-05, Pascal H. and Ann Calis – Forest Glen Area; Application No. OST75-05, Danny Lloyd – Forest Glen Area; Application No. OST99-05, William V. Sehmel – Gig Harbor Area)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings
Department contact person: Chad Williams, Planning and Land Services
(253) 798-3683
Council contact person: Steve Gross, (253) 798-7579
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee
Suggested date of Council hearing: November 28, 2006

3. Proposal No. 2006-129, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Relating to Storm Drainage and Surface Water Management Utility Service Charges; Amending Section 11.02.050 of the Pierce County Code, "Method of Calculating Service Charges"; and Establishing a Sunset Date for the Current Charges.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Harold Smelt, Public Works and Utilities,
(253) 798-2952
Council contact person: Steve Gross, (253) 798-7579
For referral to the Committee of the Whole
To be heard in the Committee of the Whole on November 17, 2006
Suggested date of Council hearing: November 21, 2006

4. Proposal No. 2006-130, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 89-68 and the Salary Classification Plan.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee
Department contact person: Betsy Sawyers, Human Resources,
(253) 798-7469
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068
For referral to the Committee of the Whole

To be heard in the Committee of the Whole on November 17, 2006
Suggested date of Council hearing: November 21, 2006

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:

Bethel School District

Lee moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a roll call vote of five to zero (Farrell and Goings were excused).

VI. Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney

1. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinances, which were approved and signed on October 21, 2006, was read into the record:

Ordinance No. 2006-60s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Chapters 4A.01 And 4A.10 of the Pierce County Code to add Traffic Impact Fees for Roads; Adopting a New Chapter 4A.40 "Traffic Impact Fees," Providing for Formulas and Methodology and an Impact Fee Schedule; Amending Pierce County Code Chapter 18.20 by Adding Impact Fees for Roads; Amending Pierce County Code Chapter 4.24 by Extending the Date to Sunset the Second Real Estate Excise Tax; Amending Pierce County Code Chapter 1.22 by adding Hearing of Appeals of Impact Fees to the Powers and Duties of the Hearing Examiner; and Setting An Effective Date.

Ordinance No. 2006-90s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 2005-92s as Amended by Ordinance No. 2006-42s; and Modifying the County 2006 Budget.

2. Flooding Update : Wayne Weinholz, Fire Prevention Bureau, briefed the Council on the local flood-related conditions due to the last 36 hours of flooding throughout Pierce County. After the briefing, Weinholz answered Councilmember questions.

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

Proposal No. R2006-136, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council and Executive Proclaiming the Week of November 13–18, 2006, as “Homeless Awareness Week” in Pierce County, Washington.

Lee moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the Proclamation in its entirety into the record.

Staff Testimony

Tom Hilyard, Director of Human Services, explained the intent of Homeless Awareness Week, and thanked the Council for the annual Proclamation.

Public Testimony

Diane Powers, Associated Ministries and Co-Chair of Homeless Awareness Week Committee, thanked the Council for the Proclamation and spoke to the Committee's goals on ending homelessness. She invited the Council to attend the upcoming Homeless Breakfast on November 9 at Catholic Community Services.

Gelman commented on the recent article on homelessness that was printed in The News Tribune.

In response to Bunney's question, Hilyard informed the Council that the annual homelessness count is conducted in January.

The Chair spoke in support of Proclamation, and commented on ending homelessness in the community.

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

The Proclamation was accepted by Diane Powers.

VIII. Ordinances

Proposal No. 2006-91s3, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending the Pierce County Code, Chapter 18.25, "Definitions," Title 18A, "Pierce County Development Regulations - Zoning," Title 18B, "Pierce County Development Regulations – Signs," Title 18F, "Pierce County Development Regulations - Land Divisions and Boundary Changes" and Title 18J, "Development Regulations - Design Standards and Guidelines"; Addressing the Prohibition of Electronic Signs in the South Hill and Mid-County Sign Standards, the Relocation of Billboards Associated with Public Right-of-Way Acquisition, Increasing the Size of Religious Assembly Facilities in the Reserve 5 Zone in the Gig Harbor Peninsula Standards, and Other Clarifying and Technical Amendments Affecting Various Use Types, Design Standards, and Definitions; Adopting Findings of Fact; and Setting an Effective Date.

Lee moved consideration of the Proposal; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record.

Staff Testimony

Graham reported the Proposal received a do pass as substituted recommendation at the Community Development Committee on October 16, 2006, and that the Proposal was continued from the October 31 Council meeting. Graham provided details on the proposal.

Public Testimony

Tom Seigel, Bethel School District, testified on the Proposal.

Bush spoke to the collaboration efforts of the individuals involved in finding an alternative location for a skill center near the Frederickson area.

Lee moved to continue the Proposal to the December 5 Council meeting at 4 p.m. in Bonney Lake; motion seconded and carried.

Proposal No. 2006- 94s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Adopting the 2006 Amendments to the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan; Amending Title 19A of the Pierce County Code, "Comprehensive Plan"; Setting Forth an Effective Date; and Adopting Findings of Fact.

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

Staff Testimony

Graham provided information on the Proposal, and noted that the maps in Exhibit B do not show the property clearly. Graham informed the Council she has better maps for their viewing and the maps will be included in the Ordinance file.

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

The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of five to zero (Bush and Goings were excused).

Proposal No. 2006-96, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Vacating a Portion of 85th Street East Right-of-way in the Northwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 20 North, Range 4 East of the Willamette Meridian, in the Puyallup Area.

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

Staff Testimony

Weber reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation at the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee meeting on September 19, 2006, and explained the road is not needed in the County road system.

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

The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of five to one (Goings was excused and Farrell voted nay).

IX. Resolutions

Proposal No. R2006-133, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Initiating a Process to Prepare a Supplement to the Year 2000 Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan Pursuant to Revised Code of Washington Chapter 70.95 and Pierce County Code Chapter 8.28; Requesting the Solid Waste Division, of the Department of Public Works and Utilities, to Lead the Effort to Prepare Necessary Reports and Documentation; Requesting the Active Involvement of the Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee During Drafting and Public Outreach; Referring the Proposed Supplement to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for Review and Recommendation; and Requesting that Recommendations be Submitted to the Council by August 31, 2007.

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

Staff Testimony

Pendle reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation at the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee meeting on October 17, and she explained the intent of the Proposal.

Public Testimony

James Halmo and Bud Rehberg, Solid Waste Advisory Committee, testified on the Proposal.

At the direction of the Chair, Steve Wamback, Solid Waste Division Administrator, responded to Halmo's comments, and he provided information on the Tacoma-Pierce County Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero (Goings was excused).

Proposal No. R2006-141, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Authorizing the Executive to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gig Harbor Regarding the Gig Harbor and Pierce County Hospital Benefit Zone.

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

Staff Testimony

Long reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation at the Rules and Operations Committee meeting on November 6, 2006, and she provided information on and spoke to the interlocal agreement liability.

Executive John Ladenburg expressed his support of the Gig Harbor and Pierce County Hospital Benefit Zone, and he urged the Council to adopt the Proposal.

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

Lee spoke in support of the Proposal and thanked Skip Stansbury of the Executive staff, and Susan Long for their work and efforts to create the Proposal in a timely manner. Lee urged the Council to adopt the Proposal.

The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of six to zero (Goings was excused).

X. Other Business/Announcements

1. Presentation on Sister Cities Baseball Exchange Program – Tony Anderson, Tacoma-Pierce County Sister City Council. Anderson provided information on the 47th year exchange program. Anderson recognized Doug Sutherland, Harold Moss, Joe Stortini, John Ladenburg, Tom Hilyard, Marlette Buchanan, and Janice Brevik for their assistance and support throughout the years of the baseball exchange program.
2. Lee moved to amend the November 13-17, 2006, Meeting Schedule to add a November 17, 2006, 5:00 p.m. Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee Meeting; motion seconded and carried.

XI. Citizens' Forum - None

XII. Adjournment

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

Attest:

Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Terry Lee, Council Chair

Date Approved