

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2001**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 3:11 p.m. by Chair Brown.

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

The pledge was led by Brown.

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

Council Staff Present: Susan Long, Legal Counsel; Michael Transue, Budget Consultant; Carolyn Pendle, Research Analyst; Gerri Rainwater, Administrator/Clerks & Operations; and Tom Weber, Administrator/Research & Policy.

There were approximately 46 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 October 30, 2001, District No. 4 Council meeting.
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)
  1. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-101, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF 162ND STREET SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY, LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3

EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE SPANAWAY  
AREA.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss  
Contact person: Jennifer Andres, 798-7250  
For referral to the Planning & Public Works  
Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-103, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2000-5S MAKING APPLICABLE REVISIONS TO THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROPERLY IMPLEMENT THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS THROUGH THE USE OF APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss  
Contact person: James Ellis, 798-7250 ext. 5133  
For referral to the Planning & Public Works  
Committee

3. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-105, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS UNION, LOCAL NO. 313; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Wendell Brown  
Contact person: Joe Carrillo, 798-6690  
Suggested date of Council hearing: December 4, 2001

4. PROPOSAL NO. 2001-106, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE PIERCE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Wendell Brown  
Contact person: Joe Carrillo, 798-6690  
Suggested date of Council hearing: December 4, 2001

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2001-186, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF PIERCE COUNTY, THEREBY AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES TO ADDRESS A GENERAL UPDATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Karen S. Biskey  
Contact person: C. E. "Chip" Vincent, 798-2722  
For referral to the Planning & Public Works  
Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. R2001-193, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE

COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE PETITION FOR THE  
FORMATION OF THE EAST GIG HARBOR WATER DISTRICT;  
ESTABLISHING BOUNDARIES; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT;  
AND CALLING FOR AN ELECTION UPON THE PROPOSITION.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Karen S. Biskey

Contact person: Susan Long, 798-6068

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
To be heard by the Rules and Operations Committee  
on November 26, 2001

Suggested date of Council hearing: November 27,  
2001

d. Other Items

Moss moved adoption 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 Ordinance, which was approved and signed on November 7, 2001, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-79, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 1.26.060 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

2. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinances, which were approved and signed on November 8, 2001, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-76s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY AT PIERCE COUNTY AIRPORT (THUN FIELD) WITH PALENT CORPORATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE LEASE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-81, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-98 TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THE LAW AND JUSTICE COMMISSION MAKE ANNUAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE USE OF THE COUNTY'S 0.1 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES.

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-108s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PIERCE COUNTY AND PALENT CORPORATION FOR REAL PROPERTY AT PIERCE COUNTY AIRPORT (THUN FIELD).

VII. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND/OR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - None

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 2001-99s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 4.24 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE; IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE TAX ON EACH SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN UNINCORPORATED PIERCE COUNTY, AT THE RATE OF ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT OF THE SELLING PRICE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY, AND FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON 82.46.035; DIRECTING THE AD HOC TRANSPORTATION REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX ALLOCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRAAC) TO SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 1 as set forth in Attachment I to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Transue explained the amendment provided technical amendments and corrects a date.

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

#### Staff Testimony

Long provided an overview of the effects of the Ordinance as amended, and how the taxes collected could be used. She responded to questions of Councilmembers.

The Chair called on Mike Flynn, Board of Realtors, to describe how the money is collected. Flynn stated it is collected at the time of escrow.

#### Public Testimony

Dale Washam spoke in opposition to the Ordinance, stating if this Ordinance is passed by the Council, he will draft and file a referendum.

Liz Heath, Puyallup Aquatic Center and representing Senator Marilyn Rasmussen, spoke in support of the Ordinance.

Richard McIntee spoke in opposition to the Ordinance, stating the Council should respect the passage of I-747.

Jim Towslee spoke in opposition to the Ordinance, stating any new fee should go to a vote of the people.

Phyllis Keller stated she feels the imposition of this tax would slow down the sale of houses, and would be detrimental to military personnel.

Eddie Hamilton stated he feels the Council is moving too fast on this issue, and the Council should listen to the vote of the people on I-747. He stated there should be further meetings to inform the voters on this issue.

William Giddings stated the cost of elections overburdens the system, and spoke in favor of this tax as a means of providing good transportation and park projects.

Gordy Howins stated he does not believe in the masses running government. He spoke in favor of the Ordinance as a means of relief for transportation problems. Ernie Evans stated his union conducted a telephone poll, and people overwhelming supported this Ordinance.

Michael Brown stated he feels the citizens should share the burden of maintaining parks and roads.

Alton McDonald stated this tax should go to a vote of the people.

Bill VanderPas spoke in favor of the Ordinance, stating the increase in development and population in the County is overburdening the infrastructure, especially transportation.

Roxy Giddings cited the adjoining jurisdictions that impose this tax, and stated it is time for unincorporated Pierce County to do the same to respond to the need for an enhanced transportation system and roads.

Kay Hartley stated although it is not popular to support a tax or fee, she stated it is only paid when property is sold. She stated the enhanced transportation is very important to prospective homebuyers, and passage of this tax could also assist in receiving future financial assistance from the State Legislature.

Clint Richardson, former County Councilmember, stated when he was in office, the Council voted to build sewers in the Lakewood area, which was a very unpopular vote at the time. Although it was a difficult vote, it proved to be good for the development of that area. He spoke in favor of passing this Ordinance. The increased number of apartments places high demands on roads and parks.

Richard Pease spoke in support of the Ordinance, stating he strongly favors it to improve transportation problems. He stated passage of this tax will enhance the County's ability to receive additional State funding.

Van Collins, Associated General Contractors, stated they support the Proposal. He stated in I-747 the people made a statement that they wanted to know where their tax dollars are being used. He also pointed out that this tax would sunset in 20 years. He urged adoption, stating the Council could provide leadership in relationship to the State Legislature.

Mike Larkston, Realtor, stated this is not a property tax, and this fee is a good way to generate revenue for projects. He stated the State is not addressing transportation problems, and thanked the Council for leadership in voting to improve the quality of life in Pierce County.

Loren Zimmerman, Lakewood Skating Association, spoke in favor of the Ordinance, and asked that the Council remember individuals who spoke in favor of the Ordinance at the Council's meeting the prior evening.

Allen Leff stated he supports I-747, and stated America needs a change. He stated he supports public safety, education, and an ability to make the community stronger.

Jerry Hartley, Realtor, stated the development of smaller lots in response to the Growth Management Act has created an increased need for parks. He stated transportation needs to be improved so that people can travel to and from work, and stated the Council should have been collecting this fee a long time ago.

Kirk Kirkland, Tacoma Audubon Society, feels that elected officials should be making difficult decisions on how resources are used, not by a vote of the people. He urged Council's adoption of this Ordinance.

Randy Boss stated this Ordinance is a poster child for bad taxes, and stated he feels the Ordinance needs additional hearings.

Tiffany Speir, Master Builders' Association, spoke in support of the Ordinance, as an effort to provide good roads in the County, stating that is a high priority.

Mike Flynn, Board of Realtors, stated he feels the Ordinance should be project specific. He stated Pierce County is the only County in the GMA Buildable Lands category that is not imposing this tax.

Don Williams stated the GMA required high-density residential living, but did not provide funding for infrastructure. He stated good planning for identifying roads needs to occur.

### Staff Testimony

In response to Biskey's question as to whether the 75/25 ratio could be changed, Long stated that could occur through adoption of an Ordinance. Biskey stated she feels it is immature to impose the tax at this time until the impacts of I-747 are identified, and stated she does not feel the State will withhold authority for future taxes.

Shabro thanked people who came to testify. She pointed out the Sprinker website contained some misinformation that she had pointed out to Jan Wolcott, Parks and Recreation Services, and asked that it be corrected with an apology to the citizens. She stated she has received a number of emails and phone calls expressing opposition to the Ordinance, and feels the County should just be providing core services. She stated the Budget contains items that are not core services, and there are places to cut expenses. She is opposed to the Ordinance.

O'Malley stated he felt public participation has been reduced to a minimum on this Ordinance, and people have lost trust in government. Transportation and roads are inadequate, and he does not feel this Ordinance will solve that problem. He stated that no further funding should be added for parks.

Wimsett thanked the individuals who came to testify, and those who have contacted his office. He stated this is an opportunity to solve two major problems in the County, and because of rapid growth, the infrastructure has suffered over the years. He stated although this fee may not solve all the problems, it is a step in the right direction to protect the quality of life with good roads and parks.

Goings stated he has appreciated the discussion of this fee over the past two months. He pointed out Pierce County is one of the last jurisdictions to levy the tax to produce resources to deal with growth in the County, and urged Council's adoption.

Moss stated the impacts from I-747 will be damaging to County operations, and stated as Pierce County is one of the last jurisdictions to be implementing this tax, he urged Council's support in doing so.

Brown pointed out this is not a popular vote, but it requires Leadership to see that the County identifies all possible sources of revenue. He stated it is never easy to take a tax vote, but encouraged Councilmembers to step up to their responsibilities and enact this fee. He thanked the Master Builders Association, the Board of Realtors, and the Association of General Contractors for being good stewards in supporting this fee. He thanked the individuals who had attended the six-hour meeting the day before and today's meeting, pointing out that this is what good citizenship is about.

The Proposal passed as substituted and amended on a roll call vote of four to three; Biskey, O'Malley, and Shabro voted no.

At 5:10 p.m. the meeting recessed; at 5:25 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2001-100, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH COUNCIL 2, WASHINGTON STATE COUNCIL OF COUNTY AND CITY EMPLOYEES, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME), AFL-CIO LOCAL 120 - CORRECTIONS AND DETENTION; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.**

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

Staff Testimony

Joe Carrillo, Personnel Department, stated passage of this Ordinance would ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached with the bargaining units named in the title of the Ordinance. In response to Brown's question, he stated the retroactive pay would most likely be issued before the end of the year; however, it may be phased in two installments.

Public Testimony

Allan Leff stated employees should be paid good wages to live a better life.

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

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**PROPOSAL NO. 2001-91, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING WAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES; AND  
AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN.**

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

Staff Testimony

Joe Carrillo stated passage of this Ordinance would provide the same cost-of-living increase to non-represented employees as has been extended to represented employees.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of six to one; Biskey voted no.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2001-84s, 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)**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber stated all Committee amendments were contained in the Substitute Ordinance before the Council.  
The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal as substitute passed on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2001-92s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ADOPTING YEAR 2001 AMENDMENTS TO THE CAPITAL FACILITIES ELEMENT  
OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING TITLE 19E OF  
THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, CAPITAL FACILITIES - SIX YEAR FINANCING  
PLAN; AMENDING CHAPTER 19A.100 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, CAPITAL  
FACILITIES ELEMENT; SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING  
FINDINGS OF FACT.**

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

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 1 as set forth in Attachment II to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Weber explained passage of this amendment would insert Exhibit "C" into the Ordinance package.

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

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 2 as set forth in Attachment III to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Weber explained passage of this technical amendment would insert missing dates into the Ordinance, and correct a typographical error on page 100 of Exhibit "A."

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

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 3 as set forth in Attachment IV to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Pendle provided an explanation of the effect of the amendment.

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

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 4 as set forth in Attachment V to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Weber explained the amendments were technical to correct typos and insert missing language.

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

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 7 as set forth in Attachment VI to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Weber explained passage of this amendment would replace pages 200 and 201 to make needed corrections.

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

Public Testimony

Randy Boss asked why the effects of I-747 were not shown in the Capital Facilities Plan. John Trent, Public Works & Utilities Director, responded that the original Budget was submitted by the Executive with a 106% modification. Because of I-747, the Budget was reduced to reflect the increase of 101% as mandated in I-747. Boss stated he was unable to get copies of the Capital Facilities Plan or the Budget from County staff. He spoke in opposition to the funding of certain projects, stating it was a requirement of State law that public testimony is received prior to Proposition 1 monies being spent. He stated no public meetings had been held.

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In response to Brown's question, Wolcott outlined the public review process, and Long stated what has been done has met the letter of the law.

O'Malley expressed concern about the state of Fort Steilacoom Park, and asked that the Council support continued funding.

Moss asked for a point of order inquiring as to the ownership of Fort Steilacoom Park as it now is within the incorporated areas of Lakewood.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2001-89, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 14.20 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE "PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES FEES" BY AMENDING GOLF COURSE FEE SCHEDULES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

#### Staff Testimony

Jan Wolcott stated passage of this Proposal would allow the two County-owned golf courses to increase fees to sustain current activities, and any surplus would be returned to the Capital fund.

#### Public Testimony

Allan Leff stated passage of this Proposal would be good for the hearts of American people.

Randy Boss spoke in favor of the Ordinance.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2001-90, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 99-119s; AND ADOPTING A NEW FARE SCHEDULE FOR THE PIERCE COUNTY FERRY SYSTEM.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue stated the revenue that would be generated from the fare increase would bring in \$110,000.00 annually; a 10% increase.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2001-87s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SETTING THE 2002 AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR PIERCE COUNTY FOR LEVY IN 2001, AND COLLECTION IN 2002.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue pointed out the various levies that would be imposed through the passage of this Ordinance. He stated passage of this Ordinance would set the 2001 Ad Valorem taxes and rates.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2001-88s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL STATING THE DOLLAR AMOUNT AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN AUTHORIZED PROPERTY TAX ABOVE LAST YEAR'S LEVY AMOUNT, USING 101 PERCENT, EXCLUSIVE OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AND STATE ASSESSED VALUATION; AND EXPRESSING ITS INTENTION TO PRESERVE FUTURE LEVY CAPACITY PURSUANT TO RCW 84.55.092 IN THE EVENT THAT THE LIMIT SET BY I-747 IS DETERMINED TO BE UNLAWFUL.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue provided an explanation of the changes in the Substitute Ordinance, which basically change the 106% to 101% to match the mandate of I-747. He stated this Ordinance allows for the banking of the 5% difference in the event the Initiative is found to be invalid or illegal. He stated this is common practice in other taxing jurisdictions.

Public Testimony

Allan Leff stated the people should be able to vote on increasing taxes.

The Proposal passed as substituted on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2001-86s2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF PIERCE COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue provided an overview of the Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2002.

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 8 as set forth in Attachment VII to these minutes; motion seconded.

Transue read the amendment into the record, and explained the changes contained in the amendment.

Biskey stated she had sponsored the amendment to allow time for the Allocation Committee to go through the rating process.

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

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 1 as set forth in Attachment VIII to these minutes.

Staff Testimony

Transue read the amendment into the record, and explained the proviso was offered as a means for the Performance Audit Committee to work in conjunction with the Personnel Department on the County-wide salary survey.

Betsy Sawyers, Director of Personnel, stated this review is needed in the County. She stated a concern with the timeframe set forth in the proviso, stating June 30, 2002, is not a feasible deadline for a completed study. She asked that the survey be done in phases throughout the County.

Brown stated that the June date could be seen as a phase-in date, and that a completed survey would not be necessary at that time.

O'Malley moved an amendment to the amendment in the last sentence following the word "study" to insert the words "preliminary or otherwise"; motion seconded and passed.

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

Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 2 as set forth in Attachment IX to these minutes; motion seconded.

O'Malley spoke in support of the amendment to make improvements at Fort Steilacoom Park that has basically been ignored for the past several years. This would provide improvements at the fields, and allow for irrigation. He stated the walk around Lake Waughop also needs maintenance.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The amendment failed on a voice vote. Moss moved adoption of Council Amendment No. 3 as set forth in Attachment X to these minutes; motion seconded.

Staff Testimony

Transue read the amendment into the record, and stated the amount to be deleted should be "\$618,570" and replaced with "\$1,034,770" and to adjust the expenditure totals.

Tom Ballard, County Road Engineer, spoke in support of the amendment, stating the work represented in this amendment will be started next year so the budget appropriation is needed at this time.

Public Testimony

Randy Boss stated this money cannot be spent on school fields, and he objects to these items being in the Budget. He also recommended that the projects be subject to Bond Counsel review.

Staff Testimony

Transue pointed out that no bonds are authorized in this Ordinance. He stated a bond sale would have to be authorized by separate Ordinance.

At the recommendation of Transue, Moss moved that the amendments be rolled into a third Substitute Ordinance correcting the Ordinance number to 2001-86s3; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The Chair called for public testimony on 2001-86s3 as amended and substituted; there was no response. The Proposal passed as substituted and amended on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**IX. RESOLUTIONS - None**

**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:

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- a. City of Fife
- b. Fire Protection District No. 8

Motion seconded and passed.

- 2. Moss moved to amend the Meeting Schedule for the week of November 26 - 30, 2001, to add the following Proposal to the Rules and Operations Committee agenda for Monday, November 26, 2001:

PROPOSAL NO. R2001-193, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF THE EAST GIG HARBOR WATER DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING BOUNDARIES; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND CALLING FOR AN ELECTION UPON THE PROPOSITION.

Motion seconded and passed.

**XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brown stated the Council had been notified that the power in the building would be turned off at 7:00 p.m. and urged people to exit the building as quickly as possible.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

Gerri Rainwater, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Harold Moss, Council Chair

Date Approved

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