

**MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2000**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair Casada.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Casada.

III. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Wendell Brown, Sarah Casada, Ken Madsen, Harold Moss, and Jan Shabro; Karen S. Biskey was excused 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 14 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)
- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
- d. Other Items

Brown moved adoption 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. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinance, which was approved and signed on November 7, 2000, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2000-70, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING PORTIONS OF UNDEVELOPED RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN PENROSE STATE PARK, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, DELANO BEACH SUBDIVISION IN THE KEY PENINSULA AREA.

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

Brown moved that the Council advance to Section IX on the Agenda, RESOLUTIONS; motion seconded and passed.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-88, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ACCEPTING AN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE FOR THE PIERCE COUNTY AIRPORT - THUN FIELD LOCATED IN THE SOUTH HILL-PUYALLUP AREA.

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

Staff Testimony

Bob Synder, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated this Resolution and the Airport Master Plan Update that is contained as Exhibit "A" has been a three-year process. He stated passage of this Resolution will establish an objective long-term plan for guidance of future development and maintenance at the Pierce County Airport-Thun Field facility. Snyder stated that a rumor has been circulating that a part of the Plan is to lengthen the runway at Thun Field. He stated this is not contained in the Plan at this time.

Jeff Smith, Consultant for Bucher, Willis, and Ratcliff?? Provided an overview to the Council of the Plan and discussions that resulted in the Airport Master Plan Update. He stated there were no significant environmental impacts as a result of the Plan, and implementation will benefit the financial help at the Airport and provided direction for future growth.

At this point in the meeting O'Malley arrived.

Smith responded to questions of Councilmembers regarding the contents of the Plan.

Shabro referenced a November 20, 2000, letter received from

Ben Smith. She stated in the letter Peters indicated that Council Attorney, Susan Long, had stated there was a violation regarding the limitation on the number of hangers. Long stated she become aware of the concerns on November 20, 2000, when the letter was received. She stated she has not given a legal opinion one way or the other on the issue of the hangers. A copy of the Peters' letter in contained in the Ordinance file.

In response to Casada's question, Weber stated the Public Works Committee had notified 123 residents and Peters' name was on that list. He was also notified of the Public Works Committee and the issue was not discussed at that time.

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

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-179, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. R2000-159, THE APPOINTMENT OF JANICE HARRISON TO THE PIERCE COUNTY ROAD SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1, PONDEROSA ESTATES, BY CHANGING THE TERM EXPIRATION DATE FROM AUGUST 20, 2005, TO AUGUST 20, 2002.

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

Brown moved that the Council revert to Section VIII on the Agenda, ORDINANCES; motion seconded and passed.

VIII. ORDINANCES

PROPOSAL NO. 2000-60, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 85-79 (PIERCE COUNTY AIRPORT - THUN FIELD MASTER PLAN); AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

In response to Weber's suggestion, Brown moved an amendment on page 2 of the Ordinance, at line 12, to insert an effective date of December 31, 2000; motion seconded and passed.

Staff Testimony

Weber stated the former Master Plan at Thun Field is being repealed now that a new one has been adopted by Resolution R2000-88.

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2000-79, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 3.12.070 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE "ETHICS COMMISSION" TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION; TO REDUCE THE QUORUM REQUIREMENT; AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR STAFF ASSISTANCE.

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

Brown moved adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1; motion seconded and passed. A copy of the amendment is contained in the Ordinance file.

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2000-88, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 2.49 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE ENTITLED, "PIERCE COUNTY FARM ADVISORY COMMISSION."

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

Public Testimony

Ken Shamblin spoke in favor of the Ordinance, stating he is a Farm Bureau Board Member, and passage of this Ordinance would be important to opening dialogue with the agricultural community and County government through the Advisory Commission. He stated a partnership would be good in maintaining the agricultural economy in Pierce County.

Dick Carkner, Washington State University Professor, pointed out there has been a decline in land for farming and would support the establishment of this Advisory Commission to protect the remaining farm land.

Don Stuart, American Farm Land Trust, stated there is a concern about the loss of farm land, and the historic and economic benefits that the County must maintain. He thanked the Council for presenting this Ordinance and supported its passage.

Lucy Cerqui, representing the King Pierce County Farm

Bureau, stated her family had been farming for over 100 years. She stated the Ordinance is needed, and hopes that Pierce County can duplicate this successful program in King County.

Terri Carkner, Friends of Family Farmers, stated she supports the establishment of the Commission, and supports the promotion of local agricultural in the agricultural industry.

Anita Bajoraitis, Friends of Family Farmers, thanked the Council for creating the Commission, and stated it is important to development a policy to protect farming and farm lands.

Valorie Foster, Friends of Family Farmers, thanked the Council, and urged adoption of this Ordinance.

Casada stated she had supported this Ordinance after discussing the program with Councilmember Louise Miller of King County. She thanked King County for their assistance in the process, and stated a future resolution would be adopted by the Council making appointments of individuals to the Commission.

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

PROPOSAL NO. 2000-100, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING WAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

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

Staff Testimony

Joe Carrillo, Personnel Department, stated passage of the Ordinance would provide a wage adjustment to non-represented employees of Pierce County.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of six 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; motion seconded:

- a. Board of Trustees (Rural Library)
- b. City of Bonney Lake
- c. City of Puyallup (Cities/Towns & Emergency Medical Service)
- d. City of University Place
- e. Clover Park School District No. 400
- f. Pierce County Fire District No. 2 (Fire Protection Districts & Emergency Medical Service)
- g. Pierce County Fire District No. 6 (Fire Protection Districts & Emergency Medical Service)
- h. Pierce County Fire District No. 11 (Fire Protection Districts & Emergency Medical Service)
- i. Pierce County Fire District No. 15 (Fire Protection Districts & Emergency Medical Service)
- j. Pierce County Fire District No. 18 (Fire Protection Districts & Emergency Medical Service)
- k. Pierce County Fire District No. 22 (Fire Protection Districts & Emergency Medical Service)
- l. Pierce 23 Fire and Rescue
- m. Pierce County Fire District No. 24 (Fire Protection Districts & Emergency Medical Service)

2. Brown moved to amend the Council Agenda for November 28, 2000, to add an item to Section VII; motion seconded:

PROPOSAL NO. R2000-181, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE NEW MEMBER TO THE PIERCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION. (HEINZ HASKINS, REPRESENTING COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. SIX)

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Attest:

Clerk of the Council

Approved:

Council Chair

Date Approved

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