

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 25, 2003**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chair Moss.

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

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

**III. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Present: Shawn Bunney, Barbara Gelman, Calvin Goings, Terry Lee, Harold Moss, and Kevin Wimsett.

Moss introduced Councilmember Dick Muri as the new representative for Council District No. 6. After the video presentation of Muri's swearing-in ceremonies, Muri was welcomed to his seat on the dais.

Council Staff Present: Anna Graham, Research Analyst; Steve Gross, Deputy Legal Counsel; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Operations; Susan Matthew, Councilmember Assistant; Carolyn Pendle, Research Analyst; Leslie Swalley, Councilmember Assistant; Michael Transue, Budget Consultant; and Tom Weber, Administrator for Research and Policy.

There were 20 visitors present.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Wimsett moved approval of the Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes of September 16, 2003, regular Council Meeting.
2. The minutes of September 30, 2003, regular Council Meeting.
3. The minutes of October 14, 2003, regular Council Meeting.
4. The minutes of October 21, 2003, regular Council Meeting.

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-116, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO THE CITY OF ROY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, FOR LOCATION OF WATER LINES ON CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SAID FRANCHISE.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney

Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687

DO PASS RECOMMENDATION - PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (Shawn Bunney, Chair; Terry Lee, Vice Chair; Paul Bocchi, Member; Barbara Gelman, Member; Calvin Goings, Member)

Suggested date of Council hearing: January 13, 2004

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-131, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 309 SASAKI LANE SOUTHWEST AND THE TERMINUS OF ALBERT BELL ROAD EAST AS SURPLUS; APPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT, WATER PROGRAMS DIVISION, AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN ORTING, WASHINGTON; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE REAL PROPERTY.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Harold Moss

Contact person: Randy Brake, 798-4651

For referral to the Rules & Operations Committee

3. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-132, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 90-91 (GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO ELKHORN WATER DISTRICT) MAKING A TECHNICAL CORRECTION BY REVISING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney

Contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6067

For referral to the Public Works Committee

4. PROPOSAL NO. 2003-134, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTIONS 8.88.040 AND 8.88.250 AND ADOPTING NEW SECTIONS 8.88.252 AND 8.88.254 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS" TO ADDRESS IMPOUNDMENT OF DERELICT OR ABANDONED VESSELS.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Contact person: Thomas Weber, 798-6065

For referral to the Public Safety & Human Services Committee

To be heard by the Public Safety & Human Services Committee on December 9, 2003

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

1. PROPOSAL NO. R2003-141, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR A YOUTH ATHLETIC FIELDS PROGRAM (YAF) TO THE INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE FORT STEILACOOM PARK YOUTH SOCCER FIELDS IN LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Harold Moss and Paul Bocchi

Contact person: Paula Felkins, 798-4017

For referral to the Rules & Operations Committee

To be heard by the Rules & Operations Committee on December 8, 2003

Suggested date of Council hearing: December 9, 2003

d. Other Items

1. Motion to certify the following Budget Certifications, 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:

- City of Bonney Lake

- City of Buckley

- City of Edgewood

- City of Sumner

- Pierce County Board of Trustees (Rural Library)

- Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 1

- Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 3

- Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 6

- Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 8

- Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14

- Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 15

- Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 20

- Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22

- Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 25

Wimsett 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 Ordinances, which were approved and signed on November 4, 2003, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-77, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF PARK JUNCTION ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE ELBE AREA.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-78, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT IN 2003, FOR COLLECTION IN 2004, AGAINST LAND IN PIERCE COUNTY FOR THE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-79, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF 192ND STREET EAST, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE SPANAWAY AREA.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-85, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING HORSESHOE ROAD EAST AND A PORTION OF TREK DRIVE EAST LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE CLEAR LAKE AREA.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-96s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 1.28 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "RULES OF PROCEDURE - PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL" BY ADOPTING CLARIFYING AND TECHNICAL CHANGES.

2. A message from the Executive transmitting the following Ordinances, which were approved and signed on November 7, 2003, was read into the record:

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-93s2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 19B.30 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, THE FREDERICKSON COMMUNITY PLAN; AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TITLE 19A OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, TO INCORPORATE POLICIES OF THE FREDERICKSON COMMUNITY PLAN; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-94s2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING THE FREDERICKSON COMMUNITY PLAN; AMENDING TITLE 18A OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, PIERCE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS-ZONING; AMENDING CHAPTER 18A.25, ZONE CLASSIFICATIONS AND USE TABLES, AND CHAPTER 18A.35, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY ZONING ATLAS; ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 18B.120, SIGN DESIGN - FREDERICKSON, AND A NEW CHAPTER 18J.60, FREDERICKSON COMMUNITY PLAN AREA DESIGN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT.

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

**VIII. ORDINANCES**

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-133, AN EMERGENCY 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," BY PROVIDING FOR A FIVE DOLLAR REDUCTION IN STORM DRAINAGE AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES, ESTABLISHING A SUNSET DATE FOR THE CURRENT CHARGES, REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE TO SUBMIT NOMINEES FOR THE STORM DRAINAGE AND SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Goings provided an overview of the Proposal and explained why the legislation is an emergency. Goings thanked Wimsett for bringing the surface water management problem to the Council's attention, and thanked the Councilmembers for co-sponsoring the Proposal.

Goings moved an oral amendment to Exhibit "A", page 2 of 3, lines 10 to 11-1/2 to delete the entire box entitled Forest and Timberland Minimum Charge Per Parcel and Area Charge per Acre; motion seconded. Goings explained the technical amendment.

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

The Chair called for testimony on the Proposal as amended.

Wimsett, Bunney and Gelman, provided remarks in support of the Proposal.

Public Testimony

Dale Washam spoke in support of the Proposal.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-100s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING YEAR 2003 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.**

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

Staff Testimony

Graham provided information on the Proposal, stating it adopts the part of the County's Comprehensive Plan known as the Capital Facilities Plan for the CFP. She explained the CFP. The Proposal received a do pass as substituted recommendation by the Planning and Environment Committee.

Wimsett moved Council Amendment No. 1 on buff; motion seconded. A copy of the amendment is contained with these minutes as Attachment I.

Graham explained the amendment. In response to Goings' questions, Graham confirmed the amendment does not change any policy.

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

Goings thanked Council staff members Anna Graham and Jenifer Schultz, and Airyang Julia Park of the Planning and Land Services Department for their work on the Proposal.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-105, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 13.13.085 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE BY ESTABLISHING NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE AVAILABILITY AND FURNISHING OF SANITARY SEWER SERVICE; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue explained the Proposal would change the sewer rates for the fiscal year 2004. The Proposal will generate \$1.65 million per year beginning 2004.

Tony Tipton, Public Works and Utilities Department, stated Transue summarized the Proposal accurately, and the Proposal was extensively covered in Committee. No questions were asked of Tipton.

Public Testimony

Dale Washam spoke to the November 21, 2003, Committee of the Whole budget hearing on Proposal No. 2003-105.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-108, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 5.02.035 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE BY INCREASING THE PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR'S FEE CHARGE FOR PROVIDING IDENTIFICATION PHOTOGRAPHS.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue explained the Proposal would change the fee to increase the charge for identification. The Proposal has a revenue impact of approximately \$21,708 in fiscal year 2003, and approximately \$62,000 for fiscal year 2004.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-109, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 14.20.050 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "GOLF COURSE FEES", BY AMENDING FEE SCHEDULES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue explained the Proposal rates become effective January 1, 2004, and stated the Proposal's fiscal impact would be approximately \$60,000 per year.

Jan Wolcott, Parks and Recreation Department, spoke in support of the Proposal and the proposed increased golf course fees. In response to Gelman's questions, Wolcott spoke to golf course rates for senior citizens.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-110, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 14.20 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, "PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES FEES", BY AMENDING FEE SCHEDULES, ADDING NEW FEES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE NEW FEES.**

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

Staff Testimony

Wolcott spoke in support of the fee increase Proposal, and stated the Proposal would generate an additional \$23,000.

Public Testimony

Dale Washam spoke to the November 21, 2003, Committee of the Whole budget hearing on Proposal No. 2003-110.

Moss responded that the fee increase proposals were thoroughly scrutinized in the budget deliberations.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-111, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING WAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue stated the Proposal passed out of the Committee of the Whole with a do pass recommendation. He explained the

Proposal amends the salary classification plan and authorizes a 2.5 percent wage adjustment for non-representative employees. The cost of the Proposal is \$1.77 million.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-112, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-90; AND ADOPTING A NEW FARE SCHEDULE FOR THE PIERCE COUNTY FERRY SYSTEM.**

Wimsett 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 (Lee was excused).

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-114, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH WAREHOUSE, AUTOMOTIVE, FOOD, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, DRIVER SALES AND SPECIAL SERVICES, TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 117 GENERAL UNIT; AND AMENDING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue stated the Proposal title is descriptive.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-115, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING A STANDARD RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT FORM TO BE USED BY PIERCE COUNTY.**

Wimsett moved to continue the Proposal to December 2, 2004; motion seconded and passed.

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-117, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING SECTION 2.04.150 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE BY INCREASING THE FEES CHARGED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR VARIOUS REPORTS, DATA, AND MAPS.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue stated the Proposal title is descriptive, and the revenue that would be generated is approximately \$10,000 per year.

Public Testimony

Dale Washam spoke to the November 21, 2003, Committee of the Whole budget hearing on Proposal No. 2003-117, and spoke in opposition to the Proposal.

Alton McDonald spoke in opposition to the Proposal.

Bunney and Moss responded to the public testimony.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-118s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2004-2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND 2004-2017 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 2004; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT. (ANNUAL ROAD PROGRAM, SIX-YEAR ROAD PROGRAM, AND THE FOURTEEN-YEAR FERRY PROGRAM)**

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

Staff Testimony

Tom Ballard, County Engineer for the Public Works & Utilities Department, read the Proposal staff report into the record, and provided an overview of the Proposal. He suggested a typographical correction to the Proposal on page 41 under the second project line in title 214th Avenue - 218th Avenue relocation: change "at 40th Street East" change to "at 34th Street East."

Bunney moved the oral technical amendment suggested by Ballard; motion seconded.

The Chair called for testimony on the amendment; there was no response. The amendment passed.

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The Chair called for public testimony on the amended Proposal.

Bunney thanked Ziegler, Ballard, Public Works, and Council staff for their hard work on the Proposal.

Gelman thanked the Public Works Department for the Proposal, and spoke to District No. 5 projects.

Goings thanked Bunney for his leadership, and spoke to the 94th Avenue project.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-119s2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REPEALING SECTIONS 5.02.035, 5.02.160, 5.10.040, 5.12.030, 5.14.050, 5.14.140, 5.16.060, 5.24.050, 5.26.100, 5.28.040, 5.32.030, 5.36.110, 5.38.060, 5.38.070, 5.38.080, 5.38.100, 5.44.080, 5.46.040, AND 5.48.050 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE (PCC) REGARDING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES; AMENDING PCC 5.02.190, 5.22.020, 5.24.060, 5.26.020, 5.36.020, 5.36.030, 5.36.040, 5.36.050, 5.42.020 AND 5.48.040 REGARDING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES; ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 5.04 PCC, "BUSINESS LICENSE FEES"; INCREASING EXISTING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

#### Staff Testimony

Transue explained the Proposal puts all the business license fees into one Code chapter, and the fee increases are minor.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-120, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL, ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 4.56 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE ENTITLED, "SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FEES"; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

#### Staff Testimony

Transue explained the fees are for Sheriff's Department services. He pointed out State statute fee information for the Sheriff's Department is contained in the Council packets.

The Proposal fiscal impact would be approximately \$8,000 per year.

Public Testimony

Alton McDonald spoke to current fees and the proposed fee increases.

Transue and Bunney responded to McDonald's testimony.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-106, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SETTING THE 2004 AD VALOREM TAX LEVIES FOR PIERCE COUNTY FOR LEVY IN 2003 AND COLLECTION IN 2004.**

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

Staff Testimony

Transue explained the Proposal and referenced the 2003/2004 fee comparisons contained on page 24 of the Budget book. In response to Bunney's question, he stated the Proposal limits the tax increase to one percent taking aside new construction. The revenue would generate approximately \$126 million for the year 2004.

Public Testimony

Dale Washam spoke to the November 21, 2003, Committee of the Whole budget hearing on Proposal No. 2003-106, and expressed property tax concerns.

Alton McDonald spoke in opposition to the Proposal and expressed property tax concerns.

Moss responded to the public testimony.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. 2003-107s, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF PIERCE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004.**

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

Wimsett moved Council Amendment No. 1 as printed on yellow; motion seconded. A copy of this amendment is included with these minutes as Attachment II.

#### Staff Testimony

Transue explained the technical amendment and suggested an oral amendment to the Council Amendment memo: the bottom bullet that reads page 10 of 13 line 10 should read page 10 of 13 line 16.

Wimsett moved the oral amendment suggested by Transue; motion seconded. The amendment passed.

The Chair called for testimony on the amended amendment; there was no response. The amendment passed.

The Chair called for public testimony on the Proposal as amended.

#### Public Testimony

Dale Washam expressed his concerns regarding the process of budget hearings.

Alton McDonald spoke to the 2004 Budget for domestic violence and law enforcement.

Betty Garrison, City of Roy, spoke in support of the Roy community center project, and thanked the Councilmembers for their support.

Dick Rough, City of Roy Planning Commission, thanked the Council for the community center project and urged the Council to pass the Proposal.

Transue suggested that an oral amendment be made on Proposal page of 2 of 13 line 14, change \$180 to \$680.

Wimsett moved the oral amendment suggested by Transue; motion seconded.

The Chair called for testimony on the amendment; there was no response. The amendment passed.

Councilmembers provided closing remarks regarding the 2004 budget process.

**IX. RESOLUTIONS - None**

**X. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS - None**

**XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Dale Washam expressed his concern regarding the Council's decision-making process on the budget.
2. Alton McDonald expressed his concern regarding the treatment of law enforcement to minority students.

Moss encouraged McDonald to contact the Sheriff regarding his concerns.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Attest:

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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Councilmember Harold Moss, Council Chair

Date Approved

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