

**Minutes**  
**Pierce County Council Meeting**  
**December 4, 2007**

South Park Community Center  
4851 South Tacoma Way  
Tacoma, WA 98409  
(Council District No. 4)

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I. Call to Order

The District No. 4 Council Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair Lee.

II. Roll Call

Councilmembers Present: All Councilmembers were present.

Council Staff Present: Jeff Cox, Deputy Legal Counsel; Patty Face, Acting Clerk of the Council; Anna Graham, Administrator for Research and Policy; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Operations; Hugh Taylor, Senior Legislative Analyst; and Victoria Woodards, Councilmember Assistant.

There were approximately 100 visitors present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Lee passed the gavel to Farrell as the host and Chair for his in-district Council Meeting. Councilmember and Staff introductions were made.

IV. Approval of Agenda

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

V. Consent Agenda

**a. Approval of Minutes**

1. The Minutes of the July 17, 2007, Regular Council Meeting
2. The Minutes of the July 24, 2007, District No. 3 Council Meeting

3. The Minutes of the August 7, 2007, Regular Council Meeting
4. The Minutes of the October 2, 2007, Regular Council Meeting
5. The Minutes of the October 10, 2007, Regular Council Meeting

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

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-149, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Requesting that the Planning and Land Services Department Evaluate the Impacts of Indoor and Outdoor Wedding Facilities and Other Uses Described in the Civic Use Category under the Community and Cultural Services Use Type in Title 18A, "Pierce County Development Regulations – Zoning," to Determine if Opportunities Exist to Consolidate Levels; Requesting that a Recommendation, Including any Required Amendments to Title 18A and Necessary Environmental Documentation be Forwarded to the Planning Commission for Review, and Setting a Date for the Planning Commission to Submit its Report and Recommendation to the Council .

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Council contact person: Mike Kruger, (253) 798-6067  
Suggested date of Council hearing: December 11, 2007

**d. Other Items**

1. Motion 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 the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 84.52.020, was read into the record:

Bethel School District  
City of Buckley  
Clover Park School District  
City of Gig Harbor  
Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One District No. 5  
Peninsula Metropolitan Park District  
Pierce County Fire District No. 1  
Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14  
South Pierce Fire and Rescue District No. 15  
Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 17  
Pierce County Fire District No. 22  
Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 25  
Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 27  
Puget Sound Educational Service District  
Town of Carbonado, and, *Corrected* Town of Carbonado  
Town of South Prairie

Goings 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 November 19, 2007, was read into the record:

Ordinance No. 2007-85s, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending the Pierce County Code, Title 18, "Pierce County Development Regulations – General Provisions," 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 Creation of 9-Lot Short Plats, the Relocation of Billboards Associated with Public Right-of-Way Acquisition, Creating Regulations Addressing Outdoor Stockpiling of Materials for Recycling, Sale or Disposal, Creating a Vegetation Retention Exception for Developments with Limited Size Constraints and other Clarifying and Technical Amendments Affecting Various Use Types, Design Standards, and Definitions; Adopting Findings of Fact; and Setting an Effective Date.

Ordinance No. 2007-87, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to the Rainier Ranch Maintenance Association for Location of Waterlines on Certain County-Owned Rights-of-Way; and Authorizing the County Executive to Execute Said Franchise.

Ordinance No. 2007-88, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Granting a Nonexclusive Franchise to the Town of Eatonville for Location of Waterlines on Certain County-Owned Rights-of-Way; and Authorizing the County Executive to Execute Said Franchise.

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

**Proposal No. R2007-150, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Commemorating World AIDS Day, December 1, 2007, and the 20th Anniversary of the Pierce County AIDS Foundation's Service to the Community.**

Goings moved adoption; motion seconded. The Chair read the Proclamation in its entirety into the record.

The Chair called for public testimony; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted on a roll call vote of seven to zero. The Proclamation was presented to Rus Batten, Development Director, Tacoma-Pierce County AIDS Foundation.

**Proposal No. R2007-140, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Appointment of Three New Members (Marilyn Dawson, Carol Arneberg and Barbara Hansen) to the Chemical Dependency Advisory Board.**

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

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

## VIII. Ordinances

### **Proposal No. 2007-92, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Vacating a Portion of "A" Street located in the Southwest and Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 3 East.**

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

#### Staff Testimony

Taylor briefed the Council. He reported the Proposal received a Do Pass recommendation at the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee on October 16, 2007.

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

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

### **Proposal No. 2007-108, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Creating a New Chapter 3.98 of the Pierce County Code, "Domestic Partnership Benefits" and Amending Sections 3.12.030, 3.52.020, 3.56.010, 3.68.020, and 3.76.030 of the Pierce County Code to Provide for the Extension of Employee Benefits to Employees' Domestic Partners; and Setting an Effective Date.**

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

#### Staff Testimony

Long briefed the Council. She reported the Proposal received a Forward Without Recommendation vote at the Rules and Operations Committee on November 5, 2007.

Chair Farrell invited County Executive John Ladenburg, and Human Resources Director Betsy Sawyers, to brief the Council. They addressed the Council and responded to questions.

Joe Carrillo, Human Resources, addressed the Council and responded to questions.

Mike Panagiotu, Risk Management, addressed the Council and responded to questions.

Chair Farrell called for public testimony.

#### Public Testimony

Testimony was provided by the following individuals: Mark Lindquist; Gerald Abbot; Clare Petrich; Danielle Harrington; Reverend David Alger; Willie Painter; Karen Willard; Linda Olson; Kathy Kravit-Smith; S. Troy Christensen; Lois Stark; Oriana Noel-Lewis; Joy Schaad; Ken Miller; Diane Lachel; Denise Whitley; Sarah Smith; Connie Brown; Dennis Flannigan; Bob Schneider; John Ernest Berry, III; Troy Warren; Mary Benton; Todd Parker

Johnson; Rene Jankiewicz; Glynnis Kirchmeier; Anna Mae Schacht; Ryan Mello; Laurie Jenkins; Ken Paulson; Heidi Stephens; Sally Perkins; and Ameer Welch.

Council Comment

Bunney, Gelman, Goings, and Farrell commented.

The Proposal passed on a roll call vote of four to three. Bush, Lee, and Muri voted No.

IX. Resolutions - none

X. Other Business/Announcements - none

XI. Citizens' Forum

Ken Paulson, and Robert Hill addressed the Council.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Attest:

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Patricia L. Face, Acting Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Terry Lee, Council Chair

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Date Approved