

MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
**February 13, 2007**

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 3:06 p.m. by Chair Lee.

II. Roll Call

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

Council Staff Present: Paul Bocchi, Budget Legislative Analyst; 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 Lee, followed by a Moment of Silence in tribute to our men and women in the Military.

IV. Approval of Agenda

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

V. Consent Agenda

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

**a. Approval of Minutes**

1. The minutes of the January 23, 2007, regular Council meeting
2. The minutes of the January 30, 2007, regular Council meeting

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

1. Proposal No. 2006-131, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Prohibiting the Discharge of Firearms Within Portions of Section 10, Township 20 North, Range 1 West, in the Palmer Lake, Key Peninsula Area.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee

Council contact person: Thomas Weber, (253) 798-6067

Committee recommendation: Do Pass at Public Safety and Human Services on January 23, 2007

Suggested date of Council hearing: March 13, 2007

2. Proposal No. 2007-13, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Documenting the Adopted Prior Amendment of Comprehensive Plan Maps Contained in Pierce County Code Section 19A.30.010, Urban Growth Areas, Section 19A.30.170, Open Space, and Section 19A.30.230, Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designations Map.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings

Council contact person: Anna Graham, (253) 798-6253

For referral to the Community Development Committee

3. Proposal No. 2007-14, 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. OST70-04, Richard E. Handsaker and Sandra M. Vandrais – Silver Lake Highlands Area; Application No. OST12-06, Thomas and Gracie Pauly – Tahoma Ridge Area; Application No. OST14-06, Anthony and Laura Scoccolo – Tahoma Ridge Area; Application No. OST15-06, George M. Hartung – Tahoma Ridge Area; Application No. OST16-06, John R. and Carol L. Holmquist – Tahoma Ridge Area; Application No. OST17-06, Thomas S. and Laura L. Yarborough – Tahoma Area; Application No. OST19-06, William K. Meikle – Fox Island Area)

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings

Department contact person: Chad Williams, Planning and Land Services, (253) 798-3683

Council contact person: Thomas Weber, (253) 798-6067

For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee

Suggested date of Council hearing: March 13, 2007

4. Proposal No. 2007-16, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Granting Supplemental Franchise No. 1 to the City of Bonney Lake, for location of Sanitary Sewer Pipelines on Certain County Rights-of-Way.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney  
Department contact person: Jerry West, Public Works and Utilities,  
(253) 798-3687  
Council contact person: Thomas Weber, (253) 798-6067  
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
5. Proposal No. 2007-17, 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 – General Unit, and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Department contact person: Joe Carrillo, Human Resources,  
(253) 798-6690  
Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on February 26, 2007  
Suggested date of Council hearing: March 6, 2007
6. Proposal No. 2007-18, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Proposing Amendments to the Pierce County Charter to Make the Sheriff a Nonpartisan Position; Requesting the Auditor to Submit these Amendments to the Voters at the November 2007 General Election; and Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Draft an Appropriate Ballot Title.  
Sponsored by: Pierce County Council  
Council contact person: Susan Long, (253) 798-6068  
For referral to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee
7. Proposal No. 2007-19, 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 3752 – Pierce County Corrections and Detention Center Non-Uniformed Group (Local 3752 CN); and Amending the Pierce County Salary Classification Plan.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Terry Lee  
Department contact person: Joe Carrillo, Human Resources,  
(253) 798-6690

Council contact person: Paul Bocchi, (253) 798-7304  
For referral to the Rules and Operations Committee  
To be heard in the Rules and Operations Committee on February 20, 2007  
Suggested date of Council hearing: March 6, 2007

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

1. Proposal No. R2007-16, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Initiating Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for Pierce County for the 2007 Plan Amendment Cycle; Confirming the Initiation of Amendments by the County Executive, Cities and Towns; and Requesting the Planning and Land Services Department to Conduct an Environmental Review and Evaluation of the Initiated Amendments and Forward the Associated Reports to the Planning Commission and Affected Land Use Advisory Commissions for Review and Recommendation Back to the County Council.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings  
Council contact person: Anna Graham, (253) 798-6253  
Suggested date of Council hearing: April 10, 2007

2. Proposal No. R2007-20, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Existing Member (Carlos "Carl" Vest), and the Appointment of Three New Members (Harold "Hal" Daskam, William Gilpin, and Lori Wales) to the South Hill Advisory Commission.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Roger Bush  
Department contact person: Cindy Anderson, Planning and Land Services,  
(253) 798-2630  
Council contact person: Thomas Weber, (253) 798-6067  
Suggested date of Council hearing: February 20, 2007

**d. Other Items**

1. Motion to authorize the Chair to tender an offer of employment to Jeff Cox for the position of Legal Analyst 1

Bunney moved approval of the Consent Agenda; motion seconded and passed on a roll call vote of six to zero (Goings was excused).

VI. Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney - None

### **State of the Court Address by The Honorable Stephanie Arend, Superior Court**

Arend expressed her appreciation to the Council for its support extended to Superior Court and to her as Presiding Judge. She announced that Judge Tom Larkin is the Presiding Judge for 2007. Arend updated the Council on court related issues and spoke to the goals and accomplishments of Superior Court. Arend introduced the key individuals of the judicial services who were in attendance.

Bunney thanked Arend for the presentation, and commented he looks forward to continue the working relationship with Superior Court. He looks forward to working Larkin.

Lee thanked Arend for her outstanding work and stated he looks forward to the April update on electronic recording. He also acknowledged that he is looking forward to working with Larkin as Presiding Judge.

Gelman stressed the importance of the judicial system to the community and to the Council.

VII. Proclamations, Awards, and/or Appointments to Boards and Commissions - None

VIII. Ordinances

#### **Proposal No. 2007-7, An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Amending Ordinance No. 2006-53s to Make Technical Corrections; Amending Section 18A.24.030 B.3. of the Pierce County Code; and Setting an Effective Date.**

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

#### Staff Testimony

Graham reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on January 16, 2007. She explained the Proposal corrects the implementation regulations to the Graham Community Plan by correcting a contradiction in the Rural Sensitive Resource (RSR) zone, and adds a missing severability clause.

#### Public Testimony

James Halmo testified on the Proposal. A copy of his letter is contained in the Ordinance file.

Bud Rehberg testified on the Proposal.

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

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

#### IX. Resolutions

##### **Proposal No. R2007-4s, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Approving Additional Regular Staff Positions in the 2007 Budget.**

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

##### Staff Testimony

Bocchi explained the Proposal adds one position to the Sheriff's Department, a fraction of a position to the Judson Family Justice Center, and one position to Radio Communications. Bocchi reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation from the Rules and Operations Committee on January 22, 2007.

##### Public Testimony

During Alton McDonald's testimony, Bunney called Point of Order, stating he didn't see the reference of McDonald's comments to the Proposal.

After discussion between McDonald and the Council, the Chair requested that McDonald save his comments until the citizens' comments portion of the meeting, and directed McDonald to return to his seat.

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

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

##### **Proposal No. R2007-7, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Approving, as Creating Municipality, Resolution No. 2006-07 of the Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County, Adopted December 7, 2006, Authorizing the Issuance of \$6,200,000 of Nonrecourse Revenue Bonds by the Economic Development Corporation of Pierce County for Purposes of Financing a Portion of the Costs of a Manufacturing Facility for TPLM, LLC.**

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

### Staff Testimony

Long reported the Proposal received a do pass recommendation from the Rules and Operations Committee on February 5, 2007. She informed the Council that Susan Suess, Economic Development Board of Tacoma-Pierce County, was available to provide details on the Proposal.

Suess informed the Council that today's meeting complies with the federal public hearing requirement associated with the bond financing. She explained the borrower has the full responsibility of repayment of the nonrecourse revenue bonds. She described the company and how the bonds will be used. The company is located Puyallup and has 56 employees.

Paul Hogoboom, President and CEO of PNJ Machining, provided information on the robotic manufacturing company, and he informed the Council that the Proposal will allow the company to expand. He responded to Councilmember questions.

David Thompson, Bond Counsel, confirmed the bond obligates the borrower and does not obligate the County.

### Public Testimony

Ken Paulson testified on the Proposal.

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

#### X. Other Business/Announcements

1. Goings moved to Amend the February 20, 2007, Council Agenda, Section VII. to Add Proposal No. R2007-20:

Proposal No. R2007-20, A Resolution of the Pierce County Council Confirming the Reappointment of One Existing Member (Carlos "Carl" Vest), and the Appointment of Three New Members (Harold "Hal" Daskam, William Gilpin, and Lori Wales) to the South Hill Advisory Commission.  
For final consideration

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

XI. Citizens' Forum

1. Ken Paulson expressed his concern with the lanes of the current Narrows Bridge being changed to three west bound lanes instead of four. He suggested the Council investigate as to why four lanes will not be used.

Lee explained the state determined that it would not be safe to move from four lanes to three lanes.

2. Alton McDonald expressed his concern regarding the way a female citizen was recently treated by the Tacoma Police Department and Corrections.

In response to Lee's question, McDonald replied they are in the process of filing a complaint.

Gelman invited McDonald to attend the Public Safety and Human Services Committee meeting to offer comments on jail issues.

Goings encouraged McDonald to file the complaint and provide specifics to the Council.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Attest:

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Denise D. Johnson, Clerk of the Council

Approved:

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Terry Lee, Council Chair

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Date Approved