

**MINUTES  
PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2004**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Pierce County Council was called to order at 3:00 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, Dick Muri, and Kevin Wimsett.

Council Staff Present: Steve Gross, Deputy Legal Counsel; Denise Johnson, Clerk of the Council; Susan Long, Administrator for Legal and Operations; Susan Matthew, Councilmember Assistant; and Tom Weber, Administrator for Research and Policy.

There were approximately 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
- b. Action on Ordinances (refer, set date of hearing)

- 1. PROPOSAL NO. 2004-23, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF 104<sup>TH</sup> STREET SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE MIDLAND AREA.

Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney

Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687

For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure

Development Committee

2. PROPOSAL NO. 2004-24, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL VACATING A PORTION OF SNELLSTROM-BUSH COUNTY ROAD, 78<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE EAST, AND 232<sup>ND</sup> STREET EAST LOCATED IN SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE GRAHAM AREA.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Shawn Bunney  
Contact person: Jerry West, 798-3687  
For referral to the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee
  
3. PROPOSAL NO. 2004-27, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 10.24 OF THE PIERCE COUNTY CODE, PARKING, TO PROVIDE FOR IMPOUNDMENT OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES ON NARROW STREETS; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
Sponsored by: Councilmember Calvin Goings  
Contact person: Anna Graham, 798-6253  
For referral to the Community Development Committee  
To be heard by the Community Development Committee on April 26, 2004

- c. Action on Resolutions (refer, set date of hearing)
- d. Other Items

Wimsett 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 - None**

**VII. PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND/OR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-63, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO PIERCE COUNTY BY THE DAFFODIL FESTIVAL AND ITS ROYAL COURT FOR THE PAST 71 YEARS.**

Wimsett moved adoption; motion seconded. The Clerk read the title into the record. In capacity of Executive Pro Tempore and representing Executive John Ladenburg, Councilmember Lee read the Proclamation. The Proclamation was presented to Sandy Huges, Queen Mother.

Huges introduced the Royal Court chaperons and thanked them for their assistance. Queen Romelynn Eleno, Lakes High School, provided information on the Daffodil Court

proceedings and the selection process. The Daffodil Princesses introduced themselves and stated their future goals.

Councilmembers offered thanks to the Queen and the Royal Court for their involvement in the Festival.

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

The meeting recessed at 3:20 p.m.; reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-64, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE PIERCE COUNTY FARM ADVISORY COMMISSION. (DICK CARKNER AND CHRIS WILCOX)**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber stated the Proposal re-appoints the individuals to their second term.

Moss thanked the appointees for their service.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-65, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF PIERCE COUNTY. (WILLIAM L. PUGH AND ANDRE LUKEZ)**

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

**VIII. ORDINANCES**

**PROPOSAL NO. 2004-19, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARING CERTAIN COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5501 6TH AVENUE IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON, AS SURPLUS; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO PURSUE DISPOSAL OF THE PROPERTY BY SALE PURSUANT TO PIERCE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.110.**

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

Weber stated the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on April 5, 2004, and the Proposal is a companion to Proposal No. R2004-56, which is scheduled later on today's agenda.

Staff Testimony

Suzanne Hedlund, Facilities Management Department, provided information on the Proposal, stating the Resolution and the companion Resolution seek to declare four parcels at Remann Hall as surplus. The Resolution will authorize the sale to the State of Washington Department of Transportation. The proposed road project will help alleviate traffic problems on Pearl Street and on 6th Avenue. In response to Bunney's question, she stated the appraisal value of the parcels is \$228,000.

Lee spoke in support of the Proposal, stating this is the first step in fixing the afternoon traffic congestion.

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

**IX. RESOLUTIONS**

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-27s, 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 COUNTY-WIDE PLANNING POLICIES TO UPDATE THE CENTERS' DESIGNATIONS OF THE URBAN GROWTH AREA SECTION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY REGIONAL COUNCIL.**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber stated the Proposal received a do pass as substituted recommendation by the Community Development Committee on March 29, 2004.

Chip Vincent, Planning and Land Services Department, provided information on the Proposal, stating the proposed amendments are necessary updates to the County-wide Planning Policies, including the identification of five urban centers and includes two manufacturing centers. All urban centers need

to be ratified in County-wide Planning Polices in order to receive funding as centers. The Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) voted to forward the amendments to the Cities and Towns for ratification. He noted that ratification takes 60 percent of the jurisdictions representing 75 percent of the population.

Wimsett moved Council Amendment No. 1 on the lime; motion seconded. A copy of the amendment is contained with these minutes as Attachment I. Moss read the amendment in the record. Moss called for testimony on the amendment; there was no response. Moss called for testimony on the Proposal as amended; there was no response. The Proposal was adopted as amended on a roll call vote of seven to zero.

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-44, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF SCHEDULED IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE TOURISTS OR TO PROMOTE TOURISM, AND A FINANCING PLAN, INCLUDING BONDING, TO BUILD THE IMPROVEMENTS; AND SUBMIT SUCH PLANS TO THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE BY AUGUST 1, 2004.**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber stated the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on March 29, 2004.

Wimsett provided information on the Proposal, stating the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee requested the Resolution to help promote tourism. The Advisory Committee is to compile a package and present it to the Council for review and approval.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-55, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE PACIFIC AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE'S STRATEGY FOR REVITALIZATION OF PACIFIC AVENUE AND DECLARING THE COUNCIL'S INTENT TO WORK WITH THE TASK FORCE, THE STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR INCORPORATION OF DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS IN THE STATE'S PACIFIC AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

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

Staff Testimony

Weber stated the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on March 29, 2004.

Public Testimony

Norm LeMay, Chairman of the Redevelopment Task Force, spoke in support of the Proposal, and to the importance of revitalization along the State's Pacific Avenue.

Paul Ellis, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the Proposal, and thanked the Councilmembers for their support. He commented on a recent News Tribune article and stated the article was misleading. He acknowledged Kathleen Rudolph, Association of Realtors, for her involvement in the project.

Troy Cowan, Project Engineer, Washington State Department of Transportation, thanked those involved in the project, and urged the Council to adopt the Proposal.

Bunney thanked Gelman for her leadership on the State Route 7 project, and stated he is pleased to support the Proposal.

Lee thanked the Task Force Members and Gelman for their work on the project, and stated the improvements are needed.

Gelman spoke in support of the project and thanked the individuals who worked on the State Route 7 project. She acknowledged her Assistant, Susan Matthew, for her hard work on the issue.

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

**PROPOSAL NO. R2004-56, A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL RATIFYING, AS REQUIRED BY PIERCE COUNTY CODE 2.110.120, THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5501 6TH AVENUE IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON.**

Staff Testimony

Weber stated the Proposal received a do pass recommendation by the Rules and Operations Committee on April 5, 2004. The Proposal is a companion to Proposal No. 2004-19.

Public Testimony

Tim Derkins, Washington State Department of Transportation, outlined the construction schedule, and thanked the design engineers for their work on the project.

Chris Schroedel, Transportation Engineer, Washington State Department of Transportation, provided information on the construction from 6th Avenue and Pearl Street to Jackson Street. Project completion is to coincide with the opening of the new Narrows Bridge. In response to Lee's question, he commented on road improvements needed at the Nalley Valley viaduct.

At 3:55 p.m. the Chair announced the conclusion of the televised portion of the Business meeting.

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

**XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 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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