

Pierce County Council Meeting  
April 4, 2017

This was my first Council Meeting and I enjoyed learning more about the details about how our county works.

Five members were present for the first half of the meeting. Council Chair Richardson showed up half way through the meeting. Councilwoman Ladenburg was absent.

There were three items on the agenda, besides the consent agenda. The consent agenda passed unanimously.

1. Proposal No. R2017-17s, Publication of Legal Notices. This vote was to approve the sole source contract of the Tacoma New Tribune to be the official publication of the legal notices of council activity that is required by law. TNT is the only daily print publication that serves the whole county. Councilwoman Roach asked if there was information on the circulation numbers for the county especially in the rural districts (1 & 2) and commented on how she thought the circulation would be a lot less in those areas vs the more liberal downtown Tacoma. The acting chair Talbert asked the budget staff to get the council those numbers. Councilman Young acknowledged Councilwoman Roach's comments as valid and that the council should look into supplementing the notice in those areas budget permitting. He also said that it was not germane to approving this contract. The acting chair Talbert asked the budget staff to see if the TNT could include additional publication they own in the contract. The sole source contract was approved with a vote 4:1 with Councilwoman Roach voting no.

2. Daffodil Princesses were made Ambassadors of the County. The 25 high school senior girls and their chaperones plus the executive director of the Daffodil Festival Association were there to say thank you for the honor. Each girl gave her name, high school, choice of college and what she wanted to do as a career. Council members spoke on how thankful they were of the girls' dedication to community service and that the girls should return to Pierce County after college and think about continuing their public service. Fifteen minutes were used to take pictures with the Council.

3. Proposal No. R2017-30, Storm Drainage & Surface Water Advisory Board. This item was pulled from the consent agenda – presumably (by me) so that the two people who were being nominated and were present could speak. After a brief adjournment so that staff could receive an email from the County Executive, the Council voted to accept the withdrawal of one nominee. The appointment of one new member and four returning members of the Board was approved. Appointed board members Mike Slevin and Richard Thurston spoke. Mr. Thurston made a plea for more people to get involved on these types of boards. He said he sees the same

50-100 people serving and testifying in front of these boards. This is his 12<sup>th</sup> volunteer board appointment. A few council members seconded his request.

Citizen Forum: Alison McCaffree introduced herself to the council as a new LWV Observer.

- **Councilwoman Roach asked if the League had any information on how easy/difficult it is to contact the members - specifically regarding email addresses.** Alison said she would ask the League and reminded the Council that the League does produce the TRY each year.
- Council Chair Richardson acknowledged the LWV Civility forum on 4/1/17 where he participated and said what a good event it was and that we got over 100 people there.

Meeting evaluation: Questions on the Observer sheet regarding standards were positive. Only one issue came up, where Council woman Roach wasn't sure if they were voting on an item or not was cleared up quickly. I will find out more of the details about television in the future. The meeting started at 3:04 and adjourned about 4:15pm.

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