

Pierce County Council Meeting  
May 16, 2017

Five of seven members were present at the meeting. Members Richardson, Young, McCune, D. Roach, and Landenburg were present. Members P. Roach and Talbert were excused. There was two proclamation, three ordinances and one resolution on the agenda besides the consent agenda. Agenda was approved with no objections. The consent agenda passed unanimously 5-0.

**Proclamation R2017-46** was approved 5-0 making May 14-20 **National Police Week**. Sheriff Paul Pastor spoke and thanked the council. Young recognized an officer, Deputy Sheriff Shaffer, killed recently and listed ways in which the Council can help with support the police officers' work. Chair Richardson recognized the unique job the police do and support the sacrifices they make. Member Landenburg thanked the families that support the officers. Chair Richardson listed the time and location of the officers' memorial.

**Proposal No. R2017-47, Hunger Awareness Month Proclamation (May)**. Michelle from Emergency Food Network spoke about the great need for food over the summer. EFN is in the middle of capacity campaign to get a generator in order to serve the community in case of natural disaster. They carry over 1M lbs of food at any one time.

**Proposal No. 2017-9s, Thun Field Advisory Commission** Planning and public works, and chair of commission are present for questions. Technical Amendment 1 was approved to change the effective date of July 1, 2017 in order to give the executive time to meet the charter requirements. Michael Thompson, pass chair of the commission, spoke in favor because it corrects errors, brings this airport in line with other counties and enhances revenue to Pierce Co. Proposal approved 5-0.

**Proposal No. 2017-21s, Ferry Fares** This includes length change for trucks and reduced rate for disable and senior motorcycle users. Steve Wombak, Interim Director Ferry and Airports, explained that this proposal moves the Pierce Co fares (Anderson Island) in line with WDOT, except a 14ft class. Member Young commented that this is not a holistic adjustment and we will deal with other recommendations in the water born transpiration study later. We do not have a countywide ferry district – to transport more than just people. There would need to be a change in state law. Ann Dash lives on Anderson Island and had concerns about the fares. She wants a reduction in youth fares (need another .55). It is hurting low income children. She also wants a monthly pass.

#### Council Comments

Member Young: We would need to know more in order to implement Ann's suggestions. We would need some financial forecasting. He was interested in implementing most of the recommendation. Chair Richardson commented that as we approach 2018 the council would discuss details with the Anderson Island

council. He also commended Mr Wombak for his work. Ms Beem has done a tremendous job too and will return from maternity leave. Proposal passes 5-0.

**Proposal No. 2017-22s, Public Nuisances – Enforcement.** Sponsored by all 7 council members. Six sections: 1) policy on solid waste, structures or vehicles are the highest priority 2) reporting requirements (quarterly) 3) additional staff for enforcement 4) intent to fund the staff positions and money for blighted property 5) modify website by Nov 1 6) county executive to further evaluate to identify additional needs by Nov 1. No public testimony. Chair Richardson reiterated that this is a top priority. Some neighborhoods are in dire need of this clean up. Previous action by council include: additional tools for property maintenance, a blight property maintenance fund, modified code to streamline the process, transfer responsibilities from health department to Pierce Co to help with efficiency of enforcement. Proposal passes 5-0.

**Resolution: Proposal No. R2017-40, Authorizing Property Acquisition - Surface Water Management** These are grant funded acquisitions for four properties for \$885K. These support the Salmon Recovery Funding “SRF” Board. Hans Hunger with Pierce Co. public works and planning explained that they got willing seller affidavits. This are a flood plan by design reconnection projects. These are a State funded multiple benefit projects because it is reduces flood risk, enhances habitat areas (tidal influence for salmon), and adds benefits to the agricultural community. Passes 5-0.

No other business.

Citizen Forum:

No testimony.

Meeting evaluation: Questions on the Observer sheet regarding standards were positive. The meeting started at 3:00 and adjourned 4:06pm.

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