

Pierce County Council Meeting  
May 23 , 2017

The Chair opened the meeting at 3:00. Five members were present at the meeting. Council members McCune and P. Roach were absent and excused. Council Member Ladenburg arrived at 3:03. Agenda was approved with no objections.

There was one appointment, and two ordinances and two item on further business besides the consent agenda considered by the council.

Council Member Talbert made a motion that removed Removed R2017-53 from the consent agenda, since the appointee, Mr. Hamilton was present.

The consent agenda passed unanimously 5-0.

No messages.

Section 7

**Proposal No. R2017-53, Graham advisory commission 9 members. 4 year terms.** Vacancy due to resignation. Mr Hamilton is appointed.

### **Ordinances**

There were two ordinances considered:

1) **2017-16** Write off taxes.

1970-2016. It is proposed to write off \$1.201M in "Personal property tax" This tax is different than regular property tax. It is assessed on business and residential on the value of machines that they own. The reason these are to be written off are that the business has closed, the asset is gone, property removed (ie mobile homes 23K.) or the asset value is less than \$500. The impact on county is \$64K to the road fund. Total amount is a very small amount: \$113K general in a total of \$100M in General fund (one tenth of a percent).

- a. Council member Young had some question on the difficulty of collecting the tax.

Passes: 5-0

2) **2017-17** Current Use Assessment – Application for Open Space.

- a. Chad Williams with Planning and Public Works and Sue Testo gave an overview. This is open space farm and forest land whose owner have applied and get a reduction in their taxes. If they come off the program then they need to pay taxes again.

b. No comments

c. Passed: 5-0

Other Business:

Update on the Committee House and Human Services by Council member Landenberg.

- 1) Behavior Health = mental health plus chemical dependency – anew term

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- 2) Report said how important behavioral health is. . Pierce Co is doing great things.
- 3) HSIR Study said:
  - a. Hire a behavior health analyst
  - b. Coordinating Committee – stake from nonprofits, behavioral health services. It is best to work together.
  - c. Fix: integration and coordination of the services – things fall through the cracks. Right now: No cohesive approach.
- 4) Mobile outreach team – 30 person team 24/7/365 --- not enough. Need more. Immediate impact. Additional money in the supplemental budget to help enhance the team.
- 5) More to come. Not done with work.

Motion: Move Supplement Budget from committee to full council meeting on June 20,2017. It makes more sense to for the full council to hear it so that we don't duplicate. Motion carries by voice vote.

No Citizen testifying.

**Meeting evaluation:** Questions on the Observer sheet regarding standards were positive. The meeting started at 3:00 and adjourned about 3:34pm.

5/23/17 ADM