

Pierce County Council Meeting
June 20, 2017

Six of seven members were present at the meeting. Member P. Roach was excused because of being on Council business at an economic development conference. There was two message, and one resolution besides the consent agenda. Agenda was approved by no objections. The consent agenda passed unanimously 6-0.

Move C-1 to section 7 under appointment to board and commission – Modified agenda approved.

Messages

Chair Richardson read the message from Executives 2 transmitted ordinances dealing with two vacations of roads.

Appointments to Boards and Commission

R2017-63: Re-appointment of Ray Velkers Board of Directors of the Community Development Corporations. Staff commented that this is a public nonprofit corporation. Mr Velkers addressed the councils and commented the he has been chair for the last two years. Chair Richardson thanked Mr Velkers for his service. Adopted 6-0.

Ordinances

Move adoption of 2017-13s: Supplement Budget to the 2017 Budget.

Amended at a committee of the whole. 3.8M, new fund BHF, special revenue fund Increases abatement funds.

Move adoption of Amendment 1A on blue.

Amendment to the 1A amendment –

According to Robert rules of order there can be only one amendment to an amendment. Due to the complexity of the budget, Council member. Talbert moved to suspend rules to consider more than one amendment to amendments. Rules were suspended for that purpose.

Two Amendment to Amendmet 1A were approved.

- 1) Council member Talbert change that adds money to the behavioral health fund to reflect additional operating hours and moves around some other funds to different categories. Chair Richardson supported amendment and said he didn't want to give the idea that appropriations are in competition
- 2) Council member McCune's change added the language that the behavioral health services would primarily on serving unincorporated Pierce Co. Approved on voice vote.

The Council then considered Amendment 1A as amended. The total change would be an \$239K increase to the general fund. See the paperwork for details.

Comments on 1A.

Public comment by seven people spoke approvingly of funding behavioral health. Most thought that this was a good start and much more is needed.

Council for comment on 1A

Council Chair Richardson commented that this amendment and the entire budget reflect the priorities set by the Council at the beginning of the year. These are: homelessness, behavioral health, economic development and public nuisance properties.

Council Member Young is very supportive of the trial programs we are setting up with this budget. It recognized that issues are not just for urban areas. He feels that this level of support can be sustained. He is proud of the council working together.

Council member Talbert added his voice to others thanking the staff and the council for working well together. These investments are a good start. After seeing the results, he hopes the public will stand behind the council in making more investments.

Voice Vote: Approved Amendment 1A by voice vote. 6-0.

Amendment #2 – Sheriff deputies allowing to 202.

Increased the number of officers in three districts. Members McCune, Talber, Young and Landenberg spoke in favor. Voice vote: passes.

Amendment #3 – \$9k was allocated to Boy Scouts, prevention services. Family Justice Center is backfilled in 1A Back Fill. Passes.

Amend #4 – Sting Ops) NOT INTRODUCED – work with the drug enforcement funds.

5-9 got rolled into 1A

WITH DRAWAL Amend #10

11-16 rolled into 1A

Amend 17 –

Council Member Dan Roach wants to move the \$1M in the Behavioral Health Fund (BHF) from hospital to Diversion Center because the state is funding most of the hospital. Other council members didn't think this was necessary.

Vote: Fails on Nays.

Amendment 19 – Adds money to Joint Municipal Action Committee.

Council Member Ladenburg supports these joint efforts. Good little amendment.

Vote: Approved

Amend 20. Add \$250K to IT fund for three positions.

Dan Roach – These position where in the original proposal and where taken out by 1A and this puts it back in. There is fund balance to pay for them. An oral amendment to this amendment is passed. Amendment #20 as amended is
Voice: Approved by voice vote.

Amendment 22 – Additional \$100K to the Behavioral Health Fund for us to “Co-responders” in Pierce Co. Sheriff's department. Council Member Ladenburg spoke in favor of this program citing the success of a similar program in Tacoma Police Department. Two people from the public spoke in favor of this proven program. Amendment passes on voice vote.

Amendment 23 – Increase amount allocated for **Behavior Health Manager**
Council member Talbert proposed this change to match at the executive level the amount we have set aside for additional FTE in Council. The \$300K amount was considered too high for Council member D. Roach.

Voice vote – inconclusive

Tie Vote – amendment fails – 3:3 – Fails. Young, McCune, Roach voting no.

Amendment 24

Council Member D. Roach proposes specific language to insure behavioral health funds are used for the intended purposes and that there is non-supplanting language.

Council Member Talbert stated he thought that regulations and language elsewhere were enough. Public question

Council Member Landenberg asked for clarification how Pierce Co Residences would be prioritized for the services of the behavioral health hospital. No way to earmark the \$1M because it will go in a general capital fund. Ingrid Mengea from Multicare said she would report back to the council on the residences of the patient in the future.

Chair Richardson believed that this would undo the proviso we said in the council as a whole and will be voting no.

Voice vote, Amendment 24 Fails

Adoption of the amendments.

Final Comments

Council Member Landenberg thanked everyone for working together and thought the final outcome does many good things. She is looking forward to continue to working on these things.

Council member McCune also thanked the executive. And was glad the behavioral health funding is a pilot project because he isn't sure they will work. He liked the \$100K for sting operations to get dealers off the street and protect teens and young adults.

Council Member D. Roach commented that this was a big supplemental with lots of different issues. Chair has done an excellent job taking us down the path. One thing he was not happy about – look at it as a whole and is voting for it. He is glad we won't need to raise taxes to support this work going forward.

Chair – Thank Council and said this budget says they are interested in taking care of our citizens. Showed commitment to the priorities of Pierce co.

Role Vote: as amended.

Passes: 6-0.

Other Business

The council heard an update on the Sheriff's Department Staffing needs.

Citizen Forum:

No testimony

Meeting evaluation: Questions on the Observer sheet regarding standards were positive. The meeting started at 3:15 and adjourned 5:33pm.

6/6/17 ADM