

League of Women Voters of Tacoma – Pierce County Observer Corps

Pierce County Council

November 13, 2018

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Started at 3:09pm ended at 5:51pm

Members present: Connie Ladenburg, Jim McCune (arrived late at 3:39), Douglas Richardson, Dan Roach, Pam Roach, Rick Talbert, Derek Young (arrived late at 4:34)

Others present: County directors and staff, members of the public.

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The majority of the meeting focused on discussion of the [2019 \\$1 billion budget](#) and amendments to the capital facilities plan. The next meeting on November 20 at 3pm in the County building, 930 Tacoma Avenue South, Room 1045, will be to approve the 2019 budget and amendments to the capital facilities plan. Please attend if you would like to comment or have questions concerning the 2019 budget and capital facilities amendments. Among the amendments discussed at the November 13 meeting were funding for the Pierce County Law Library and funding for tiny homes.

The Council passed Proposal 73s, the [Capital Facilities Plan for 2019](#). This included plans over the next 6 years for 200 projects costing \$440 million. 90% of the expenditures are for sewers, surface water management, parks and maintenance of the administrative building.

Most of the other proposed ordinances concerned raising County rates and fees for 2019. These included County [jail incarceration fees](#), [sewer rates](#), [ad valorem \(property\) taxes](#), [road district levies](#), [parks and recreation service fees](#), [planning and public works fees](#), and [school impact fees](#) (charges for new housing construction that go to school districts).

The Council also passed ordinances concerning improvement of Pierce County [sewers](#), [surface water management](#), and [roads and ferries](#). In addition, the council voted to [raise the wages of non-represented employees](#) (about 40% of County employees) by 2.5%. This is approximately the same percentage increase as received by represented employees.

All of the measures on the agenda passed unanimously except for one dissenting vote by councilwoman Roach regarding the Parks and Recreation Service Area fees.