

League of Women Voters of Tacoma – Pierce County Observer Corps

Pierce County Council February 12, 2019

Lydia Zepeda reporting Started at 3:03 pm ended at 4:13pm

Members present: Marty Campbell, Connie Ladenburg, Jim McCune, Dave Morrel, Douglas Richardson, Pam Roach, Derek Young

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

Consent agenda – Consent agenda approved 7-0.

[Proposal Ordinance 2018 102s](#) – revises when gates across roads require a permit, requires hiring of county engineer and designates authority over county roads, mandates connectivity as priority for all new county roads. **Date of final Council hearing March 12, 2019.**

[Proposal Ordinance 2019-7](#) – establishes costs of uploading and delivering electronic files for public records requests. **Date of final Council hearing February 19, 2019.**

[Proposal R2019-17](#) – authorizes submission of grant applications to Recreation and Conservation Office for funding for Alward Road levee setback for Salmon Recovery Funding Board 2019 Grant Program. **Date of final Council hearing February 19, 2019.**

Motion to rescind March 5, 2019 Council date and reset final hearing date of March 12, 2019 for the following proposals:

[Proposal 2019-6](#) – adopt [new chapter 2.43 to Pierce County Code, “Prenatal to 25 Commission for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult Development.”](#)

[Proposal 2019-15](#) - Resolution of the Pierce County Council to prioritize Prenatal-to-Three policies, best practices and cross coordination to improve child and family outcomes in Pierce County.

Resolutions

[Proposal No. R2019-16](#) - Confirms appointment of [Jody Ferguson](#) as the Director of the Emergency Management Department.
Approved 7-0.

Messages from Executive/Judges/Prosecuting Attorney

County Executive Dammeier stated that Pierce County has been under a state of emergency since Friday and it may end by tomorrow morning depending on how the road clearing goes overnight.

Ordinances

[Proposal 2018-103](#) - Grants nonexclusive franchise to the Longbranch Shores Water Association for location of waterlines on certain county-owned rights-of-way.
Approved 7-0.

[Proposal No. 2019-1](#) - Cancels uncollectible personal property taxes of \$386,157.46 for businesses that have closed and assets are gone, and \$8,350.41 for uncollectible mobile home taxes, for a total of \$394,507.87 in uncollectible taxes.
Approved 7-0.

[Proposal No. 2019-2s](#) - Places Washington Co-Operative Egg & Poultry Association Lakebay Station [[15 Lorenz Rd SW, Lakebay WA](#)] on the Register of Historic Places.
Approved 7-0.

Citizen's forum: Al Radcliff, Pierce County homeless coalition, spoke as an individual about the need for affordable housing in Pierce County and wanted to bring to Council's attention: [House Bill 1406](#) and [Senate Bill 5646](#) . These bills allow counties to keep a portion 0.1% of state sales tax for affordable housing. Provision for those who have passed 0.1% sales tax already to get double. Citizen recommends that the Council start work on planning so that the monies can be used wisely for affordable housing.