

Pierce County Council Meeting
2017-05-02

Six members were present at the meeting. Councilwoman Ladenburg was excused. In this jovial meeting, there were three ordinances in the message from the Executive, three proclamations, and one resolution besides the consent agenda. The consent agenda passed unanimously 6-0.

Chair Richardson read the titles of the ordinances in the message from Executive.

3 Proclamations were each approved 6-0.

1. **National Travel and Tourism Week:** May 7-13, 2017. In testimony, four people stood to thank the council for recognizing the importance of tourism and amateur sports events to economic development in Pierce County. Tourism employs over 11,000 people and brings in over 1.7 billion in revenue. Representatives from Travel Tacoma, Tacoma South Sound Sports Commission, Pierce Co Economic Development spoke. Some interesting upcoming events are: June's Festival of Sail, the Fort Lewis Centennial, Baseball AAA all star game, a cross country regional event, future volleyball events at Chambers Bay and an airforce event at JBLM (not public) that will be one of the largest continuous exercises that includes multinational aircraft. Council Member P. Roach asked the Economic Development director to please include sport fishing in the upcoming strategic plan. Chair Richardson mentioned the significant revenue now being generated by the privatization of lodging at JBLM and the now five hotels in Dupont. Proclamation passed 6-0. The Council took pictures with about 15 representatives of the tourism industry.
2. **Municipal Clerks Week** May 7-13: Council Member Young read the proclamation and then gave special thanks to the council clerks for their hard work and ability to make the Council look good. He noted the work done to make the Council's work paperless which adds to transparency. Council Member P. Roach joked they should get a special parking space and Chair Richardson added his appreciation. Proclamation passed 6-0. The Council took pictures with clerks from council, and the executive and judicial branches.
3. **Juror Appreciation Month.** P. Roach read the proclamation. Presiding Superior Court Judge Elizabeth Martin introduced three staff members and talked of the importance of juror services. She said the each May 1st on National Rule of Law day, all the judges spoke at local high schools. This year's theme is the 14th Amendment. Judge Martin explained how jurors are selected and stressed the skill of the staff to be efficient. Between 200-400 jurors are summoned each day, equaling 11,000 people each year. Council Member Young added his appreciation and said he enjoyed a month long juror assignment and appreciated the judges going to the high schools. Proclamation passed: 6-0.

The resolution for Drainage District No. 14 Appointment of Commissioner to the Drainage Board was postponed indefinitely by a voice vote. No reason was given.

There was no other business and no one testified during the Citizen's forum.

Meeting evaluation: Questions on the Observer sheet regarding standards were positive. The meeting started at 3:00 pm and adjourned about 3:44 pm.

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Note: In statements before the meeting had started, Chair Richardson made comments that indicated he had read Alison McCaffree's meeting notes from 4/4/17.

5/2/17 ADM