

Pierce County Regional Council

Regular Meeting Minutes | May 18, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

Pierce County Annex, Public Meeting Room

2401 S 35th St, Tacoma, WA

Remote meeting held via Zoom.us

Representative(s) Present	Jurisdiction	Representative(s) Present	Jurisdiction
	<i>City of Auburn</i>	DM Ned Witting CM Dennis King	<i>City of Puyallup</i>
CM Justin Evans	<i>City of Bonney Lake</i>		<i>City of Roy</i>
CM Brandon Green, Vice Chair	<i>City of Buckley</i>		<i>Town of Ruston</i>
	<i>Town of Carbonado</i>		<i>Town of South Prairie</i>
CM Kevin Ballard	<i>City of DuPont</i>	CM Elizabeth Grasher (Alt.) CM Roger Neal	<i>Town of Steilacoom</i>
CM Kyle Litzenberger	<i>Town of Eatonville</i>	CM Charla Neuman	<i>City of Sumner</i>
	<i>City of Edgewood</i>	CM John Hines CM Olgy Diaz	<i>City of Tacoma</i>
CM Bryan Yambe	<i>City of Fife</i>	MPT Javier Figueroa CM Denise McCluskey	<i>City of University Place</i>
CM Shannon Reynolds, Chair CM Nikki Bufford	<i>City of Fircrest</i>		<i>Town of Wilkeson</i>
CM Brenda Lykins	<i>City of Gig Harbor</i>		<i>PC Library District</i>
Mayor Jason Whalen CM Paul Bocchi	<i>City of Lakewood</i>		<i>Pierce Transit</i>
CM Dave Strader	<i>City of Milton</i>	Paul Inghram	<i>Puget Sound Regional Council</i>
	<i>City of Orting</i>		<i>Puyallup Tribe of Indians</i>
	<i>City of Pacific</i>		<i>South Sound Military & Communities Partnership</i>
	<i>Pierce County</i>	Erika Bartlett	<i>Tacoma-PC Health Dept</i>
	<i>Port of Tacoma</i>	George Mazur	<i>WA State DOT</i>

A quorum of the body was present with 14 voting member jurisdictions represented.

Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

Citizen Testimony

The following members of the public were present and provided public comment:

- CM Beth Elliot, City of DuPont – Agenda Item 8
- Superintendent Tom Siegel, Bethel Schools – Agenda Item 8

Minutes

(April 20, 2023)

Motion made (Green/Whalen) and seconded to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion passed and minutes are adopted.

Legislative Updates

Brynn Brady, Ceiba Consulting, provided a legislative update of the 2023 legislative session. She provided an overview of some of the key bills and answered Council questions.

Point-in-Time Count and Implementation of Comprehensive Plan Element to End Homelessness

Delmar Algee, Pierce County Human Services, provided a presentation on the County's comprehensive plan to end homelessness and an overview of the Point-in-Time Count and answered Council questions.

Housing Targets and Income Allocation

Erika Rhett Hunt, Long Range Planning Supervisor, provided a presentation on the Allocation of Housing by Income and the new State Requirements passed under House Bill 1220. She also detailed the HAPT tool and GMCC's recommendation to PCRC, covered next steps, and answered Council questions.

Motion made (Witting/Lykins)

- Accept the Commerce compromise housing unit target number of 111,511 for Pierce County.
- Update the housing unit target allocation in Ordinance 2022-46s with the results from the HAPT tool.
- Structure the division of the County's share of growth consistent with Ordinance 2022-46s:
 - 10,870 total for urban unincorporated areas
 - 3% to the rural area
 - The remainder to the High-Capacity Transit area
- Apply Method A to allocate housing by income band.

Amendment

Motion Made (Ballard)

To repeal section 2 of the draft ordinance which include Exhibit B and allow jurisdictions 24 months following the adoption for the 2024 comprehensive plan updates to complete.

Motion died (*no second*).

Amendment Motion Made (Witting/Ballard)

To amend Section 2 of the draft Ordinance of the Pierce County Council to Repeal and Replace the Growth Management Act 2044 Housing Unit Targets for Cities, Towns, and Unincorporated Areas of Pierce County; Adopting 2044 housing unit targets by income band using the Department of Commerce Housing for All Planning Tool; and Adopting Findings of Fact...to read as follows:

Section 2. The Pierce County allocation of housing unit needs by moderate, low, very low, and extremely low-income households and emergency housing, emergency shelters, and permanent supportive housing for the year 2044 as shown in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein will be considered for adoption 24 months following the adoption of 2024 Pierce County member government Comprehensive plan updates.

Amendment Motion Failed: 2-12

Motion Made (Whalen/Green)

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Motion Passed: 14-1

TCC

Nothing to report.

GMCC

Chris Larson, GMCC Chair, provided an update from the last regular meeting.

OCC

CM Green, PCRC Vice Chair, provided an update from the meeting.

TWG (TCC Working Group)

MPT Figueroa, TWG Chair, provided an update from the last regular meeting.

PSRC Committee Reports

GMPB

Paul Inghram, PSRC, provided an update from the last regular meeting.

TPB

Nothing to report.

EDB

Nothing to report.

EB

The PSRC did not convene last month, nothing to report.

OC

Nothing to report.

Nothing to report.

Zoo/Trek Authority

Announcements

Members of the Council provided announcements and current events happening in their respective jurisdictions.

Adjourn/Continue

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.