

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

February 2, 2009  
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; ANGIE MATHIAS, Associate Planner; DEPUTY CHIEF MARK PETERSON, Fire Department; COMMANDER PAUL CLINE, Police Department.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Annexation: Shamrock,  
NE 10th St & Jericho Pl NE

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Law opened the public hearing to consider the 60% Petition to Annex and zoning for the proposed Shamrock Annexation; approximately 124 acres, located generally south of NE 10th St., east of Jericho Pl. NE. Community and Economic Development Administrator Alex Pietsch introduced Associate Planner Angie Mathias.

Ms. Mathias stated that there are 142 single-family homes and extensive vacant land located within the annexation area. She noted that the site contains some steep slopes and wetlands. She indicated that public services are currently provided by Fire District #10 and #25, Water District #90, Renton sewer service, and the Issaquah School District.

Ms. Mathias reported that current King County zoning is R-4 (four dwelling units per gross acre) and that Renton's Comprehensive Plan designates the area as Residential Low Density (RLD). She stated that R-4 zoning (four dwelling units per net acre) is proposed for the area.

Turning to the fiscal impact analysis, Ms. Mathias estimated a surplus of \$32,738 at current development and a surplus of \$97,438 at full development. In conclusion, Ms. Mathias stated that the annexation proposal is consistent with relevant City annexation policies and Boundary Review Board objectives.

Correspondence received from Jon Newman (Seattle) in support of the Shamrock Annexation was acknowledged.

There being no public comment it was, **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ACCEPT THE 60% DIRECT PETITION FOR THE SHAMROCK ANNEXATION AND AUTHORIZE FORWARDING THE NOTICE OF INTENT PACKAGE TO THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD. CARRIED.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2009 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* Sixty-one volunteers, including former Washington Governor Mike Lowry and current Renton City Councilmembers Greg Taylor, Marcie Palmer, and Terri Briere, gathered for the third annual One Night Count in Renton to count the unsheltered homeless on January 30. In Renton's nine geographical count areas, 90 people were counted as homeless. This is an increase of over 100 percent from the 2008 count of 44.
- \* The City of Renton Neighborhood Program will host the sixth annual Neighbor-to-Neighbor Leadership Workshop on Saturday, February 21, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Renton Senior Activity Center located at 211 Burnett Ave. N. All interested City residents are welcome.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**  
 Citizen Comment: Nordby -  
 Annexation to King County  
 Library System

Gurine Nordby (King County) remarked that the needs of elderly and disabled residents are not being met by the Renton Library System. She stated that she gave up her library card years ago and cannot go into the Renton library. She indicated that Renton libraries do not have many of the materials she borrows from the King County Library System (KCLS). Ms. Nordby also stated that if her property is annexed to Renton, and Renton residents decide not to annex to the KCLS, she may consider a lawsuit to make sure the needs of disabled and elderly residents are met.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Meeting Minutes of  
 1/26/2009

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 1/26/2009. Council concur.

Appointment: Advisory  
 Commission on Diversity

Mayor Law appointed Barbara Clark-Elliott to the Advisory Commission on Diversity for an unexpired term expiring on 12/31/2009 (position previously held by Audrey Godwin). Refer to Community Services Committee.

Appeal: St Thomas Orthodox  
 Church Conditional Use  
 Permit, Christman, CU-08-102

City Clerk reported appeal of Hearing Examiner's decision regarding the St. Thomas Orthodox Church Conditional Use Permit (CU-08-102); appeal filed by David Christman, Sr., accompanied by required fee. Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

CAG: 08-201, Liberty Park  
 Ballfield Lighting, Service  
 Electric Company

City Clerk reported bid opening on 1/23/2009 for CAG-08-201, Liberty Park Ballfield Lighting project; 13 bids; engineer's estimate \$240,000; and submitted staff recommendation to transfer \$20,000 within Fund 316 for this project and to award the contract to the low bidder, Service Electric Company, Inc., in the amount of \$234,567.89. Refer to Finance Committee.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
Committee of the Whole  
 Library: Annexation to King  
 County Library System

Council President Corman presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding the future and funding of the Renton libraries. The Committee recommended that the Administration:

- Draft an interlocal agreement to continue to explore annexation to the King County Library System (KCLS) to determine roles and next steps.
- Prepare an ordinance stating that it is in the best interest of the City to join KCLS.
- Transmit the recommendation to the Renton Library Board for review and recommendation.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Legal: City Attorney  
Compensation

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 2/9/2009 for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Administrative, Judicial, and Legal Services Department, of Title III (Departments and Officers), of City Code, by repealing Subsection 3-1-4D, Compensation; and Subsection 3-1-4E; Additional Compensation. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/9/2009. CARRIED.**

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**ORDINANCE #5443**

Police: Regional  
Misdemeanant Jail Facility,  
SCORE Interlocal Agreement

An ordinance was read authorizing the execution of an interlocal agreement relating to the South Correctional Entity Facility and the formation of the South Correctional Entity Facility Public Development Authority. **MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

**ORDINANCE #5444**

Police: Regional  
Misdemeanant Jail Facility,  
SCORE Creation

An ordinance was read authorizing the creation of a public corporation to be known as the South Correctional Entity Facility Public Development Authority; approving a Charter and Bylaws; establishing a Board of Directors to govern the affairs of the authority; and approving procedures for the conduct of its affairs. **MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

**ORDINANCE #5445**

Finance: Gambling Tax  
Revenues, Non-Profit  
Organizations

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 8, Gambling Tax, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations), of City Code, relating to the tax rate imposed on bingo and/or raffles operated by charitable or non-profit organizations. **MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

City Clerk: Emergency  
Information on Renton  
Channel 21

Council President Corman reported receiving a phone call from Lyle Dull (Renton) requesting that the City air emergency information, such as flood levels, on Renton Channel 21 during emergencies. He noted that not everyone has access to the internet.

City Clerk: Broadcast Digital  
Television Transition

**MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ISSUE OF COMCAST CABLE AND THEIR UPCOMING CHANGES (DIGITAL TRANSITION) TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:25 p.m.**



Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Jason Seth  
February 2, 2009

**RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR**  
**Office of the City Clerk**  
**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 2, 2009**

COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN	DATE/TIME	AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Corman)	MON., 2/9 5:00 p.m.	Fire District #40 Asset Transfer; Howard Hanson Dam Update
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Briere)		
FINANCE (Persson)	MON., 2/9 4:15 p.m.	Vouchers; Liberty Park Ballfield Lighting Bid Award
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Parker)		
PUBLIC SAFETY (Taylor)		
TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) (Palmer)		
UTILITIES (Zwicker)		

NOTE: Committee of the Whole meetings are held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.  
All other committee meetings are held in the Council Conference Room unless otherwise noted.