

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 25, 2007
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Toni Nelson called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

TONI NELSON, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; TERRI BRIERE; DENIS LAW, Council President Pro Tem; DAN CLAWSON.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ROBERT HANSON, Transportation Design Supervisor; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; GERALD RERECICH, Recreation Director; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; DEPUTY CHIEF CHUCK DUFFY, Fire Department; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Community Services: Special Olympics Athlete Recognition

Recreation Director Rerecich announced that the Washington State Special Olympics finals in track, soccer, and cycling recently took place at Fort Lewis. He pointed out that 87 athletes represented Renton in those sports. Each athlete who was present at the meeting introduced himself, and identified the sport(s) in which he participated, as well as how he placed in his event(s).

Community Services: Park Board Annual Report

Parks Director Betlach explained that Renton's Park Board identifies and examines future trends, participates in the planning process, and recommends courses of action to meet existing park and recreation needs. She introduced the Park Board members present in the audience, and invited Chair Tim Searing to present the Park Board Annual Report (April 2006 - May 2007).

Mr. Searing stated that new Community Services Administrator Terry Higashiyama has provided guidance and insight to the Park Board's decision making process. He reported that over the past year, the Park Board has redesigned the meeting agenda format, filled two vacancies, and started to move the monthly meetings out into the community. Key highlights included: Community Services Department re-accreditation and updated strategic plan, Tri-Park Master Plan adoption by Council, Heritage Park naming and dedication, and the new restaurant vendor at Maplewood Golf Course.

In conclusion, Mr. Searing thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the Park Board and stressed how important open space, trails, and active parks are for the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Assistant CAO Wine reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2007 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * Nominations for the 2007 Renton Citizen of the Year program are being accepted through August 31.
- * Removal or pruning of 15 large trees surrounding Carco Theatre begins this week in order to improve visibility and reduce building maintenance costs resulting from the intense shading of the closely spaced trees.
- * Washington State Department of Transportation has opened bids for Stage

1 of the I-405 widening project, which involves the portion of I-405 extending from the Renton/Tukwila boundary to the SR-167 interchange. Work begins July 2, with some construction occurring in the Oakesdale vicinity in August and the overall project is expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: McCammon - Benson Hill Communities Annexation, S 200th St & 128th Ave SE

Dave McCammon, 17221 125th Ave. SE, Renton, 98058, encouraged Council to support the Benson Hill Communities Annexation, and announced that the Benson Hill Communities Progress Group will hold an open public information meeting on the proposed annexation at Renton Park Elementary School on July 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilmembers, items 6.d. and 6.i. were removed for separate consideration.

Council Meeting Minutes of 6/18/2007

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 6/18/2007. Council concur.

Annexation: Benson Hill Communities, S 200th St & 128th Ave SE

Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services Department recommended adoption of a resolution accepting the Boundary Review Board-amended boundaries for the Benson Hill Communities Annexation, amending the ballot title, and calling for King County to hold a special municipal election for placement on the 11/6/2007 ballot reflecting these changes. Refer to Committee of the Whole.

Development Services: Standard Codes Adoption

Development Services Division recommended adoption of the following: 2006 International Code Series; 2006 Washington State Energy Code; 2006 Washington State Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality Code; 2006 International Plumbing Code; and 2005 National Electrical Code. Council concur. (See page 222 for ordinance.)

Planning: 2006 Countywide Planning Policies Amendments

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended adoption of a resolution ratifying the 2006 amendments to the Growth Management Planning Council's Countywide Planning Policies. Council concur. (See page 222 for resolution.)

Transportation: Oakesdale Ave SW Wetland Ph I & II Landscape Maintenance, Teufel Nursery

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement in the amount of \$29,294.10 with Teufel Nursery, Inc. for Oakesdale Ave. SW Wetland Phase I and II landscape maintenance. Council concur.

Transportation: Commute Trip Reduction Program Grant, WSDOT

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation to accept funds in the amount of \$44,355.10 for the Commute Trip Reduction program. Council concur. (See page 222 for resolution.)

Transportation: Commute Trip Reduction Program Services, King County

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement in the amount of \$38,060 with King County Department of Transportation to provide Commute Trip Reduction services to 24 affected employers in the City of Renton for 2007-2008. Council concur. (See page 222 for resolution.)

Utility: Surveying Services Roster, 2007-2008

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of the Surveying Services Roster, valid from July 2007 to July 2008, listing 11 professional land surveyors. Council concur.

MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEMS 6.d. AND 6.i. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration**Item 6.i.**

Streets: Rainier Ave S &
Shattuck Ave S & Hardie Ave
SW Closures for RR Bridge
Replacements

Transportation Systems Division requested authorization for the temporary closure of Rainier Ave. S. (5 a.m. 8/11/2007 to 10 p.m. 8/15/2007), Shattuck Ave. S. (8/1/2007 to 8/10/2007 and 8/16/2007 to 12/28/2007), and Hardie Ave. SW (8/16/2007 to 8/20/2007) at the BNSF railroad bridge crossings for construction of the bridge replacements.

At the request for more information by Councilmember Palmer, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Zimmerman stated that BNSF Railway is replacing railroad bridges over Rainier Ave. S., Shattuck Ave. S., and Hardie Ave. SW. Construction is scheduled to begin 8/1/2007 and end 12/28/2007. He reviewed the Hardie Ave. SW and Shattuck Ave. S. temporary closure dates.

Turning to Rainier Ave. S., Mr. Zimmerman explained that the railroad bridge is not wide enough to accommodate the future street improvements, and the bridge replacement involves removal of a massive central abutment in order to improve left turn capability. He indicated that the abutment was initially to be removed over one weekend, working 24 hours a day; however, the Transportation (Aviation) Committee members expressed concern regarding the effect of the 24-hour noise on nearby residents. Mr. Zimmerman said the revised Rainier Ave. S. closure proposal does not involve any nighttime work. Instead, the road would be closed from 5 a.m. on August 11 to 10 p.m. on August 15, with construction occurring from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. over the weekend of August 11 and 12.

Responding to Council inquiries, Mr. Zimmerman stated that the effect of a weekend closure on businesses depended upon the type of business, and he assured that the City will inform businesses of the street closure revision. He noted that the project will not benefit from any nighttime work and confirmed that if the abutment is removed faster than predicted, the road will open sooner. Mr. Zimmerman indicated that two signed detour routes will be present during the closure. Transportation Design Supervisor Hanson confirmed that traffic signals on the detour routes and other intersections will be set to accommodate the change in traffic flow.

Councilmember Persson noted the cost savings to the City of \$2 million by having BNSF replace the bridge in this manner, and he further noted that additional police officers will be assigned to the area during the road closure. In response to Councilmember Clawson's inquiry, Mr. Hanson stated that signs will be posted one month prior to the closures. Councilmember Palmer pointed out that the Summer Construction Projects page on the City's website contains valuable information, and she encouraged the public to periodically review the page to keep apprised of the many projects occurring this summer.

Mayor Pro Tem Nelson suggested the distribution of informational fliers close to when the road closure will occur to remind businesses of the upcoming event. Councilmember Corman suggested that during the community outreach regarding this project, the City make clear that the bridge replacements will help improve the Rainier Corridor in the long run.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6.i. AS PRESENTED. CARRIED. (See page
222 for resolution.)

Separate Consideration**Item 6.d.**

Annexation: Liberty, 156th Ave SE & SE 144th St

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 10% Notice of Intent to annex petition for the proposed Liberty Annexation, and recommended a public meeting be set on 7/9/2007 to consider the petition; 184.2 acres located in the vicinity of 156th Ave. SE and SE 144th St.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL: APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6.d. AS PRESENTED; REQUIRE PUBLIC MEETING NOTIFICATION TO SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET OF THE ANNEXATION AREA AND TO NEIGHBORING SUBDIVISIONS; AND REFER THE ISSUE OF ANNEXATION NOTIFICATION PRACTICES TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 260800 - 261330 and two wire transfers totaling \$5,829,452.48; and approval of 262 Payroll Vouchers, zero wire transfers, and 673 direct deposits totaling \$2,199,304.10. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Utility Bill Adjustment, Renton Housing Authority

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the request for utility bill adjustment from the Renton Housing Authority. Due to two separate leaks that took some time to locate, the Renton Housing Authority requested an adjustment to their utility bills in the amount of \$14,158.35. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation and approves the request of the Renton Housing Authority. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee

Transportation: I-405, (I-5 to SR-169) Stage 1 Widening, WSDOT

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a cooperative agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for a City of Renton project coordinator for the I-405, I-5 to SR-169 Stage 1 Widening Project. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 222 for resolution.)

Planning & Development Committee

Planning: City Code Amends re R-4 Zone & Animal Regulations

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the animals, cluster, and design ordinance. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance be prepared for first reading. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning: City Code Amends re Tree Retention

Responding to Councilmember Corman's inquiry, Economic Development Administrator Pietsch stated that the tree retention ordinance, which was reported out of Planning and Development Committee on 6/11/2007, affects every zone throughout the City.

Utilities Committee

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending

Utility: SW 34th St Culvert Replacement Project Fund Transfer, Budget Amend

concurrence in the staff recommendation to transfer \$150,000 to the 2007 SW 34th St. Culvert Replacement Project budget from the Surface Water Utility's approved 2007 budget for the Lake Ave. S./Rainier Ave. S. Storm System Replacement Capital Improvement Program project. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance amending the 2007 Budget be presented for first reading. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 222 for ordinance.)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3886

Planning: 2006 Countywide Planning Policies Amendments

A resolution was read ratifying amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3887

Transportation: Commute Trip Reduction Program Grant, WSDOT

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation authorizing release of State funds in the amount of \$44,355.10 for implementation of the Citywide Commute Trip Reduction program. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3888

Transportation: Commute Trip Reduction Program Services, King County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with King County for implementation of the Citywide Commute Trip Reduction program in the amount of \$38,060 to support activities of the City of Renton as required under the State of Washington Commute Trip Reduction Law. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3889

Streets: Rainier Ave S & Shattuck Ave S & Hardie Ave SW Closures for RR Bridge Replacements

A resolution was read authorizing the temporary street closures of Shattuck Ave. S., Rainier Ave. S., and Hardie Ave. SW. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED TO CORRECT THE FOLLOWING UNDER SECTION II: CHANGE THE RAINIER AVENUE CLOSURE DATE TO STATE "August 11, 2007, to August 15, 2007," AND CHANGE THE WORDS "The Mayor and City Clerk" TO "The City Council." CARRIED.

Resolution #3890

Transportation: I-405, (I-5 to SR-169) Stage 1 Widening, WSDOT

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation concerning funding of a project coordinator for the I-405, I-5 to SR-169 Stage 1 Widening Project. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 7/2/2007 for second and final reading:

Utility: SW 34th St Culvert Replacement Project Fund Transfer, Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2007 Budget by transferring \$150,000 from the Lake Ave. S./Rainier Ave. S. Storm System Replacement Project expenditure account to the SW 34th St. Culvert Replacement Project expenditure account. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/2/2007. CARRIED.

Development Services: Standard Codes Adoption

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-5-040, 4-5-050, 4-5-055, 4-5-090, 4-5-100, and 4-5-110 and adding Section 4-5-051 of Chapter 5, Building and Fire Prevention Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code

by adopting the 2006 International Building, Residential, Mechanical, The Washington State Energy Code, and Fuel Gas Codes; the 2005 National Electrical Code, the 2006 Washington State Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality

Code, and the 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code, and amendments thereto. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 7/2/2007. CARRIED.

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

Ordinance #5293

Annexation: Aster Park, NE Sunset Blvd

An ordinance was read annexing approximately 19.85 acres of property located immediately south of NE Sunset Blvd. and immediately west of 148th Ave. SE (Aster Park Annexation). MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5294

Annexation: Aster Park, R-4 Zoning (12.17 Acres)

An ordinance was read establishing the zoning classification for approximately 12.17 acres located immediately south of the south side of NE Sunset Blvd. on the north, west of the west side of 148th Ave. SE, and north of the midpoint of SE 112th St., if extended, on the south, from R-4 (Urban Residential - four dwelling units per acre, King County zoning) to R-4 (Residential - four dwelling units per acre, Renton zoning); Aster Park Annexation. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5295

Annexation: Aster Park, R-4 Zoning (6 Acres)

An ordinance was read establishing the zoning classification for approximately six acres located immediately south of the south side of NE Sunset Blvd. on the north, west of the new Aster Park Subdivision, and north of the midpoint of SE 112th St., if extended, on the south, from R-48 (Urban Residential - 48 dwelling units per acre, King County zoning) to R-4 (Residential - four dwelling units per acre, Renton zoning); Aster Park Annexation. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Court Case: Scoccolo Construction, CRT-98-008

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE COST OF THE SCOCCOLO LAWSUIT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Council: Positions on Regional Matters

Pointing out that many Councilmembers are involved with regional boards or other organizations, Councilmember Clawson stated that he is interested in what everyone is doing. He noted that any discussion regarding what position a Councilmember is going to take on an issue and then present to the affected board should take place at a public meeting such as Committee of the Whole. Mr. Clawson asked the Council President to determine a way to implement this type of discussion process.

Mayor Pro Tem Nelson indicated that Committee of the Whole is an appropriate venue for that type of discussion. Councilmember Clawson emphasized that the Council has the ability to influence regional decisions especially when teamed up with other cities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS LITIGATION WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN

AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 8:12 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
June 25, 2007