

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

September 17, 2007  
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kathy Keolker 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; DAN CLAWSON; DENIS LAW; TERRI BRIERE; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; RANDY CORMAN.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Community Relations and Event Coordinator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PROVISIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF MARK PETERSON, Fire Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH and COMMANDER TIM TROXEL, Police Department.

**PROCLAMATION**  
Mayor's Day of Concern for  
the Hungry - 9/22/2007

A proclamation by Mayor Keolker was read declaring September 22, 2007, to be "Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry" in the City of Renton and strongly urging all citizens to join the Emergency Feeding Program and the local food banks in their efforts to nourish those who are hungry. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Emergency Feeding Program Executive Director Arthur Lee, Renton Salvation Army Captain Terry Masango, and Renton Salvation Army Social Services Director Lisa Robinson accepted the proclamation with appreciation. Captain Masango encouraged citizens to participate in the annual countywide food drive on September 22.

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATIONS**  
Community Event: Return to  
Renton Car Show,  
Contribution of Proceeds to  
Police Department

Jim Medzegian, member of the Return to Renton Car Show Steering Committee, reported on the 17th Annual Return to Renton Car Show held on 7/7/2007. He acknowledged the presence of steering committee members in the audience, and shared highlights of the show. Mr. Medzegian noted that the steering committee wants to hold the 2008 show in downtown Renton, and is working with City staff towards that end. He presented Police Chief Milosevich with some commemorative items and a check in the amount of \$16,000 for the Renton Police Department's youth fund. Chief Milosevich indicated that the proceeds from the car show will help sponsor various youth programs.

Community Services: Sister  
City Cuautla, Jalisco, Mexico,  
Renton Visit

Community Relations and Event Coordinator Mejlaender and Renton-Cuautla Sister City Committee volunteer Celeste Brady, who provided the Spanish translation of the presentation, welcomed the three-member delegation from Renton's sister city Cuautla, Jalisco, Mexico. Sister City Committee Co-Chair Andee Jorgensen introduced the delegates, acknowledged the members of the Sister City Committee present in the audience, and described the events and activities the delegation will participate in during their visit.

Cuautla delegate and Mayor (Presidente Municipal) Gregorio Iturralde Torres extended his best wishes to Renton for a fruitful and successful year, and expressed appreciation for the sister-city relationship between the two cities.

Mayor Keolker and Council President Nelson presented each delegate with a certificate of appreciation and an official City of Renton pin.

## 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 2007 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* Renton residents are invited to a community meeting and presentation on September 26 to learn about airport noise effects and to provide input for the airport noise study which is jointly funded by the cities of Renton and Mercer Island.
- \* Kids ages four to twelve are invited to compete in the annual Soccer Challenge on October 4 at Ron Regis Park. Pre-registration is required.
- \* Beginning this week, Washington State Department of Transportation crews will be paving and preparing the shoulders for future widening on southbound SR-167 in Renton. The I-405 Widening Project is the first stage of improvements on I-405 between I-5 and SR-167.

## AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Osborne - Off-Leash Dog Park

Ross Osborne (King County) spoke about the feasibility of an off-leash dog park in Renton, questioning whether the Narco site (1500 Houser Way S.) is a possible location for this type of park. Community Services Administrator Higashiyama noted the possibility of using the site as a temporary off-leash dog park, and stated that she will be happy to discuss the topic of a dog park with Mr. Osborne.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council Meeting Minutes of 9/10/2007

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 9/10/2007. Council concur.

Appeal: Grant Ave Townhomes Site Plan, Jones & Kovach Architects, SA-07-018

City Clerk reported two appeals of Hearing Examiner's decisions regarding Grant Ave. Townhomes site plan application; appeals filed on 8/23/2007 by Robin Jones and by Kovach Architects, each accompanied by required fee. Refer to Planning and Development Committee.\*

Community Services: City Hall Lease (5th Floor), Communities in Schools of Renton

Community Services Department requested approval of a lease with Communities in Schools of Renton for space on the fifth floor of City Hall; revenue generated over five-year term is \$30,139.92. Refer to Finance Committee.

Development Services: Fees Waiver, The Chelsea & Blakey Townhomes

Development Services Division recommended approval to waive the development, building, and impact fees per City Code owner-occupied housing incentive for The Chelsea condominium project, 513 S. 2nd St., and Blakey Townhomes, 604 Morris Ave. S. Estimated total fees for The Chelsea are \$55,852.85 and \$56,404.55 for Blakey Townhomes. Refer to Finance Committee.

Appeal: Vineyards Construction Latecomer Agreement, Green, LA-06-002

Hearing Examiner submitted recommendation regarding appeal filed on behalf of Norma J. Randall concerning the Vineyards Construction, LLC latecomer agreement for sewer main extension along NE 7th Pl. Hearing Examiner recommended including the appellant's property in the latecomer agreement. Council concur.

\*Mayor Keolker reported receipt of an added item of correspondence related to the appeal of the Grant Ave. Townhomes site plan (item 7.b.) from Sally Brick,

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP, who represents the applicant Tridor, Inc. She noted that the correspondence also needs to be referred to the Planning and Development Committee.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED WITH THE ADDED ITEM OF CORRESPONDENCE. CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Committee of the Whole**

EDNSP: Downtown  
Wayfinding System  
Installation, Sea Reach

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding the downtown wayfinding system manufacture and installation contract. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with Sea Reach, Ltd. for \$221,180 to manufacture and install the prioritized components of the downtown wayfinding system that will improve the system of signage into and around downtown Renton.

The Committee further recommended that a public meeting be set for 10/15/2007 to discuss the downtown wayfinding system design and color scheme. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.\*

Responding to Mayor Keolker's inquiry, Council President Nelson explained that the purpose of the public meeting is to view actual color samples and materials for the gateway signs in particular, and to invite comment from the public.

\*ROLL CALL: FIVE AYES: NELSON, CLAWSON, LAW, BRIERE, CORMAN; TWO NAYS: PALMER, PERSSON. MOTION CARRIED.

**Community Services Committee**

Appointment: Airport  
Advisory Committee

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in Mayor Keolker's appointments to the Airport Advisory Committee as follows: Todd Banks (Airport-at-Large alternate position) for a term expiring 5/7/2010, and Matthew Devine (Talbot Hill neighborhood alternate position) for a term expiring 5/7/2008. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Development Services: Private  
Stormwater Utilities in  
Geologically Hazardous Areas

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 9/24/2007 for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read adding a Subsection 4-3-050C5D.iv to the table entitled "Exempt Activities permitted within Critical Areas and Associated Buffers" to Chapter 3, Environmental Regulations and Overlay Districts, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to add an exception for stormwater piping in a geologic hazard area. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 9/24/2007. CARRIED.

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

**Ordinance #5301**

Annexation: Anthone', Talbot  
Rd S & S 55th St

An ordinance was read annexing approximately 4.89 acres of property generally located immediately south of S. 55th St. and immediately east of Talbot Rd. S.; Anthone' Annexation. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5302**

An ordinance was read establishing the zoning classification for approximately

Annexation: Anthone', R-4  
Zoning

4.89 acres, generally located immediately south of the south side of S. 55th St. on the north and immediately east of Talbot Rd. S., annexed within the City of Renton to R-4 (Residential - four dwelling units per acre) zoning; Anthone' Annexation. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5303**

Airport: Noise Study, Harris  
Miller Miller & Hanson,  
Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2007 Budget by transferring \$50,000 from the 2007 Airport 608 Hangar Expansion Project and \$99,000 from the 2007 622 Hangar Rehabilitation Project to fund the contract with Harris, Miller, Miller & Hanson to perform an airport noise study. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5304**

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

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 4-4, Citywide Property Development Standards, Chapter 4-7, Subdivision Regulations, Chapter 4-8, Permits - General and Appeals, Chapter 4-9, Permits - Specific, and Chapter 4-11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by changing the regulations for tree retention and removal. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5305**

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

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, and Chapter 4, Citywide Property Development Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to amend the regulation of animals. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5306**

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

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-2-110A, Development Standards for Single Family Residential Zoning Designations, and Note 10 of Section 4-2-110D, Conditions Associated with Development Standards Table for Single Family Residential Zoning Designations of Chapter 2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code relating to cluster development. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

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

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 4-2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, Chapter 4-4, Citywide Property Development Standards, and Chapter 4-8, Permits - General and Appeals, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code relating to the design standards for residential development. Moved by Briere, seconded by Clawson, Council adopt the ordinance as read.\*

Councilmember Palmer indicated that the Master Builders Association has expressed concerns regarding this ordinance and wants to offer suggestions before the ordinance is finalized. She suggested allowing more time for the association's input. Councilmember Clawson indicated that the association had plenty of opportunity to provide input and did provide input on the ordinance. Mayor Keolker reviewed the public involvement in the development of the ordinance, as detailed in a memorandum to the Mayor and Council dated 9/5/2007 from Economic Development Administrator Pietsch.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ALLOW GARRETT HUFFMAN, SOUTH KING

COUNTY MANAGER FOR THE MASTER BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF KING AND SNOHOMISH COUNTIES, TO COMMENT ON THE MATTER. CARRIED.

Mr. Huffman stated that a similar situation in Snohomish County resulted in a list of 20 different architectural feature options. He indicated that in this case, the association's membership is frustrated since their comments have not always been incorporated into the work document. Mr. Huffman further indicated that the membership is being limited in what they are able to do, and feel that the product will decrease rather than increase in attractiveness as a result of this. He suggested further discussion on the matter.

In response to Councilmember Corman's inquiry, Mr. Huffman stated that the association represents a majority of the master builders that will comply with these rules. Mr. Corman agreed that more time is needed to review the design guidelines. Explaining that the ordinance concerns standards to be incorporated in new construction such as window trim and building modulation, Councilmember Briere indicated that the matter has been under review for months and the Master Builders Association's membership has had opportunity to comment.

Following further discussion on the matter, it was MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, CALL FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE. CARRIED.

\*Roll call: three ayes: Nelson, Clawson, Briere; four nays: Law, Palmer, Persson, Corman. Motion failed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Human Services: Renton Clothes Bank

Council President Nelson noted the need for clothing by the Renton Clothes Bank, and she encouraged citizens to donate clothing to this organization, which served 437 people in August.

Police: Regional Jail

Reporting that in 2012, the King County jail will no longer accept misdemeanor bookings from King County cities, it was MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPIC OF A REGIONAL JAIL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Fire: Emergency Response Times for Medical Aid

Mayor Keolker relayed a citizen concern regarding private information being released to Councilmembers in relation to the review of the medical aid response data, and she stated for the record that the personal information has been redacted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:33 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann  
September 17, 2007