

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

October 13, 2008  
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

MARCIE PALMER, Council President; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; RICH ZWICKER; GREG TAYLOR; RANDY CORMAN. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS and DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, Fire Department; COMMANDER CHARLES KARLEWICZ, Police Department.

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATIONS**

Community Event: Renton  
FilmFrenzy

Economic Development Director Suzanne Dale Estey reported that during the weekend of October 17 - 19, 2008, filmmakers will have 50 hours to shoot, edit and submit films to the first annual Renton FilmFrenzy. She explained that the films can be up to four minutes in length and must be shot entirely in Renton. Ms. Dale Estey stated that the films will be judged by local filmmakers, including Sherman Alexie and Virginia Bogert, critics, and a member of the Municipal Arts Commission. She announced that eight student teams and five open teams have entered the contest, and she encouraged citizens to attend the awards ceremony on October 28 at 7 p.m. at the IKEA Performing Arts Center. She also noted that citizens can visit [www.rentonfilmfrenzy.com](http://www.rentonfilmfrenzy.com) to find out more information about the event. Concluding, Ms. Dale Estey thanked the Renton Community Marketing Campaign and the Municipal Arts Commission for their contributions and support for the event.

Public Works: Employee  
Recognition

Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman recognized the Public Works employees nominated and chosen by their peers to receive 2008 Good Work awards, as follows: Don Ellis, Technical Engineering Specialist, Mark Combs, Water Meter Reader, and Nathan Jones, Transportation Planner. Mr. Jones was also recognized as the 2008 Public Works Employee of the Year.

Mr. Zimmerman also announced that the following Public Works employees, who contributed to the Houser Way Railroad Panel Replacement Team, were awarded the 2007 Good Teamwork award: Jun Aesquivel, Derek Akesson, David Bell, Kip Braaten, Jason Churchill, Rusty Evans, Steven Forsythe, Kevin Garratt, Jayson Grant, Kevin Hiatt, Tollie Hill, John Kalmbach, Patrick LaFranchi, Tim Michaud, Rico Nichols, James Pryor, Craig Sawyer, Tyler Schwartzenberger, Brian Stark, John Wade, David Whitmarsh, Chris Wood, and Patrick Zellner.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Mapelli - Leadership Eastside

Stephanie Mapelli (Kirkland) stated that she is the president of Leadership Eastside, and thanked Mayor Law for participating in the Class of 2011's Eastside Mayor's Panel on September 18, 2008. She reported that students in Leadership Eastside classes support many community projects and are involved with many eastside governments. She asked Council to join with other eastside cities in extending operating support to Leadership Eastside on an annual basis.

Citizen Comment: Alberts - Touchdowns Sports Bar & Grill Safety Issues

Andy Alberts (King County) stated that he is the owner of Touchdowns Sports Bar & Grill, 423 Airport Way. He explained that he cares about the community and is doing everything he can to be a good neighbor. He remarked that he does not tolerate illegal activity occurring on his property and has implemented monthly staff meetings to keep his employees informed about neighborhood concerns. Mr. Alberts stated that he will continue to be proactive in making improvements to his establishment, and remarked that his goal is to keep people spending money in Renton.

Mayor Law confirmed that citizen complaints are taken seriously and that he appreciates Mr. Alberts' efforts in working with the City to find creative ways to make the business as compatible with its neighbors as possible.

Responding to Councilmember Corman's inquiry, Mr. Alberts stated that most of the noise occurs during the time when customers are making their way to their cars as they leave for the night.

Councilmember Taylor suggested that Mr. Alberts reach out to his neighbors in the same way he has with the City and that he allow his neighbors to call him directly to mitigate some of the problems as they occur.

Citizen Comment: Nordlund - West Hill Annexation

Marc Nordlund (King County) inquired about Council's position regarding the West Hill community possibly annexing to Renton. Responding to Councilmember Corman's inquiry, Mr. Nordlund stated that the signs opposing annexation found in the West Hill area are targeted at annexation in general and not specifically at the West Hill community. He commented that a small group of members on the Unincorporated King County Council wish to remain unincorporated, and stated that the majority of citizens in the West Hill area favor being annexed to Renton.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Council Meeting Minutes of 10/6/2008

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 10/6/2008. Council concur.

Development Services:  
Honeydew Elementary School Portables, ROW Dedication, Union Ave NE, SA-00-083

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way at Union Ave. NE and NE 8th St. to fulfill a requirement of the Honeydew Elementary School Portables project (SA-00-083). Council concur.

Fire: Aspirational Response Time Goal

Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended adoption of a resolution establishing an aspirational response time goal as required by RCW 35. Council concur. (See page 334 for resolution.)

Public Works: Excavator Mower Attachment Purchase, D&M Machine Division

Public Works Department recommended approval of a sole source contract in the amount of \$51,354.61 with D&M Machine Division, Inc. to purchase a Slashbuster Model XL480 excavator mower attachment. Council concur.

CAG: 08-144, SW 27th St / Strander Blvd Extension, Perteet  
 Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to CAG-08-144, with Perteet, Inc., in the amount of \$1,870,021 for additional design and construction management services for the SW 27th St./Strander Blvd. Extension project. Council concur.

Transportation: Logan Ave N Bike Lane, WHPacific  
 Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$20,031 with WHPacific for construction support services for the Logan Ave. N. Bike Lane project. Council concur.

Transportation: Coal Creek Parkway SE Widening & May Creek Park Construction Agreements, King County  
 Transportation Systems Division requested approval of a deed of dedication, an Easement for Sight Distance, and an Agreement to Reconstruct Driveway (ARD) with King County, required for widening of Coal Creek Parkway SE and in order to construct the new access to May Creek Park. Council concur.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE CONSENT AGENDA. CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
 AJLS: Initiative 985 (Reduce Traffic Congestion Account)  
 MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADD A RESOLUTION REGARDING COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO STATE INITIATIVE NO. 985 TO THE AGENDA FOR ADOPTION THIS EVENING. CARRIED.

**Finance Committee**  
 Finance: Vouchers  
 Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 277083 - 277646 and three wire transfers totaling \$7,979,341.49; and approval of 149 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 772 direct deposits totaling \$2,607,994.53. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Financial Management Policies  
 Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of the proposed Financial Management Policies and directing the Finance Department to include the policies in the Mayor's proposed 2009 Preliminary Budget document that will be presented to Council in October 2008. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Gambling Tax Revenue Amendments  
 Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to modify gambling tax reporting frequency from quarterly to monthly for those establishments whose annual tax due is over \$10,000, based on previous year's activity. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 334 for ordinance.)

**Planning & Development Committee**  
 Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a clean-up report recommending the following referrals be closed:

- Council: Planning & Development Committee  
 Agenda Item Clean-up Report
1. Item #2234, "North Harrington Redevelopment Strategies and Outreach and Utilization of the Highlands Task Force." The Council concurred with a committee report appointing members to the Highlands Task Force, Phase II on July 23, 2007. The Task Force is completing its work program and will present a report and recommendations to the Committee of the Whole in December.

2. Item #2408, "Annexation Notification Practices." At a minimum, all property owners within the boundaries of a proposed annexation should receive notice of the required public meeting to consider a 10% Notice of Intent to Annex petition. However, staff should also consider notifying additional property owners in the vicinity to explore potential interest in expanding the annexation and/or creating logical boundaries.
3. Item #2429, "Low Impact Development Regulations." This item has been placed in the long term work program of the Planning Division of the Department of Community and Economic Development.
4. Item #2515, "Shamrock Annexation Fee Waiver Request/Annexation." The issue of reviewing the fee charged for the processing of annexation requests will be included in a future review of all land use fees.
5. Item #2556, "Upper Kennydale Rezone, Cowan," was settled by a decision made in King County Superior Court on September 24, 2008.

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

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

**RESOLUTION #3976**  
Fire: Aspirational Response Time Goal

A resolution was read establishing aspirational goals for emergency response for the Fire and Emergency Services Department. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Added**  
**RESOLUTION #3977**  
AJLS: Initiative Measure No. 985 (Reduce Traffic Congestion Account)

A resolution was read opposing State Initiative Measure No. 985, the Reduced Traffic Congestion Act of 2008. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO INSERT THE PHRASE "AND IN SCHOOL ZONES" AFTER "AT BUSY INTERSECTIONS" IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH. CARRIED.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 10/20/2008 for second and final reading:

Finance: Gambling Tax Revenue Amendments

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 8, Gambling Tax, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations), of City Code, by repealing the definition of "City of Renton," adopting Chapter 9.45 RCW, amending gambling tax regulations, repealing Subsection E of 5-8-5, Tax Levied, and changing references of "Finance Director" to "Finance Administrator." MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/20/2008. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**ORDINANCE #5413**  
Transportation: Managed Access Highway Permitting Standards

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 4, City-Wide Property Development Standards, and Chapter 6, Street and Utility Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) to provide for Highway Access Management, Access Permits, and Administrative Process Pursuant to RCW 47.50. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Community Event: 2008 Teen Summit

Council President Palmer reported that the City, along with the Renton School District, sponsored the 2008 Teen Summit. She stated that more than 200 teenagers attended the event.

Community Event: Regal Cinemas Grand Opening Charity Event

Councilmember Parker announced that the Regal Cinema at The Landing is celebrating its grand opening this week by selling popcorn, tickets, and pop for \$2 each on October 14 and 15. He encouraged everyone to attend and noted that the proceeds from October 14 will be donated to the Renton Community Foundation and the proceeds from October 15 will be donated to Communities in Schools of Renton.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:03 p.m.

*Bonnie I. Walton*

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Jason Seth  
October 13, 2008

**RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR**  
**Office of the City Clerk**  
**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 13, 2008**  
**\*REVISED\***

COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN	DATE/TIME	AGENDA
COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP (PALMER)	WED., 10/29 9 a.m.	2009 Revenue Projections; Budget Overview; Department Presentations; Capital Budgets <b>*7th Floor Conferencing Center*</b>
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Palmer)	MON., 10/20 6 p.m.	Emerging Issues in Community & Economic Development; Boeing Sub-District 1B Conceptual Plan <b>*7th Floor Conferencing Center*</b>
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Briere)	MON., 10/20 5 p.m.	Welcome to Renton Sign Agreement with TubeArt; Housing Opportunity Fund
FINANCE (Persson)		
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Parker)		
PUBLIC SAFETY (Taylor)	MON., 10/20 4 p.m.	Radio Communications
TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) (Corman)		
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.