

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 27, 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; TERRI BRIERE; RICH ZWICKER; GREG TAYLOR; RANDY CORMAN.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; GERALD RERECICH, Recreation Director; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; BETTE ANDERSON, Library Director; FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS and DEPUTY CHIEF BILL FLORA, Fire Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

Community Event: Return to
Renton Car Show

Jim Medzegian, member of the Return to Renton Car Show Steering Committee, reported on the 18th Annual Return to Renton Car Show held on 7/6/2008. He acknowledged the presence of steering committee members in the audience, and noted that over 400 classic vehicles were on display. Mr. Medzegian stated that this year's car show ended at Williams Ave. S. and requested that the boundaries for next year's show be extended two blocks east to Main Ave. S. He presented Police Chief Milosevich a check in the amount of \$17,000 for the Renton Police Department's youth fund. Accepting the check with appreciation, Chief Milosevich indicated that the proceeds from the car show will help sponsor various youth programs.

AJLS: Mayor's Presentation of
2009 Budget

Mayor Law presented his proposed City of Renton 2009 Budget to Renton citizens and members of the City Council. He stated that the 2009 budget strives to sustain and advance all of the successes the City has achieved.

Recognizing tough economic times, Mayor Law pointed out that much of the revenue used to pay for police officers, firefighters, parks, trails, and recreation is derived from sales tax, development fees, and new permits, and noted that all of these categories of revenue are down. He explained that with reduced revenues the City must set priorities, reduce expenses, and take care of basic services. He remarked that this budget emphasizes core responsibilities, eliminating duplicate functions, and stresses efficiency.

Mayor Law reviewed 2008 accomplishments, and noted that Renton has grown by over twenty-five percent. He stated that Renton now has over 80,000 residents and is the eleventh largest city in the state and the fifth largest in King County. Mayor Law stressed that various City departments have reorganized to provide more responsive and efficient services. He announced that code enforcement efforts have been enhanced, measurable progress has been made in preparing citizens for natural disasters, and continued efforts to revitalize downtown Renton are occurring. Mayor Law pointed out that even with a

declining economy, new stores and businesses continue to open in Renton. He included the new Regal Cinemas at The Landing, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's new headquarters, and the Seattle Seahawks' Virginia Mason Athletic Center as examples.

Mayor Law stated that meeting service demands that contribute to the livability of the community is one goal of the new budget. He remarked that the City is working with residents in the Benson Hill area to provide the same high quality level of services provided to all City residents. Mayor Law noted that the City is working with the owners of the Cascade Shopping Center on redevelopment opportunities, and code compliance efforts have made measurable progress in the area. He mentioned the boarded-up Don-a-Lisa motel in North Renton that was recently demolished as an example of effective code compliance enforcement.

Continuing, Mayor Law announced that another goal of the 2009 budget is to recruit new employers and high-quality development to Renton. He noted that the Economic Development, Neighborhoods, and Strategic Planning Department and the Development Services Division have merged to form the Department of Community and Economic Development. He stated that this enhances the City's efficiency by streamlining land use regulations, sound urban planning, and economic development.

Mayor Law reviewed several improvements made to City parks and trails, including the Burnett Linear Park, Cedar River Trail, and the Springbrook Trail. He also reviewed the significant improvements to Duvall Ave. NE that are being constructed, including widened lanes, an added two-way left-turn lane, curbs, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes.

Mayor Law emphasized the need for people to feel safe in their homes and stated that a comprehensive plan to reduce criminal activity and enhance overall safety throughout Renton, including additional security, increased patrols, security cameras, enhanced code enforcement efforts, and significant emphasis on traffic safety has been launched.

Moving on to the financial summary, Mayor Law stated that the proposed 2009 budget totals \$252 million, and out that \$171 million is for City operations, \$57 million is for debt service and proposed capital projects, and \$24 million represents internal transfers that are offset by revenues. He indicated that this represents a two percent increase over the 2008 budget.

Acknowledging the tough economic times, Mayor Law stated that maintaining current services in General Government Operations will result in a deficit of over \$5 million. He indicated that each department was asked to scrutinize all expenditures, and focus on maintaining core services in order to reduce their budgets by seven percent. He stated that as a result of this action, 36 authorized positions will remain unfilled and various services will be reduced.

Mayor Law stated that of the \$57 million in proposed capital projects, \$37 million is for transportation and utility projects, \$5 million is for meeting debt service requirements, and about \$13.5 million is for other projects. He noted that the single largest capital project is the Council-authorized parking garage at The Landing. Mayor Law recommended that \$7.5 million reserved for the new Park Maintenance Facility, \$2 million from the anti-recession reserve fund, and \$3 million from the undesignated fund balance in the Risk Management fund be transferred to fully fund the garage acquisition.

Mayor Law reviewed the budget's provisions for basic services and noted that due to the slow economy eight positions in the Police Department, nine positions in the Fire Department, five positions in the Community and Economic Development Department, five positions in the Public Works Department, three positions in the Finance and Information Services Department, and two and half positions in the Administrative, Judicial, and Legal Services Department will be left vacant. He stated that a four percent increase to Water and Wastewater charges is proposed, with no increase for Surface Water charges and that increases to King County fees will also appear on City utility bills. Mayor Law commented that these increases will provide the resources needed to add one full time employee in the Surface Water section of the Public Works Department to meet National Pollutant and Discharge Elimination System requirements.

Concluding, Mayor Law stated that many ways to reduce costs while minimizing impacts to citizens were found, and that the budget makes necessary adjustments but preserves core services. He thanked City staff for their efforts, and Council for their guidance. Mayor Law emphasized that the City will remain committed to public safety, economic opportunity, core City services, and maintaining the quality of life that Renton is known for.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Lombard -
West Hill Annexation

Suzanne Lombard (King County) stated that she has worked with many West Hill area groups and also worked to get the West Hill area put back into Renton's Potential Annexation Area (PAA). She presented a picture of a parcel of land and explained that she and many other West Hill residents came together and tried to save the parcel for a neighborhood pocket park. She noted that even though the effort was unsuccessful, West Hill residents have and can work together. She stated that area residents would receive the most benefit by annexing to Renton, and that the area is in need of the City's strong direction and leadership.

Citizen Comment: Harris -
West Hill Annexation

Greg Harris (King County) requested more information regarding the potential annexation of the West Hill area to Renton. Mayor Law clarified that an annexation petition regarding the area has not been submitted to the City, and that more information would become available after one is received. He suggested that Mr. Harris give his name and phone number to the Community and Economic Development Department to learn more about the situation.

Citizen Comment: Wilson -
West Hill Annexation

Dinah Wilson (King County) expressed support for the proposed annexation of the West Hill area and stated that she would like to see more development in the area.

Citizen Comment: Charnley -
Wonderland Estates Mobile
Home Park Address Change

Jon Charnley (Renton) expressed dissatisfaction with the City's apparent proposal to change addresses at the Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park. He stated that residents are extremely upset with the change and pointed out that the park has been in place for over forty years. He also noted that the proposed address immediately identifies residents as living in a trailer park, and asked that this change be stopped. Mr. Charnley also asked Council to consider the impact to elderly residents who live in the park, commenting that they will now have to notify their medical providers, the Social Security Administration, and many other agencies of the change.

Citizen Comment: Breeden -
Wonderland Estates Mobile
Home Park Address Change

Raymond A Breeden, Sr. (Renton), President, Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park Homeowners' Association, stated that he prefers that the addresses in the park not change. He asked Council to consider what would happen if their own street names were changed.

- Citizen Comment: Sigman -
Wonderland Estates Mobile
Home Park Address Change
- Carmen Sigman (Renton) stated that she is proud of having helped save Wonderland Estates earlier this year and questioned why addresses needed to be changed. She noted that it is not a minor expense to change driver licenses, credit cards, vehicle titles, and other documents. Ms. Sigman also questioned why a neighborhood just down the street with the same type of entrance off of the Maple Valley Highway did not have to change their addresses.
- Citizen Comment: McArthur -
Off-Leash Dog Parks
- Jennifer McArthur (King County) stated that most dog owners are in favor of off-leash dog parks. She explained that the parks are places where dogs can run free, socialize with other dogs, and are places to foster well tempered animals in an urban environment. Ms. McArthur stated that dog owners also benefit from the parks, explaining that the parks are a great place to socialize with other dog owners. She remarked that having a park in Renton would minimize environmental issues, noting that the closest parks to Renton are in Bellevue, Mercer Island, and the Kent/Des Moines area. Ms. McArthur commented that animal license revenue will increase as the city grows, that dog parks are self-policed, and that dog owners will participate in maintaining the parks.
- Citizen Comment: Nordlund -
West Hill Annexation
- Marc Nordlund (King County) stated that his experience collecting signatures for the proposed West Hill area annexation has been wonderful, and commented that the large group of residents attending tonight's meeting shows that there is growing support for the annexation effort.
- Citizen Comment:
Worthington - Civic Spectacle
Spaces and 24/7 Districts
- John Worthington (King County) stated that he has issues with the Puget Sound Regional Council and Vision 2040. He requested that Council consider creating a civic spectacle space at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and keep it open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. He noted that by using a system called Levex, residents from Auburn or Bellevue could be transported to Renton within minutes. Mr. Worthington concluded by suggesting that walkable communities such as The Landing are limited in the amount of money they can generate, and that Renton needs a civic spectacle such as seasonal floating architecture that is open twenty four hours a day and attracts people to Renton to spend money.
- Citizen Comment: Pardey -
West Hill Annexation
- Dave Pardey (King County) owner of Skyway Park Bowl & Casino, stated that he is the major employer in the Skyway area of West Hill. He remarked that he was a member of the West Hill Governance Task Force, and that after studying the issue of governance for nineteen months, all but one member recommended becoming part of Renton. Mr. Pardey stated that the area is in sad shape after years of poor county leadership, and suggested that the area would benefit from Renton's leadership. He requested that Council allow area residents the chance to vote on being annexed to Renton in the near future.
- CONSENT AGENDA**
- Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.
- Council Meeting Minutes of
10/20/2008
- Approval of Council meeting minutes of 10/20/2008. Council concur.
- Community Services:
Maplewood Golf Course Fees
- Community Services Department recommended adoption of an ordinance increasing golf course green fees and club rental fee for 2009. Refer to Finance Committee.
- Development Services: Taylor
Court Short Plat, ROW
Dedication, Monterey Pl NE,
SHP-05-082
- Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way in the vicinity of Monterey Pl. NE to fulfill a requirement of the Taylor Court Short Plat (SHP-05-082). Council concur.

Plat: Talbot Highlands, 106th Ave SE, PP-08-041
Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Talbot Highlands Preliminary Plat; 11 single-family lots on 2.05 acres located at 10608 and 10616 106th Ave. SE (PP-08-041). Council concur.

Airport: Aerodyne Lease, Addendum #13, LAG-84-006
Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an addendum to airport lease LAG-84-006, with Aerodyne, LLC, to decrease the size of the leased area, increase the total ground lease rate per appraisal by \$24,905.92 annually through 8/31/2011, and to readjust the rate thereafter using the CPI index. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

CAG: 03-133, Coal Creek Parkway SE Improvements, King County
Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of the First Amendment to CAG-03-133, agreement with King County, to formalize the exact amount of funding King County will contribute to the Coal Creek Parkway SE (Duvall Ave. NE) Improvements project. Council concur. (See page 358 for resolution.)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 277647 - 278066 and two wire transfers totaling \$3,165,148.52; and approval of 134 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 788 direct deposits totaling \$2,611,856.01. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services: Jones Park ADA Public Restroom Building, seArch DDB

Finance Committee Chair Persson recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a contract with seArch DDB for design services for an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant public restroom building at Jones Park. The contract amount is \$29,232 and funds are available from Fund 316 Major Maintenance Public Buildings. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the contract. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services: Fire Station #12, King County Emergency Medical Services Lease

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a lease with King County for space at Fire Station #12 to accommodate a Medic One unit. The Committee further recommended authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the associated resolution. The term of the lease is two years commencing January 1, 2008, and the total revenue will be \$28,800 over that full period. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 358 for resolution.)

Responding to Councilmember Parker's inquiry, Mayor Law clarified the process regarding submitting annexation petitions.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee

Lease: Kaynan, Airport, LAG-85-011 & LAG-84-003

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a lease rate increase using a recent market appraisal. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the addenda to each of Kaynan, Inc.'s leases, LAG-85-011 and LAG-84-003. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION #3979

CAG: 03-133, Coal Creek Parkway SE Improvements, King County

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the First Amendment to the interagency agreement with King County regarding improvements to Coal Creek Parkway SE (Duvall Ave. NE). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #3980

Community Services: Fire Station #12, King County Emergency Medical Services Lease

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement to lease space at Fire Station #12 to King County Emergency Medical Services Division. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

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

ORDINANCE #5415

Utility: Carr Rd/Panther Creek Emergency Culvert Repair, King Conservation District Number 9, & 2008 Budget Amendment

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by increasing the funds in the Surface Water revenue account and expenditure account in the amount of \$110,000, pursuant to the Carr Rd./Panther Creek Emergency Culvert Repair project agreement with the King Conservation District No. 9. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5416

CED: Boeing Sub-District 1-B Planned Action & Amended Conceptual Plan

An ordinance was read designating a Planned Action for Sub-District 1-B of the Boeing Renton Plant property, an approximately 51 acre parcel bounded by Logan Ave. N., Garden Ave. N., N. 8th St., and N. 6th St. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Council: Correspondence & Agenda Policies

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER CITY COUNCIL POLICY & PROCEDURE #800-04, COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE AND AGENDA, TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES. CARRIED.

CED: Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park Address Change

Responding to Council inquiries, Community and Economic Development Administrator Alex Pietsch clarified that county addresses annexed to Renton, with some exceptions, do not change. He further clarified that the roads within Wonderland Estates Mobile Home Park are private and are not recognized by King County. Mr. Pietsch stated that due to this fact, the City has created new addresses for the park. He remarked that City staff will continue to work with park residents to resolve the issue.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: McOmber - Fire Department Appreciation

Howard McOmber (Renton) expressed his appreciation for the Renton Fire Department, commenting that their response to an alarm being set-off accidentally at a local church function was quick and professional. He remarked that Chief Daniels deserves credit for running a fine department.

Citizen Comment: DaVault - West Hill Annexation

Celeste DaVault (King County) stated that she has strived to make the West Hill business district better, and commented that because the area does not have a neighborhood program or resources, she initially encountered problems. She expressed appreciation to City officials and staff for providing help regarding the area's library and library bond, and stated that annexing to Renton is the best choice for the area. She announced that she has mobilized an effort to collect signatures for an annexation petition. She recalled that a study completed in 2005 overwhelmingly indicated the area should be annexed to Renton, and requested that Council allow area residents the chance to vote on the issue.

Citizen Comment: Sidwell -
West Hill Annexation

Kathleen Sidwell (King County) expressed support for the proposed annexation of the West Hill area to Renton. She commented that four of her five children have graduated from Renton High School. She stated that King County does not want to continue supporting the area and that Renton is the right choice for area residents.

Responding to Councilmember Palmer, Mayor Law clarified that residents who live in the area will see their city of residence change from Seattle to Renton if annexed. He commented that the issue of zip codes changing is currently being researched.

Citizen Comment: Nordlund -
West Hill Annexation

Marc Nordlund (King County) stated that he formerly lived in Fircrest, near Tacoma, and that he could use either city as his address. He clarified that the City of Fircrest requested he use Fircrest on tax forms and related documents for funding purposes.

Citizen Comment: Ferguson -
West Hill Annexation

Diane Ferguson (Tukwila) stated that the West Hill Business Association is overwhelmingly in support of annexation to Renton. She remarked that King County has been honest with residents with regards to a lack of resources for the area. She acknowledged that the West Hill area does not have a large tax base, and noted that Renton is the only city that will allow Mr. Pardey's casino. She commented that if given a chance to vote on annexation, Council will see that West Hill residents overwhelmingly support becoming a part of Renton.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time: 8:27 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton by Jason A. Seth Deputy City Clerk

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Jason Seth
October 27, 2008

RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR
Office of the City Clerk
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 27, 2008

COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN	DATE/TIME	AGENDA
COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP (PALMER)	WED., 10/29 9 a.m.	2009 Revenue Projections; Budget Overview; Department Presentations; Capital Budgets *7th Floor Conferencing Center*
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Palmer)	MON., 11/3 5 p.m.	2009 Budget Deliberations
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Briere)	MON., 11/3 4 p.m.	Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Amendments & Liberty Square Apartments' Application; Housing Opportunity Fund
FINANCE (Persson)		
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Parker)		
PUBLIC SAFETY (Taylor)	MON., 11/3 3 p.m.	Police Investigator Grant Agreement; Radio Communications
TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) (Corman)		
UTILITIES (Zwicker)		

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