

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

December 8, 2008  
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**

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; NANCY CARLSON, Human Resources Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; CHARLES VINCENT, Planning Director; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; NORMA MCQUILLER, Neighborhood Coordinator; WENDY KIRSCHNER, Neighborhood Program Assistant; DEPUTY CHIEF BILL FLORA and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, Fire Department; COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**  
CED: Neighborhood Program

Neighborhood Coordinator Norma McQuiller stated that Renton's Neighborhood Program began as a pilot program involving the Summerwind and Talbot Hill neighborhood associations in 1997. She explained that the program was started by the efforts of City employees who volunteered their time to establish a proactive dialogue between the City and its residents. She announced that the City welcomed the following seven new neighborhoods to the program in 2008: Chinquapin Ridge, Huntington Heights, Maple Ridge Estates, Renton Park, South Union, Summerfield, and Springtree. She pointed out that five of the neighborhoods are from newly annexed areas.

Ms. McQuiller stated that in 2001 the program had only five recognized neighborhoods and now there are 48, including Shadowhawk II, which became officially recognized on Friday, December 5, 2008. She reported that there are 20 neighborhood liaisons who are City employees, serving as volunteers for the program and helping to answer questions and discuss issues about their assigned neighborhoods.

Ms. McQuiller reported that neighborhood picnics bring residents together to discuss ideas, concerns, and issues regarding their neighborhoods. She noted that the picnics also afford residents the opportunity to get to know City officials and staff. She remarked that in 2008 the City held 19 picnics and served more than 3,800 residents from 35 neighborhoods. Ms. McQuiller stated that the picnic trailer houses tables, chairs, games, and supplies needed to have a successful picnic.

Regarding funding, Ms. McQuiller reported that more than \$68,000 was awarded in the first half of 2008 for the purpose of funding 12 neighborhood projects and ten newsletters. She remarked that a second round of funding totaling \$4,900 will be used for three new neighborhood projects and three newsletters. Ms. McQuiller presented certificates to neighborhood leaders and described the project each neighborhood completed.

Looking to 2009, Ms. McQuiller reported that the Neighborhood Program will continue to encourage bigger and more innovative projects that may help neighborhoods address problems in their communities. She announced that the sixth annual Neighbor-Meeting-Neighbor Workshop is scheduled for February 21, 2009, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Renton Senior Activity Center.

Neighborhood Program Assistant Wendy Kirchner presented certificates to the leaders of the seven new officially recognized neighborhoods.

Councilmember Corman pointed out that the Neighborhood Program grants are matched by money and/or labor by the neighborhood associations. He noted that although the focus of the projects is on individual neighborhoods, beautifying the neighborhoods benefits the entire community.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: McOmber - Highlands Task Force, Phase II Recommendations Report

Howard McOmber (Renton) opined that the most important achievements made during the Highlands Task Force, Phase II meetings were cooperation and working together to accomplish common goals. He requested that infrastructure improvements, including new lights and sidewalk repairs, begin immediately in the Highlands area to improve safety and to show residents that the City is making an effort to improve the area. He remarked that the Highlands provides a lot of affordable housing for the south Puget Sound region, and the homes should be improved upon and not torn down.

Citizen Comment: Crothamel - Highlands Task Force, Phase II Recommendations Report

Fred Crothamel (Mercer Island) stated that he owns property across from McKnight Middle School. He remarked that his redevelopment project was delayed until late 2008 because of planning and zoning issues and is now stalled. He requested that when Council looks to strengthen code enforcement efforts that they take into account the infrastructure in the Highlands area. Mr. Crothamel remarked that many of his tenants would park on the street and not on their lawns if traffic calming measures were introduced to slow traffic down. He requested that improvements to the streets and sidewalks be made.

Responding to Councilmember Corman's inquiry, Councilmember Briere stated that the original idea for the Highlands was to have some of the older, rental homes that are not well-maintained be redeveloped. She stated that this idea also called for larger lots to be combined so denser housing around McKnight Middle School could be built. She pointed out that smaller lot areas, like those near Highlands Elementary School, are good affordable housing and the City would like to see investment there, including paint jobs and landscaping improvements. She acknowledged that across the Highlands maintenance of older homes is an issue. She stated that she would like to see Mr. Crothamel's project move forward, and noted that if one or two developers make changes then others will see what is possible and hopefully continue (to redevelop).

Councilmember Corman clarified that the City's intention is to make the surrounding Highlands nicer so that when stalled projects pick up again they will be easier to market and sell. He also noted that the City will seek any federal funding that may become available as part of an economic stimulus package for projects like the sidewalk repair program.

Citizen Comment: Johnson - Red Light Photo Enforcement Program

Arland "Buzz" Johnson (Renton) expressed concern over the Red Light Photo Enforcement program. Mayor Law encouraged Mr. Johnson to speak to Police Commander Katie McClincy regarding this matter.

Citizen Comment: O'Halloran - South Union Neighborhood Association Meeting	Michael O'Halloran (Renton) announced that Mayor Law will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the South Union Neighborhood Association on January 29, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the Leisure Estates Club House.
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.
Council Meeting Minutes of 12/1/2008	Approval of Council meeting minutes of 12/1/2008. Council concur.
CAG: 08-166, City Hall Third Floor Remodel, Apus Construction	City Clerk reported bid opening on 11/19/2008 for CAG-08-166, City Hall Third Floor Remodel; 13 bids; engineer's estimate \$455,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Apus Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$348,800. Council concur.
Annexation: Red Mill, 128th Ave SE & SE Petrovitsky Rd	Community and Economic Development Department submitted a 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed Red Mill Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 1/12/2009 to consider the petition; approximately 224 acres located in the vicinity of 128th Ave. SE, SE Petrovitsky Rd., and SE 171st Way. Council concur.
CAG: 08-039, Community Center Gym Floor Replacement, Greater Seattle Floors	Community Services Department submitted CAG-08-039, Community Center Gym Floor Replacement; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$936, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$10,485.95 to Greater Seattle Floors, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
Development Services: Brewis Short Plat, ROW Dedication, Meadow Ave N	Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way in the vicinity of Meadow Ave. N. to fulfill a requirement of the Brewis Short Plat (SHP-07-042). Council concur.
Finance: Interlocal Agreement #42, Fiber Consortium Partners	Finance and Information Services recommended approval of Interlocal Agreement #42 with five fiber consortium partners (Renton School District, City of Seattle Department of Information Technology, University of Washington, City of Kirkland, and City of Bellevue) to share City-owned underground conduit in exchange for fiber optic cabling. Council concur.
Fire: Emergency Management Plan	Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended adoption of the revised City of Renton Emergency Management Plan. Council concur. (See page 415 for resolution.)
Utility: Annual Consultant Roster	Utility Systems Division requested approval of the annual roster of consultants chosen to provide General Utility Engineering, Hydraulics/Hydrology, Soils/Geotechnical, Geohydrology, Plan Review, Construction/Inspection Services, Corrosion Control Services, Critical Areas, Land Surveying Services, Telemetry and SCADA Systems, Photogrammetry Services, and Environmental Services in 2009, with the option of extending the roster annually in 2010 and 2011 upon department administrator approval. Council concur.
CAG: 08-102, Mt Olivet & S Talbot Reservoir Recoating, Scott Coatings	Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-08-102, Mt. Olivet & S. Talbot Reservoir Recoating; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$3,416.61, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$2,983.87 to Scott Coating, LLC, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 08-045, Earlington Sanitary Sewer Interceptor, R L Alia Company

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-08-045, Earlington Sanitary Sewer Interceptor; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$19,075, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$38,389.18 to R.L. Alia Company, contractor, if all releases are obtained. Council concur.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**Committee of the Whole**

Planning: North Harrington Redevelopment Outreach & Highlands Task Force, Phase II

Council President Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to accept the Report and Recommendation of the Highlands Phase II Task Force and directs the City Attorney to prepare and present a resolution formally doing so at the City Council's next meeting. The Committee further directs the Administration to integrate the recommendations of the Task Force in to its work program for 2009 and beyond as staff and budget resources allow. Staff should present an implementation plan at the Council's 2009 Planning Retreat and provide a progress update at the end of 2009. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Finance Committee**

CED: School District Impact Fees

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending that the City adopt the 2008 Issaquah School District Capital Facilities Plan, including an impact fee of \$5,495 per new single-family unit.

The Committee also recommended that the City adopt the 2008-2009 through 2013-2014 Kent School District Capital Facilities Plan, including an impact fee of \$5,304 per new single-family unit and an impact fee of \$3,266 per new multi-family unit.

The Committee further recommended that the City adopt the 2007-2013 Renton School District Capital Facilities Plan, including an impact fee of \$3,651 per new single-family unit and an impact fee of \$1,857 per new multi-family unit. An ordinance regarding this matter should be prepared and presented for first reading.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.\*

Councilmember Parker noted for the record that he recused himself from the Committee report and the vote.

\*MOTION CARRIED.

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 278744 - 279270 and two wire transfer totaling \$4,250,138.52; and approval of 117 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 793 direct deposits totaling \$2,776,047.26. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Information Management Services, GM2 Systems

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the Administration's recommendation to approve the Annual Consultant Agreement with George McBride dba GM2 Systems. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Annual Consultant Agreement. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

CED: 2009 Lodging Tax Allocations, Renton Chamber of Commerce & Hamilton/Saunderson Contracts

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the allocation of Lodging Tax funds for 2009 as follows:

- \$119,000 to the Renton Community Marketing Campaign;
- \$139,000 to the Renton Visitor's Connection; and
- \$3,000 to the City of Renton Community Services Department for reproduction of the South King County Trails Map

The Committee also concurred in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign two contracts with:

1. Renton Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed \$139,000 to administer the Renton Visitor's Connection 2009 work program, and
2. Hamilton/Saunderson in an amount not to exceed \$184,000 to implement the Renton Community Marketing Campaign's 2009 work program.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Resources:  
Reclassification of Five Positions

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence with the staff recommendation to reclassify positions and adjust pay ranges for the Recreation Division of the Community Services Department effective January 1, 2009. The funds to implement this recommendation will be absorbed by the 2009 budget.

**Lead Office Assistant** reclassified to **Recreation Systems Technician** (and premium pay eliminated), grade a08 to a09, budget change - \$1,188.

**Office Assistant III** reclassified to **Recreation Systems Technician**, grade a05 to a09, budget change - \$2,280.

**Recreation Program Coordinator** (two incumbents) reclassified to **Recreation Supervisor**, grade a18 to m23, budget change - \$11,472.

Eliminate **Recreation Specialist II** (six incumbents) and reclassify to **Recreation Program Coordinator**, grade a14 to a18, budget change - \$16,788.

Eliminate **Desktop Publishing Operator** and reclassify to **Communication Specialist I**, grade a12 to a12, no budget change.

Total expenditure required = \$31,728.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services: 2007 King County Parks Expansion Levy Allocation, King County

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a Special Property Tax Levy Agreement with King County in consideration of mutual undertakings resulting from the King County Parks expansion levy approved by voters on 8/21/2007. Funds collected will be distributed to the City through 2013 and will be utilized for acquisition and development of open space and natural lands, and City trail projects that support connections to the regional trail system. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Transportation (Aviation)  
Committee**

Transportation: Maintenance  
Dredging & Shoreline  
Mitigation, Parametrix

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the contract amendment with Parametrix, Inc. in the amount of \$163,350 for design and engineering services to dredge the Seaplane Base and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract with Parametrix, Inc.

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

**RESOLUTIONS AND  
ORDINANCES**

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

**RESOLUTION #3988**

Fire: Emergency Management  
Plan

A resolution was read adopting the City of Renton Emergency Management Plan. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

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

**ORDINANCE #5431**

Budget: 2008 Year-End  
Amendments

An ordinance was read providing for the 2008 year-end budget amendments in a net amount of \$10,509,056. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE #5432**

Planning: Development  
Regulations (Title IV) 2006  
Docket Review, Mobile Food  
Vendors

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Administration Enforcement; Chapter 2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards; Chapter 8, Permits - General and Appeals; Chapter 9, Permits - Specific, Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations); and Chapter 20, Peddler's License, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations), of City Code, amending the regulations regarding farmers markets, mobile food vendors, temporary merchant vendors; and peddler's licenses; adding a definition for farmers market and mobile food vending unit, and amending the definition of retail sales, outdoor. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE #5433**

Airport: Fuel Flowage Fee  
Increase

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations), of City Code, by adding a new Section 8, entitled "Airport Fuel Flowage Fees." MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE #5434**

CED: 2008 Comprehensive  
Plan Amendments

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of certain properties within the City of Renton (Lake Washington Blvd.) from Industrial Heavy (IH) to Urban Center North Two (UC-N2) zoning, File No. LUA-08-104 (CPA 2008-M-01). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE #5435**

CED: 2008 Comprehensive  
Plan Amendments

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of certain properties within the City of Renton (Lake Washington Blvd.) from Commercial Neighborhood (CN) to Urban Center North Two (UC-N2) zoning, File No. LUA-08-104 (CPA 2008-M-01). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE #5436**

CED: 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, to amend the regulations regarding retail sales in the Urban Center North Two (UC-N2) zone (CPA 2008-M-01). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE #5437**

CED: 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, Chapter 3, Environmental Regulations and Overlay Districts, Chapter 4, City-wide Development Standards, and Chapter 9, Permits - Specific, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, to complete amendments to Title IV made for 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendment M-02 Business District Overlays (CPA 2008-M-02). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE #5438**

CED: 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of certain properties (formerly the Benson Hill Communities SE 168th St. area rezone) within the City of Renton from Residential Eight Dwelling Units per acre (R-8) to Commercial Arterial (CA) (CPA 2008-M-03). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE #5439**

CED: 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, to amend the regulations regarding existing golf courses and existing indoor recreation facilities in the Residential Four Dwelling Units per acre (R-4) zone (CPA 2008-M-04). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCE #5440**

CED: 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

An ordinance was read adopting the 2008 amendments to the City's 2004 Comprehensive Plan, Maps and Data in conjunction therewith (CPA 2008-T-01 & T-02) MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council: Meeting Cancelation (12/15/2008)

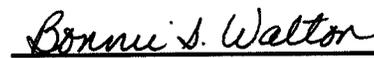
MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CANCEL THE 12/15/2008 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS. CARRIED.

Council: Meeting Cancelation (1/5/2009)

Council President-elect Corman announced that the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for 1/5/2009 has been canceled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:15 p.m.



Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

**RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR**  
**Office of the City Clerk**  
**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 8, 2008**

COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN	DATE/TIME	AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Palmer)	MON., 12/15	CANCELED
	MON., 12/22	NO MEETING (Holiday)
	MON., 12/29	NO MEETING (5th Monday)
	MON., 1/5	CANCELED
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Briere)	MON., 12/15	CANCELED
FINANCE (Persson)	MON., 12/22	CANCELED
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Parker)	THURS., 12/11 2:00 p.m.	2009 Community & Economic Development Work Program (briefing only)
	THURS., 12/11 3:00 p.m.	Whitworth Condominiums Appeal <b>*Council Chambers*</b>
PUBLIC SAFETY (Taylor)	MON., 12/15	CANCELED
TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) (Corman)	THURS., 12/11	CANCELED
UTILITIES (Zwicker)	THURS., 12/11	CANCELED

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All other committee meetings are held in the Council Conference Room unless otherwise noted.