Mayor Kathy Keolker-Wheeler called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler presented her proposed City of Renton 2005 Budget to members of the City Council and Renton citizens. She stated that Renton's economy is strong; however, along with other municipalities in the State of Washington, the City faces new fiscal realities.

Regarding the state of the City's economy, the Mayor said sales tax revenues are expected to increase by 5.5 percent in 2004. The City continues to enjoy explosive growth in revenue from new construction, and there is renewed interest in new development projects in the downtown and valley areas. The Boeing Company's employment levels seem to be stabilizing, and PACCAR's Kenworth Plant has realized increased production. Additionally, the City looks forward to the redevelopment of surplus property at Boeing's Renton Plant in South Lake Washington.

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler pointed out that these successes are not enough to overcome the challenges of the new fiscal environment. She explained that Renton's financial structure no longer produces the revenue required to keep ahead of rising expenses. This is due to a number of factors, including past decisions by the State Legislature and more recent decisions by voters. The Mayor stressed that it is only the keen focus and resulting successes of the past decade, such as the diversification of Renton's economy, the smart land use, and pro-development policies, that has kept the City from dire straights.

The Mayor stated that the total proposed 2005 Budget is $149,392,500, of which $69,106,300 is the General Governmental Budget. Reviewing the highlights of the proposed budget, she explained how the RENSTAT (a program that addresses, identifies, and targets crime) and REACT (a program that addressed non-criminal activities and nuisance abatement) programs will begin to be implemented. In the budget proposal, the code enforcement officers will transfer to the Police Department from the Planning/Building/Public Works Department, and a police service specialist will be added.

Continuing, Mayor Keolker-Wheeler stated that the proposed budget addresses
the medical and long-term care costs of all retired Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters hired before 1977, by establishing a new fund to track these retiree costs separately from costs for active employees, and by using $260,000 in Fire Pension monies to assist in funding the long-term care costs. She also noted that effective July 2005, the City must pay increased rates to the State for the retirement program for active employees, which will cost $500,000 next year.

Turning to the reduction of expenditures, the Mayor stated that the proposed budget eliminates five vacant regular positions. Additionally, the Development Services and Transportation Divisions will eliminate a total of $52,000 in temporary summer help. Expenditure reductions also include turning off 500 arterial streetlights around the City, saving $60,000; eliminating lifeguards at Kennydale Beach, saving $35,000; and reducing several line items in various departments.

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler recommended using $1.2 million of available funds to balance the General Governmental Budget, noting that even with a $630,000 reduction in expenditures, the available fund balance is still needed to meet the City's needs. She also pointed out that the proposed budget includes a rate increase on water and sewer services, increasing the average bill from $79.67 to $80.36. Additionally, an increase in Metropolitan King County Council's water treatment rate results in an increase to this portion of the utility bill from $23.40 to $25.60.

Concluding, Mayor Keolker-Wheeler stated her commitment to continue to provide services at levels the City can afford, to look for efficiencies everywhere, and to maintain an open dialogue with the Council and citizens on accomplishing the work of the City. She emphasized that she is working towards: renewing trust in local government; providing services the citizen's demand at a price they are willing to pay; and making the City more effective, more efficient, and well positioned for the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay 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 2004 and beyond. Items noted included:

- A new edition of CityView is now airing on Renton cable channel 21, featuring the Volunteer Cedar River Naturalist Program, Mary Ann Edwards Lewis Historical Moment, Salvation Army Renton Food Bank, Renton Senior Activity Center 25th Anniversary Celebration, Grateful for Grandparents Program, CPR Classes, Moment with the Mayor, Volunteer Spotlight, and the Soccer Challenge.

- The Highlands Neighborhood Center hosted their annual Kids Night Halloween Party on October 22nd, with over 150 children participating in this free drop-in Club Highlands program.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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CAG: 04-133, Gene Coulon
Park Boat Launch Repair, Skaar Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 10/20/2004 for CAG-04-133, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park Boat Launch Repair; seven bids; engineer's estimate $110,000 to $150,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the
contract to the low bidder, Skaar Construction, Inc., in the amount of $119,379.71. Refer to Finance Committee for discussion of funding.

CAG: 04-097, Community Center Roof Replacement, Lloyd A Lynch
Community Services Department submitted CAG-04-097, Renton Community Center Roof Replacement; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $24,948.93, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retainage bond in the amount of $3,723.80 to Lloyd A. Lynch, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Development Services: Latham Short Plat, Meadow Ave N, SHP-04-033
Development Services Division recommended acceptance of dedication of additional right-of-way to widen Meadow Ave. N. to fulfill a requirement of the Latham Short Plat (SHP-04-033). Council concur.

EDNSP: 2004 Neighborhood Grant Program
Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted grant requests for the 2004 Neighborhood Grant Program (second round) and recommended funding eight projects and two newsletters in the total amount of $38,929. Refer to Community Services Committee.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Committee of the Whole
Transportation: I-405 Corridor Project, Renton Hill Access
Council President Persson presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding the I-405 Corridor Project and Renton Hill access. The Committee was briefed by the Washington State Department of Transportation on the I-405 Corridor Project including access to I-405 via Renton Hill. At this time, no further action needs to be taken. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee
Finance: Bond Issuance, Water, Sewer & Stormwater Projects
Finance Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the issuance of water and sewer revenue bonds for capital construction projects. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the issuance of $10,335,000 in water and sewer revenue bonds, increasing the City's debt for the purpose of completing capital construction projects to include the Maplewood Water Treatment Facility, the Sunset Interceptor, and the SW 7th St. Storm System Improvements.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first and second reading. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See below for ordinance.)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES
Finance: Bond Issuance, Water, Sewer & Stormwater Projects
The following ordinance was presented for first reading and advanced for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read relating to the waterworks utility of the City, including the sewerage system as a part thereof; providing for the issuance of $10,335,000 aggregate principal amount of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, 2004, of the City for the purpose of obtaining the funds with which to pay the costs of carrying out certain capital improvements of the waterworks utility; fixing the date, form, denominations, maturities, interest rates, terms, and covenants of the bonds; providing for bond insurance; and approving the sale and providing for the delivery of the bonds to D.A. Davidson & Co., Seattle, Washington. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5098
Following second and final reading of the above-referenced ordinance, it was
The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #5099**
Planning: 2004 Comp Plan Update
An ordinance was read amending the Comprehensive Plan to comply with the mandated 2004 State Growth Management Act review and update, and adopting Comprehensive Plan text, maps, and data in conjunction therewith. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5100**
Planning: 2004 Comp Plan Update Implementation, Development Regulations Amendments
An ordinance was read amending Chapter 4-2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, Chapter 4-3, Environmental Regulations and Overlay Districts, Chapter 4-4, Citywide Property Development Standards, Chapter 4-6, Street & Utility 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 in order to implement the 2004 State Growth Management Act update to the Comprehensive Plan. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5101**
Planning: 2004 Update of Zoning Map
An ordinance was read adopting the Citywide zoning map amendments to the zoning classifications of properties located within the City of Renton, and identified as part of the 2004 State Growth Management Act mandated update of the Comprehensive Plan. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5102**
Rezone: Smith Property, SW Sunset Blvd, R-8 to CN, CPA
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of 7,240 square feet located at 624 SW Sunset Blvd. from R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) to CN (Commercial Neighborhood) zoning; Smith Property. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5103**
Rezone: Handly Property, SW Sunset Blvd, R-8 to CN, CPA
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of 10,780 square feet located at 620 SW Sunset Blvd. from R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) to CN (Commercial Neighborhood) zoning; Handly Property. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5104**
Rezone: Bonilla Property, SW Sunset Blvd, R-8 to CN, CPA
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of 6,080 square feet located at 632 SW Sunset Blvd. from R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) to CN (Commercial Neighborhood) zoning; Bonilla Property. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5105**
Rezone: King County Health Department Property, NE 4th St, IL to CA, CPA
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of 17.2 acres located at 3001 NE 4th St. from IL (Light Industrial) to CA (Commercial Arterial) zoning; King County Health Department Property. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of 12,078 square feet located at 700 SW 4th Pl. from R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) to CN (Commercial Neighborhood) zoning; Mroczek Property. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Council: 2005 Council President Election (Briere), 2005 Council President Pro Tem Election (Corman) MOVED BY PERSSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR 2005 COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM. CARRIED.

Council President Persson nominated Councilwoman Briere as Council President for 2005 and Councilman Corman as Council President Pro Tem for 2005.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSSON, COUNCIL CLOSE NOMINATIONS. CARRIED.

School District: Activities Reporting on Renton School District activities, events, and honors, Councilwoman Nelson noted items such as: scholarship winners, the release of the WASL (Washington Assessment of Student Learning) final scores, the recognition of Hazen High School junior Ryan Schindler as an Everyday Hero by the Seattle Youth Hall of Fame, and the participation of Talbot Hill and Hazelwood elementary schools and McKnight Middle School students in the 2004 Seattle Kid's Marathon to raise money for the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation.


Public Works: Landsburg Mine Contaminates Councilman Clawson reported that he is a member of the Cedar River Council and noted an issue pertaining to contaminates at the Landsburg Mine (located off of SE Summit Landsburg Rd., north of Ravensdale). Stating that the Department of Ecology is conducting tests, he expressed concern regarding potential downstream contamination to Renton and suggested that the Administration review the matter and determine whether the City should be involved. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:26 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk