CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER, Council President; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN RANDY CORMAN. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; RUSSELL WILSON, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SANDRA MEYER, Transportation Systems Director; NICK AFZALI, Transportation Planning Supervisor; KARL HAMILTON, Transportation Operations Manager; JOE ARMSTRONG, Civil Engineer; ALEX PIETSCH, Acting Economic Development Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KENT CURRY, Police Department.

Added PROCLAMATION

Red Cross Month – March, 2003

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the month of March, 2003, to be "Red Cross Month" in the City of Renton, and urging all citizens to honor the men and women, staff and volunteers of this outstanding organization that is relied on in the Renton community to provide training and information to make thousands of individuals, schools, and businesses safer and ready to respond to unforeseen emergencies. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Regional Issues: Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), gave a presentation on Regional Growth Centers as part of PRSC’s VISION 2020 outreach strategy. He explained that the Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB) of the PSRC desires to increase communication with jurisdictions containing Regional Growth Centers in efforts to share successes, and help identify barriers and issues surrounding these centers. Mr. Abbott congratulated Renton on the progress it has made with its Regional Growth Center or Urban Center, saying that PSRC often uses it as an example to follow for other jurisdictions.

Mr. Abbott reviewed the progress the GMPB has made on its study of Regional Growth Centers, and its future plans. He reported that there are 21 centers in the Puget Sound Area, each of which can play a regional role in attracting population and employment, and can serve as a framework for the regional transportation system. Even if a relatively modest percent of overall future growth is attracted to these centers, the region would use urban land and public services more efficiently, eliminate a significant number of automobile trips, and enable more people to walk, bike, and take transit to nearby destinations.

Continuing, Mr. Abbott noted that the overall area consumed by all of the Urban Centers is 2.4% of the Urban Growth Area. Additionally, Urban Centers make up 5% of the population, 6% of the housing, and 28.6% of the employment in the Urban Growth Area. He also displayed graphs to show how
Renton's Urban Center compares with other centers in terms of employment and housing unit growth. In conclusion, Mr. Abbott stated that in its next phase of work, PSRC plans a VISION 2020 scoping process, and plans to address geographies other than Regional Growth Centers such as town centers and nodes, selected redevelopment corridors, compact communities, and rural areas.

Mayor Tanner stated that in some of the projection work done by the PSRC, the decline of Boeing activity has been taken into account with no compensation for anything that might occur after that. Emphasizing that the City of Renton is aggressively working on future planning for the Boeing property, he urged PSRC to take this into account when calculating its transportation projections.

In response to Council President Keolker-Wheeler's concern regarding the outdated information in PSRC's 2002 Regional Growth Center report for Renton, Mayor Tanner assured that the Administration will thoroughly review the report.

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**Airport: Advisory Committee**

Transportation Systems Director Sandra Meyer introduced Marcie Palmer, Renton Airport Advisory Committee Chair, who gave a briefing on the accomplishments of the Renton Airport Advisory Committee. Ms. Palmer stated that the committee, which was formed in March, 2001, consists of City staff, airport tenants, and neighborhood representatives. She explained that in terms of community building, the formation of the committee has increased public awareness of the laws, policies, and procedures that govern the operation of airports, and has resulted in a forum in which airport issues are aired publicly and potential solutions are discussed.

Ms. Palmer reported that the committee's accomplishments in regards to airport business and operations included assisting in the preparation of the Renton Municipal Airport Business Plan, and making recommendations that led to increased airport security, reduced runway incursions, and improved leasing policies. In regards to airport noise, she stated that the committee improved the language used in the voluntary noise abatement procedures brochure, increased the advertising of those procedures, and initiated formal procedures to track and investigate noise complaints.

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**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 2003 and beyond. Items noted included:

- The Human Services Division, in partnership with The Salvation Army, sponsors the Renton Emergency Assistance Program (REAP), which helps low-income residents pay their utility bills or other emergency services. Donations to the fund are made directly to The Salvation Army and are solicited through an insert in the City's utility bills. In 2002, donations totaled $3,184, helping a total of 35 people.

- Interested citizens are invited to an open house about the transportation improvements to the NE 3rd and 4th Street corridor on Tuesday, March 4th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Renton Technical College in the downstairs foyer of the Campus Center (Building 1). Contact Keith Woolley at 425-430-7318 for more information.

- Sound Transit will host an open house to present Renton-area bus service improvement plans scheduled for 2003 and beyond. The open house is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5th, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Renton Senior Activity Center located at 211 Burnett Ave. N. For additional information, contact Sound Transit at www.soundtransit.org.
AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: DeMastus – Highlands Neighborhood Signs, Highlands Community Association

Sandel DeMastus, Highlands Community Association (HCA) President, 1137 Harrington Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, reported that the both of the Highlands Neighborhood entry signs have been erected. She also announced that Council President Keoolker-Wheeler will speak on the human services budget cuts at the next HCA meeting on February 27th, 7:00 p.m., at the Renton Housing Authority Administration Building.

Citizen Comment: Royer – West Hill Area

Kathleen Royer, 10841 Rustic Rd. S., Seattle, 98178, speaking on behalf of the West Hill Community Council, thanked Council for its discussion during the preceding Committee of the Whole meeting regarding West Hill area policies and the removal of West Hill from Renton's potential annexation area. Reporting that the West Hill area is undergoing transition, both positive and negative, Ms. Royer noted that the positive aspects include the new management of the West Hill Community Center by the Boys and Girls Club, the commitment of the Northwest Area Foundation to reduce poverty in the area, and King County is addressing traffic and safety issues in the main corridors and business areas. She expressed her hope that the West Hill area and Renton can have a dialogue to investigate the potential for annexing some portion of West Hill to the City, and the establishment of a transition plan to that end.

Mayor Tanner reviewed the costs of bringing the West Hill area up to County and City standards, and emphasized that Renton cannot afford to annex the West Hill area at this time. He encouraged residents to continue to pressure King County to bring more improvements to the area.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Appointment: Board of Adjustment

Mayor Tanner appointed Mark Rigos, 1309 N. 39th Pl., Renton, 98056, to the Board of Adjustment, Position #3, for a four-year term expiring on 9/06/2006. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Vacation: Alley between Whitworth & Morris Aves, and S 3rd & 4th Sts, St. Anthony's Parish, VAC-03-001

City Clerk submitted petition for vacation of an alley between Whitworth and Morris Avenues S. and S. 3rd and 4th Streets; petition received on 1/17/2003 from Greg McNabb of St. Anthony's Parish, 314 S. 4th St., Renton, 98055, accompanied by required filing fee (VAC-03-001). Refer to Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; set public hearing on 3/24/2003 to consider the petition. (See page 74 for resolution setting the public hearing.)

Annexation: Minimum Area Threshold Establishment of Ten Acres

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended adoption of a minimum area threshold of ten acres for future annexation elections to make more efficient use of staff time and to promote larger annexations. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

Fire: Records Management System, Public Safety Consultants

Fire Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of $130,000 with Public Safety Consultants, Inc. for the implementation of its records management system. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

Police: JAIBG Funds to King County Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition

Police Department reported Renton's eligibility to receive Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) funds in the amount of $27,012, and requested approval to pool those funds with other King County jurisdictions to the King County Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition for juvenile justice
Transportation: TIP (2003-2008) Line Item Reallocation

Transportation Systems Division requested authorization for the 2003 reallocation of projects by line item within the 2003-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) appropriation of $6,661,200 for the Transportation Capital Improvement Fund 317. Council concur.

Transportation: Rainier Ave Corridor Study, Mirai Associates

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement in the amount of $260,600 with Mirai Associates, Inc., to conduct a comprehensive corridor study of Rainier Ave. from SR-167 to the northern City limits. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

CAG: 00-061, Oakesdale Ave SW Phase 1B & Phase 2, Gary Merlino Const Co

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-00-061, Oakesdale Ave. SW Phase 1B and Phase 2; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final payment in the amount of $43,582.20, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $107,547.56 for the full project to Gary Merlino Construction Company, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 02-002, SR-900 – S 2nd St Traffic Signal Safety, Totem Electric of Tacoma

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-02-002, SR-900 – S. 2nd St. Traffic Signal Safety; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final payment in the amount of $40,759.66, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $12,699.69 to Totem Electric of Tacoma, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 02-050, SR-900 – NE Sunset Blvd/Anacortes Ave NE Intersection Improvements, Totem Electric of Tacoma

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-02-050, SR-900 – NE Sunset Blvd. and Anacortes Ave. NE Intersection Improvements; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final payment in the amount of $24,295.02, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $14,683.14, to Totem Electric of Tacoma, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 01-098, Traffic Signal Priority System, IBI Group

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a supplemental agreement in the amount of $34,969.05 to CAG-01-098, contract with IBI Group for the Traffic Signal Priority System project, for additional work due to unforeseen design details and system selection complications. Council concur.

Utility: Earlington Sanitary Sewer Replacement Survey Work, Penhallegon Associates Consulting Engineers

Wastewater Utility Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of $76,180.20 with Penhallegon Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., for survey work associated with the Earlington Sanitary Sewer Replacement project. Council concur.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislature: Lobbying Efforts

Alex Pietsch, Acting Economic Development Administrator, reported that City representatives visited and talked with legislators last Tuesday regarding issues that affect Renton. Mr. Pietsch stated that various topics were discussed including annexation reform legislation, preservation of local water rights, transportation issues, gambling issues, and the international family of building codes.

Council President Keolker-Wheeler expressed her appreciation to City staff for putting together the Renton information packet that was given to the legislators.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police: Jail Services Contract Addenda, King County Cities

Public Safety Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the fee adjustment for the temporary custody of inmates before transfer to the Yakima County Jail. The Committee concurred in the recommendation of staff that...
Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the addenda to the interlocal agreements for the temporary custody of inmates before transfer to the Yakima County Jail including the cities of Algona, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Sammamish, SeaTac, Seattle, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and Yarrow Point.*

Councilman Clawson noted that the interlocal agreement addenda raises the daily inmate housing rate that the City charges other jurisdictions to match the rate that Yakima County Jail charges.

*MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Services: Salvation Army Donations
Councilwoman Nelson, speaking as a boardmember for The Salvation Army, thanked City employees and citizens for their donations to The Salvation Army.

Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers
Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 212359 - 212810 and three wire transfers totaling $2,247,102.30; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 42794 - 43027, one wire transfer and 564 direct deposits totaling $1,758,307.36. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Issaquah School District Impact Fees
Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the Issaquah School District impact mitigation fees. After review and consideration, the Finance Committee recommended that Council:

- Accept the recommendation of the Administration to retain the current School Mitigation Impact Fee of $2,937 per new single-family dwellings within the City of Renton portion of the Issaquah School District No. 411; and

- Accept the recommendation of the Administration to amend the text under Issaquah School District in the Other Related Documents Section (page 16) of the Comprehensive Plan by adding "except for School Impact Fee Calculations and Final Fee Contained therein. The School Impact Mitigation Fee is determined as set forth in Ordinance #4808 and Section 4-1-160 of Title IV, City of Renton Development Regulations."

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

Planning & Development Committee
Comprehensive Plan: Employment Area Valley & Employment Area Industrial Policies, IH Zone Moratorium
Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update – Employment Area-Valley (EA-V) policies and the Heavy Industrial (IH) Zone development moratorium. The Committee met on February 21, 2003, to consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission on the revisions to the EA-V policies, and staff review of the Employment Area-Industrial (EA-I) policies. These policies are under review both as part of the Citywide Comprehensive Plan update required by the Growth Management Act, and Resolution #3613, which declared a moratorium on new development within the City's IH Zone.

The Committee reviewed the staff and Planning Commission recommendations and concluded that sufficient review of the EA-V was completed to address issues set forth in Resolution #3613 for the Valley. The proposed policies cannot be adopted by the City Council until after a public hearing on all of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan amendments occurs later this year. However, the
proposed text changes continue the City's policy of allowing a broad range of employment-based uses in the Valley. The current adopted EA-V policies are sufficient to guide development in the Valley until the revisions are completed and adopted.

The EA-I policies were reviewed by staff for the area north and east of Monster Rd. (Merlino Quarry), and the area east of Garden Ave. N. (PACCAR and Houser Way). Staff concluded that sufficient land use changes in these areas are not envisioned in the near future and any changes to the policies should be addressed during the normal Comprehensive Plan update process.

It was therefore recommended the EA-V land use designation and the EA-I areas north and east of Monster Rd. (Merlino Quarry) and the area east of Garden Ave. N. (PACCAR and Houser Way) be removed from the moratorium.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 75 for resolution.)

Development Services: St. Anthony's Parish Development Agreement

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report regarding St. Anthony's Parish development agreement. On February 10, 2003, a public hearing regarding the St. Anthony's Parish development agreement was held before the City Council. Although issues of concern were raised at this hearing, City staff and representatives of St. Anthony's Parish have since resolved these issues and have mutually agreed upon a final version of the document. Therefore, the Committee recommended the approval of the St. Anthony's development agreement.

The Committee further recommended that the City Attorney be directed to draft the resolution regarding this matter and, upon adoption of the resolution, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.*

Councilwoman Briere commended City staff and St. Anthony's Parish for working together to finalize the development agreement.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution #3621**
Vacation: Alley between Whitworth & Morris Aves, and S 3rd & 4th Sts, St. Anthony's Parish, VAC-03-001

A resolution was read setting a public hearing date on March 24, 2003, for vacating the alley running north to south between Whitworth and Morris Avenues S. and S. 3rd and 4th Streets (St. Anthony's Parish; VAC-03-001).

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3622**
Planning: Heavy Industrial Zone Development Moratorium Modification

A resolution was read declaring a (modified) moratorium on development beyond State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) thresholds in the Heavy Industrial (IH) Zone and establishing a termination date for the moratorium.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Noting that adoption of this resolution represents one more step towards ending the IH Zone development moratorium, Council President Keolker-Wheeler expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and City staff for their efforts.
The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #5003**  
**Legal:** Auto Theft Tools

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 6-18, Penal Code, of Title VI, Police Regulations, of City Code by reorganizing, adding definitions, and making the possession or making of auto theft tools a crime. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
**Community Services: Art Class, "Young Artists Meet the Masters"**

Noting the art exhibit on display in the Council Chambers, Councilman Persson invited Municipal Arts Commission members Doug Kyes and Nancy Hoben to comment on it. Ms. Hoben explained that they held a class called "Young Artists Meet the Masters" at the Highlands Neighborhood Center over winter break for children ages seven to eleven, and the exhibit contained examples of the students' work. Mr. Kyes pointed out that due to the popularity of the class, they plan on holding another one.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR FOURTEEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS A PROPERTY TRANSACTION FOLLOWING A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS TO VIEW THE ART DISPLAY. CARRIED. Time: 8:47 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:06 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present except Corman, previously excused.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:07 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
February 24, 2003