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; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LARRY WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; SYLVIA ALLEN, Recreation Director; KELLY BEYMER, Golf Course Manager; KAREN BERGSVIK, Human Services Manager; NEIL WATTS, Development Services Director; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER ROBERT SEELYE, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Recreation Director, Sylvia Allen, introduced Municipal Arts Commission members Diana Hagen, Doug Kyes, and Eleanor Simpson. Ms. Hagen announced that Vanessa Adderson, a charter member of the Valley Community Players, was the recipient of the Municipal Arts Commission’s 2003 BRAVO Award, which recognizes individuals and organizations that have made a significant contribution to the arts in the City of Renton. Ms. Hagen explained Ms. Adderson’s aeronautics background and her contributions to the Renton community, including support of the Allied Arts of Renton and the IKEA Performing Arts Center, trustee of Community Opera Productions, and member of the production team for the 2001 Renton Centennial production, “Rentennial”.

Ms. Adderson accepted the framed certificate which was decorated with a drawing of her by artist Doug Kyes, and she expressed her appreciation for the award. In addition, Mr. Kyes presented the original portrait to Ms. Adderson’s son, Jim Adderson.

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 Renton Public Library has a new web interface to their catalog that makes searching for materials from home even easier. The new website can be accessed by visiting the Spotlight section of the City's website, www.ci.renton.wa.us, and clicking on the iPAC icon. This new site allows patrons to access their accounts to renew books, place holds, and check for items waiting for pickup.

- Cirque du Soleil will return to Renton this summer with their show *Alegria*. The grand chapiteau will be placed on Boeing Parking Lot 3 this summer and the Cirque's published schedule calls for an August
21st through September 14th run. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on April 27th at noon. Call 1-800-678-5440 or visit www.cirquedusoleil.com for information and tickets.

The S. 180th St. Grade Separation project is progressing quite well despite the fact that March 2003 had twice the normal rainfall. The S. 180th/S.W. 43rd project is on track for opening in late May to early June. The project is now about 80% complete with 14 weeks to go until the July 14th required completion date. The plan is to continue with project finalization and punch list work after the roadway has been reopened to the public, so as to complete the construction by July 14th.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Johnson – Power Outages, Noise Problems
Arland “Buzz” Johnson, 334 Wells Ave. S., #221, Renton, 98055, reported another two-hour power outage that occurred last week, a problem which has since been addressed by Puget Sound Energy. He expressed concern for the handicapped residents in the building because of the unavailability of elevators during outages.

Also, Mr. Johnson stated that a recent late-night party at McGowan’s Restaurant resulted in noise disturbance for area residents. He explained that the police officer responding to complaints handled the matter professionally and effectively, but he wanted Council to be aware of continuing disturbances at the establishment.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Appointment: Human Rights & Affairs Commission
Mayor Tanner reappointed Edythe Gandy, 3807 NE 8th Ct., Renton, 98056; Lari White, 1315 S. Puget Dr., #C-21, Renton, 98055; and Glenda Williams, 15612 SE 144th St., Renton, 98059; each to the Human Rights and Affairs Commission for two-year terms expiring on 4/25/2005. Council concur.

CAG: 02-104, Police Evidence Storage Facility Sitework, Hisey Construction
Community Services Department submitted CAG-02-104, Police Evidence Storage Facility Sitework; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $1,663.91, commencement of the 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $12,107.64 to Hisey Construction, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Development Services: Bresko Short Plat, ROW Dedication at NE 2nd St & Union Ave NE (SHP-02-132)
Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way in the vicinity of NE 2nd St. and Union Ave. NE to fulfill a requirement of the Bresko Short Plat (SHP-02-132). Council concur.

Development Services: Nason Short Plat, ROW Dedication at SE 31st St & Kennewick Ave SE (SHP-01-153)
Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way at the intersection of SE 31st St. and Kennewick Ave. SE to fulfill a requirement of the Nason Short Plat (SHP-01-153). Council concur.

Planning: Boeing Renton Site EIS Preparation, Blumen Consulting Group
Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of a contract with Blumen Consulting Group, Inc. for environmental review services for a Scoping and a preliminary draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Boeing
Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone. The Boeing Company will pay for the environmental analysis. Council concur.

**Budget: 2002 Carry Forward Ordinance**

Finance and Information Services Department requested approval of the 2002 carry forward ordinance in the amount of $19,886,600, increasing the 2003 Budget for various funds for the purpose of meeting 2002 obligations in 2003; increasing various funds to meet the requirements of salary and benefit labor agreements; and decreasing the 2003 general fund appropriation accordingly. Refer to Finance Committee.

**Development Services: Renton Aquatic Center Site Plan, SA-02-147**

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Site Plan for the Renton Aquatic Center to be located at 1715 Maple Valley Hwy. (SA-02-147). Council concur.

**Human Services: Housing Repair Assistance Program Policies**

Human Services Division recommended concurrence with the Human Services Advisory Committee recommendation for adoption of revised policies for the City’s Housing Repair Assistance Program. Refer to Community Services Committee.

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

Technical Services Division recommended approval of the vacation petition by St. Anthony’s Parish for the alley running north and south between Whitworth and Morris Avenues S. and S. 3rd and S. 4th Streets subject to the following conditions: 1) the Petitioner shall provide satisfactory proof that outside utilities have been received and are satisfied with any easements, which are necessary to protect their facilities in the requested vacation area; 2) a utility easement of the City shall be retained over the entire alley being vacated; and 3) this vacation shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the St. Anthony’s Parish Development Agreement. Council concur.

**Streets: Lake WA Blvd & Southport Blvd Closures for RR Crossing Upgrades**

Transportation Systems Division recommended a three-day temporary road closure between May 1 and May 29, 2003, of Lake Washington Blvd. at Southport Blvd., and Southport Blvd. for railroad crossing upgrades by Burlington Northern Santa Fe. Council concur. (See pg. 127 for resolution.)

**Transportation: DWI Memorial Sign Installation on Rainier Ave S (Jason Wipf)**

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a request by Peggy Wipf, 30655 Kanasket-Kangley Rd., Ravensdale, 98051, to place a DWI memorial sign in memory of her deceased son, Jason J. Wipf, on Rainier Ave. S., south of S. 4th Pl. Ms. Wipf will pay for the sign and installation. Council concur.

**Utility: Sunset Interceptor Phase II Pre-design, HDR Engineering**

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a contract with HDR Engineering in the amount of $194,600 for the initial pre-design work for the Sunset Interceptor Phase II project. Council concur.

**CAG: 02-010, Maplewood Water Treatment Improvements Design, Economic and Engineering Services**

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of Addendum #2 in the amount of $99,914 to CAG-02-210, contract with Economic and Engineering Services, Inc. to include design modifications and additional geo-technical investigation work for the Maplewood Water Treatment Improvements. Council concur.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was reported from individuals expressing interest in
Citizen Comment: Various – Off-Leash Dog Park

having an off-leash dog park in Renton including: Nona Peterson, 225 Vashon Ave. SE, Renton, 98059; Jennifer Garl, 2601 NE 9th St., Renton, 98056; Terry Angevine, 514 Burnett Ave. N., Renton, 98055; Nathan Thornton, 629 Cedar Ave S., #203, Renton, 98055; Roneida & Timothy Griffith, 550 Pierce Ave. SE, Renton, 98058; Jan Hickling, 527 Renton Ave. S., Renton, 98055; Bob & Nancy Prater, 412 Pelly Ave. N., Renton, 98055; Julie Hiatt, 1726 Pierce Ave. SE, Renton, 98158; Vicki Dodge, 18622 SE Lake Youngs Rd, Renton, 98058, Chris Fleck, 6123 S. 242nd Pl., #12-205, Kent, 98032; Darren & Davida St. Yves, 16624 133rd Pl. SE, Renton, 98058; Jennifer Haines, Boulevard Lanes, SE 192nd St. & 140th Ave. SE, Renton; Dollie Meyers, 18919 140th Ave. SE, Renton, 98058; Sunny Kathlean, Fairwood area, Renton; Vicki Murphy, no address given; Elynn Clayton, 21429 113th Pl. SE, Kent; Dr. Timothy White, 12940 SE 185th St., Renton, 98058; and Shari Blevins, Seattle resident.

Councilman Clawson explained that several citizens approached him about an off-lease dog park within the City at a recent Highlands Community Association meeting where the “KDOGS” from Kent were present. He stated that the citizens brought the issue to Council at his suggestion.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THESE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole

Development Services: Tracking Restrictive Covenants

Council President Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the tracking of restrictive covenants required through the permit process. Until a few years ago, covenants restricting the development of property were difficult to track. Staff generally did not know if any restrictive covenants affected a property unless a title report was provided. Title reports are expensive for applicants and are only required for certain types of land use applications.

At the end of 1999, staff completed a project cataloging and mapping all of the restrictive covenants required by the City. Staff can now research the covenants by consulting a map to identify affected properties. A corresponding database provides the recording number of the restrictive covenant, a legal description of the subject property, and a summary of the requirement of the covenants.

In addition, the Permits Plus permit tracking system is utilized to document conditions of permit approval, including covenants. These conditions can be researched by project name, address or parcel identification number. Another tool developed by staff to track project conditions is a matrix summarizing the required conditions. Copies of this matrix are distributed to the contractors and inspectors at pre-construction meetings.

The Committee recommended no further action be taken at this time.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEeler, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation: DWI Memorial Signs

Council President Keolker-Wheeler stated that in the process of reviewing agenda items 6.1. it was noted that there currently is no policy in place regarding DWI (driving while intoxicated) memorial sign placement, and recommended that Council consider development of such
a policy.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY PERSSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE MATTER OF DWI MEMORIAL SIGN POLICY DEVELOPMENT TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED

Community Services Committee
Community Services: Pavilion Building Renovation, Edifice Const. Co., CAG-03-005

Council President Keolker-Wheeler advised that the Committee of the Whole meeting would continue at the conclusion of the Council meeting for further discussion concerning funding for the Pavilion Building. At the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole meeting, Council would reconvene.

Community Services Committee
Human Services: 2003 CDBG Housing Stability Program Participation

Community Services Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the Human Services Advisory Committee’s recommendation to continue participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consortium Housing Stability Program in 2003. This program helps low to moderate income families who are employed, who have had a temporary crisis in their lives, which results in the short-term inability to meet their rent or mortgage payment.

The Renton Housing Stability Program cost of $21,355 for 2003 will be deducted from the public services amount received by Renton under the Joint Agreement with King County. Due to the increase in the amount of CDBG funding Renton will receive in 2003, funding this program will not decrease the amount of 2003 agency funding for public services previously approved by Council.

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

Community Services Committee
Community Services: Golf Cart Lease-Purchase Agreement, CitiCapital Commercial Corporation

Community Services Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to execute a formal 36 (thirty-six) month lease/purchase agreement with Club Car, Inc. (CitiCapital Commercial Corporation) for forty (40) gasoline powered golf carts. Forty (40) carts from the current fleet will be utilized as a trade-in. The City has the option at the end of the term to purchase the forty (40) carts for $1.00 each. The City’s current fleet has a total of fifty (50) golf carts.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute this Lease/Purchase Agreement.

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

Transportation (Aviation) Committee
Transportation: Sidewalk Utility Markings

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the unsightliness of utility locate marks left on sidewalks after construction activity has been completed. In several cases these locate markings are left on new city sidewalks and can take considerable time to wear away. The Transportation/Aviation Committee requested staff develop a program to implement the removal of utility locate markings in the downtown core area as a pilot program. Removal of locate marks would be limited to sidewalks only.

The permittee will be required to remove utility locate marks on sidewalks within the Downtown Core area, as shown in Appendix B of the 2002 City of Renton Zoning Map. The permittee shall remove the utility locate marks on sidewalks within fourteen 14 days of job completion.
The Transportation/Aviation Committee recommended implementing code changes requiring the removal of utility locate marks on sidewalks within the Downtown Core Area, and adoption of a Resolution authorizing this matter to be presented at a later meeting.

The Transportation/Aviation Committee further recommended that staff report back to the Committee after one year on the effectiveness of this pilot program, including any recommendations to modify or improve the new utility marks removal program.

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

Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 213714-214208 and two wire transfers totaling $2,063,530.77; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 43498-43733, one wire transfer and 569 direct deposits totaling $1,708,408.59.

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

Planning & Development Committee
Development Regulations: Fence Height Regulations

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report with proposed changes to the maximum residential fence height regulations established in Title IV.

Currently, City code limits residential fences to a maximum of four feet when they are located adjacent to a public street. The Planning and Development Committee met in April to discuss possible changes to the fence height regulations. The Committee recommended that a public hearing be conducted, which occurred on May 6, 2002. Committee members subsequently toured several residential neighborhoods in November and directed staff to address setback, landscaping and fencing material requirements.

On January 10, 2003, the City Attorney’s Office advised City Staff and the City Council that the proposed fence regulations were too “policy” oriented. In response to the City Attorney’s comments, staff revised the proposed fence regulations to include more regulatory language. The revised fence standards would allow residents to apply for a Special Administrative Fence Permit in order to construct 6-foot high fences when located within a front yard or side yard along a street setback. The permits would be issued on a case-by-case basis provided the applicant demonstrates the fence is constructed with appropriate fencing material; the fence is sufficiently screened; and, the finished side of the fence is oriented toward the streetscape.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3627
Streets: Lake WA Blvd & Southport Blvd Closures for RR Crossing Upgrades

A resolution was read authorizing the temporary closure of Lake Washington Blvd. at Southport Blvd., and of Southport Blvd. for a period of three days (consecutive or non-consecutive) between May 1 and May 29, 2003, for Burlington Northern Santa Fe to make improvements to railroad grade crossings at both locations. MOVED BY KEOLKER-
NEW BUSINESS
Council: Smallpox Vaccinations
Funding Letter

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

Councilman Clawson referred to a newspaper article regarding the strain on local health departments administered by King County and the financial burden for smallpox vaccinations, and recommended Council draft a letter to elected Federal officials to support relief for city and county compliance.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL DRAFT LETTERS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR CITIES AND COUNTIES FOR SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS. CARRIED.

Solid Waste: Hazardous Waste

Council President Keolker-Wheeler advised that the King County Health Department plans to conduct a workshop on 4/18/2003 regarding the West Nile virus issue, and requested a briefing by City staff to the Committee of the Whole after attending the workshop.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED. Time: 8:15 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:53 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

OLD BUSINESS (Continued)
Committee of the Whole
Community Services:
Pavilion Building Renovation,
Edifice Const. Co., CAG-03-005

Council President Keolker-Wheeler presented a report from the Committee of the Whole concurring with the Administration’s recommendation to complete the renovation of the Pavilion according to the final design which includes an under floor plenum, glass curtain walls on the East and West ends of the building, and air-conditioning. The Committee recommended that the City Council authorize the Administration to expend the previously appropriated $2,300,000. The Administration will return on April 21, 2003, for Council authorization to include the air-conditioning option once the funds are identified to cover the remaining project cost ($292,112.81).

The Committee of the Whole further recommended awarding the construction contract to Edifice Construction Company in the amount of 2,242,077.91. (The total project amount of $2,592,112.81 includes the bid and other soft costs). The Administration will find savings from capital funds or one-time monies and from areas that will not impact delivery of essential City services.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELO, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:55 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Suzann Lombard
April 7, 2003