April 14, 2003  Council Chambers
Monday, 7:30 p.m.  Renton City Hall

MINUTES

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; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
JESSE TANNER, Mayor; RUSSELL WILSON, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; SYLVIA ALLEN, Recreation Director; JUDGE TERRY JURADO, Municipal Court; JOE MCGUIRE, Court Services Director; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Municipal Court: 2002 Annual Report
Municipal Court Services Director Joe McGuire and Municipal Court Judge Terry Jurado presented the 2002 annual report of the Renton Municipal Court. Judge Jurado announced that 2002 was a successful year, and stressed that the court continues to develop strategies and policies that facilitate the handling of cases to minimize the number of hearings that have to take place. He reported on the success of the court's re-licensing program, and on the breath-testing program, which is facilitated in conjunction with the Renton jail. Judge Jurado also praised the court administrator and court clerks for their dedication and hard work.

Mr. McGuire reported on the recent closure of the Renton Division of the King County District Court and the effect it has had on the Municipal Court. The closure resulted in an increased number of phone calls requesting information about the district court, and the loss of a Renton location for the issuance of passports. In response to this public need, he announced that the Municipal Court will start issuing passports on May 6. Mr. McGuire also reported that the court recently installed a digital recording system, which will benefit the City and residents through reduced costs of operation and supplies.

Continuing, Mr. McGuire reviewed the court's expenditures and revenues for 2002, pointing out that the court was able to save $73,685 or 5.7% of its budgeted expenditures. He stated that the number of cases filed in 2002 decreased slightly from 2001 mainly due to less parking enforcement activity, and criminal case filings increased by more than 208 cases. Mr. McGuire concluded by reporting on recent State legislative activities concerning cities that do not have their own limited jurisdiction court and contract with King County for this service.

In response to Council President Keolker-Wheeler's inquiry regarding interpreter services expenses, Mr. McGuire stated that $36,700 was budgeted for this in 2002, and an estimated $40,500 in 2003. He noted that in 2004, an adjustment to the budget may be necessary to cover this expense. Judge Jurado added that in order to save costs, the court tries to minimize the number of hearings needed for parties who require interpreters, or schedule hearings in such a way as to take full advantage of the interpreter's time.
Responding to Council President Keolker-Wheeler's inquiry regarding the correlation of interpreter services provided by the court and the types of crimes committed, Judge Jurado reported that crimes committed by those requiring interpreter services consist mostly of driving-related crimes for the male population, and theft for the female population.

Councilman Parker noted that he has attended a number of Municipal Court proceedings, and complimented Judge Jurado on the way he thoroughly explains processes in the courtroom. Councilman Persson praised the court's relicensing program, stating that the program is saving the court system a lot of money.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Derek Todd, Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, 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:

- A new edition of CityView is airing now on Renton's Government Access Channel 21, featuring the Police Department's Citizen Academy, the Lobby Volunteer Program, Renton City Concert Band, Senior Housing Fair, Ham Radio Operators, and the Valley Hoop Shoot.

- A full listing of summer events such as the Renton Farmers Market and Kidd Valley Summer Concert Series has been added to the Spotlight section of the City's website at www.ci.renton.wa.us.

- The 2003 City of Renton Budget has been added to the City's website in a downloadable .pdf format.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilwoman Nelson, item 6.e. was removed for separate consideration.

Council Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2003

Approval of Council meeting minutes of April 7, 2003. Council concur.

Appointment: Airport Advisory Committee

Mayor Tanner reappointed the following individuals to the Airport Advisory Committee for three-year terms expiring on 5/7/2006: Kennydale neighborhood representatives Marcie Palmer, 2507 Park Pl. N., Renton, 98056, primary; and Marleen Mandt, 1408 N. 26th St., Renton, 98056, alternate; and Aviation representatives Michael Rogan, 2055 Killarney Way, Bellevue, 98004, primary, Airport-at-Large; Greg Garner, 1209 Lincoln Pl. NE, Renton, 98056, alternate, Airport-at-Large; and Karen Stemwell, PO Box 3365, Renton, 98056, alternate, Aircraft Owner's and Pilot's Association. Council concur.

Appointment: Municipal Arts Commission


CAG: 03-029, Renton Aquatic Center, Powell Const Co

City Clerk reported bid opening on 4/9/2003 for CAG-03-029, Renton Aquatic Center; three bids; engineer's estimate $3,900,216 (does not include sales tax); and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Powell Construction Company, in the amount of $4,105,876.99 (includes sales tax). Council concur

EDNSP: 2003 Neighborhood Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department
Grant Program & Additional Funding for Existing Projects

Submitted grant applications for the 2002 Neighborhood Grant Program and recommended funding six projects totaling $2,971.71 (plus a contingency fund of $297); and recommended conducting a second round of funding by October, 2003. Refer to Community Services Committee. Approval was also sought for the process by which additional neighborhood grant funding for existing neighborhood projects is determined (this issue previously referred to Community Services Committee on 10/14/2002).

CAG: 02-203, Airport Runway/Taxiway Lighting Signage & Paving, W&H Pacific, Fund Transfer

Transportation Systems Division requested approval of Supplement #1 to CAG-02-203, contract with W&H Pacific for the Airport Taxiway Lighting, Signage and Paving Project in the amount of $155,309.53 for construction administration and field observation; and recommended approval to transfer $59,900.20 from the Airport Reserve Fund to the project. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

CAG: 02-034, East Kennydale Sanitary Sewer Infill & Watermain Replacement, Frank Coluccio Const Co

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-02-034, East Kennydale Sanitary Sewer Infill & Watermain Replacement; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $19,607.26, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $76,388.17 to Frank Coluccio Construction Company, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Utility: Water System Vulnerability Assessment, ABS Consulting

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a contract with ABS Consulting in the amount of $87,500 to conduct a water system vulnerability assessment; and requested approval to transfer $50,000 from the Water Utility's Water Reservoir Recoating budget to the Update Emergency Response Plan budget. Refer to Utilities Committee.

Utility: Central Plateau Interceptor/Elliot Bridge 3166 Replacement, King County

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with King County for the City's inclusion of the Central Plateau Interceptor installation work as part of King County's Elliott Bridge #3166 Replacement project. Refer to Utilities Committee.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 6.e. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration Item 6.e.
Community Services: Henry Moses Aquatic Center Naming

Community Services Department recommended approval to name the new aquatic center the Henry Moses Aquatic Center in honor of the last chief of the Duwamish Indian Tribe.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR TO NAME THE NEW AQUATIC CENTER THE HENRY MOSES AQUATIC CENTER. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS
Public Works: Power Outages, Puget Sound Energy

At the request of Council President Keolker-Wheeler, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman gave a briefing on the City's communications with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) regarding power outages in the vicinity of the Spencer Court Apartments, 334 Wells Ave. S., as a result of a request by Arland "Buzz" Johnson that the City intercede and work with PSE to improve power service. He explained that upon investigation of the situation, PSE located a damaged power conductor in a high voltage junction box located in the northeast corner of the Parker Paint parking lot (206 Wells Ave. S.). The damaged power conductor was replaced on April 1.

Stating that the age of the underground power distribution system in the GRA-15 power grid was discussed (it was installed in the early 1970s), Mr.
Zimmerman reported that although PSE did not specify any particular problem with this system, it is on their "radar screen" for replacement in the coming years due to its age. He indicated that City staff will continue to monitor the status of the GRA-15 power grid with PSE, and keep Council updated on any changes.

Responding to Mayor Tanner's inquiry regarding whether it is possible to replace the underground conductors by threading through existing conduits or if they have to be dug up, Mr. Zimmerman stated that PSE will use the conduits to the extent they can; however, some digging will be necessary and the project will cause some inconvenience.

Council President Keolker-Wheeler reported receipt of the City Attorney's recommendation for documenting the motion for Executive Session in the Council meeting minutes, and asked that the Council motion list be updated.

In response to Councilman Clawson's request for an update on the Talbot Hill Elementary School area traffic congestion issue, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman stated that the issue is scheduled for discussion by the Transportation Committee on April 17. He reported that staff plans to bring forward some proposals that will help alleviate the traffic congestion caused by the student drop-off and pick-up at the school.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a clean-up report for three items listed on the Committee's referral list as follows:

- Referral 1406 – Lake Washington Blvd. Signage. The Committee discussed this issue on May 15, 2002. Staff displayed a map with all signs currently on Lake Washington Blvd. marked. The Committee recommended that no further action be taken at this time.

- Referral 1667 – Handicapped Parking Stalls at the Vehicle License Office in Downtown Renton. The Committee discussed this issue on September 5, 2002. Due to the requirements of space size, accesses to the sidewalk, and the conflicts with the RCW (Revised Code of Washington), it was determined that ADA (American with Disabilities Act) requirements for a handicapped parking stall cannot be met with a parallel parking space on a public street. Staff was then directed to check with area businesses regarding potential use of a portion of a private parking lot for this purpose. At this time, no one is willing to dedicate a portion of a lot for this purpose. Given that the new parking garage in the downtown area is near completion, the Committee recommended that no further action be taken.

- Referral 1740 – Airport Advisory Committee as a Better Neighbor. The Committee recommended that this issue be referred to the Renton Airport Advisory Committee for consideration.

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

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the carry forward ordinance. The ordinance increases the 2003 Budget for various funds for the purpose of meeting 2002 obligations in 2003; increases various funds to meet the requirements of salary and benefit labor agreements; and decreases the 2003 general fund appropriation. The Committee recommended adoption of the carry forward ordinance that authorizes adjustments to the 2003 Budget and increases it by $19,886,600.
The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See below for ordinance.)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 4/21/2003 for second and final reading:

**Budget: Carry Forward Ordinance**

An ordinance was read increasing the 2003 Budget for various funds in the amount of $19,886,600 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.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 4/21/2003. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Community Services: Centennial Sculpture Dedication

Council President Keolker-Wheeler reported on meetings and events she recently attended including the dedication of the Lasting Legacy Centennial Sculpture, "Emerging" located near Carco Theatre.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:31 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann

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