April 28, 2003
Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

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; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; NEIL WATTS, Development Services Director; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; CHIEF LEE WHEELER, Fire Department; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER CURTIS SMALLING, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION
Mental Health Month – May, 2003
A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the month of May, 2003, to be “Mental Health Month” in the City of Renton, and urging all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit the community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

Pegi Moll accepted the proclamation on behalf of Valley Cities Counseling & Consultation, and expressed her appreciation for the City's ongoing support of human services.

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:

* A grand opening celebration will be hosted on Saturday, May 3, at 11:00 a.m., to showcase the new playground equipment located at the south end of Gene Coulon Beach Park.

* The Washington State Department of Health recently performed a routine sanitary survey of the City's water system and stated that the overall condition of the water system is very good to excellent.

* The State Legislature has passed a 2003 Transportation Projects list. Projects of interest in Renton include $136 million for the I-405 corridor from West Valley Hwy. to Maple Valley Hwy., $9.7 million for the SR-167 Corridor Study, and $700,000 for the I-405/SR-167 interchange modification.

Public Works: Water System Testing
In regards to the administrative report item concerning the testing of Renton's water system by the State Department of Health, Mayor Tanner pointed out that Renton regularly tests its water and does not depend on the Health Department's routine survey. Planning/Building/Public Works Department Administrator Gregg Zimmerman stated that the City tests its water supply on a weekly basis, and certain tests are performed on a daily basis.
CONSENT AGENDA

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Community Services: 2003 Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Community Services Department recommended approval and adoption of the 2003 Long-Range Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Community Services: Heather Downs Property, IAC Grant Resolution

Community Services Department recommended adoption of an Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation grant resolution needed as part of the grant application process for obtaining up to $500,000 for the Heather Downs property acquisition (five acres located at Union Ave. SE and NE 3rd St.). Refer to Community Services Committee.

Community Services: Edlund Property, IAC Grant Resolution

Community Services Department recommended adoption of an Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation grant resolution needed as part of the grant application process for obtaining $500,000 for the Edlund property acquisition (18 acres located on the northeast corner of Carr Rd. and 103rd Ave.). Refer to Community Services Committee.

Community Services: Edlund Property Purchase, King County Funding

Community Services Department recommended approval of an amendment to the Conservation Futures interlocal agreement with King County (CAG-90-029) for open space funding to accept $250,000 in matching funds for the Edlund property acquisition (18 acres located on the northeast corner of Carr Rd. and 103rd Ave.). Refer to Community Services Committee.

Streets: Main Ave S Closure, Veterans Memorial Park Dedication (5/26/2003)

Community Services Department requested authorization for a one-day closure of Main Ave. S. between S. 2nd St. and S. 3rd St. on May 26, 2003, for the Veterans Memorial Park dedication ceremony. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Community Services: City Hall Mechanical Maintenance Services, McKinstry Company

Community Services Department requested approval of a three-year contract in the annual amount of $55,733 for mechanical maintenance services at Renton City Hall. Council concur.

Plat: Honey Crest, NE 9th Pl & Vashon Pl NE, FP-03-011

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Honey Crest Final Plat; 19 single-family lots on 3.12 acres located at NE 9th Pl. and Vashon Pl. NE (FP-03-011). Council concur. (See page 155 for resolution.)

Fire: Records Management System, FDM Software

Fire Department recommended approval of a contract with FDM Software, Ltd. in the amount of $332,223 to supply, install, and train City staff in the use of its computer software, which is the final component of the Fire Department's computerized integrated records management system project. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

Police: Valley Special Response Team Interlocal Agreement

Police Department recommended approval of the Valley Special Response Team interlocal agreement which creates a multi-jurisdictional team to effectively respond to serious criminal occurrences. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

Airport: Runway/Taxiway Lighting Signage & Paving Project, DBE Program Policy

Transportation Division submitted the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program policy statement, which must be updated, after its dissemination to all Councilmembers, as a condition of accepting grant funds from the Federal
Statement
Aviation Administration (FAA) for the 2003 Airport Taxiway Paving, Lighting, and Signage Project. Council concur.
MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS
Development Services:
International Codes Adoption
Council President Keolker-Wheeler noted that Mayor Tanner sent a letter to Governor Gary Locke urging him to sign Substitute House Bill 1734 into law. This bill would adopt the latest building codes, the International Codes, thereby bringing Washington current with the most current public safety codes in the nation. Ms. Keolker-Wheeler inquired as to when these codes would be put into place at the City once the bill is signed.
Noting that the bill only adopts a portion of the International Codes, Development Services Director Neil Watts stated that he hopes to see the codes in place by next July, but suspects that they may not be in effect until July of the following year.

Community Services Committee
Human Services: Vision House Childrens Village Building Permit Fee Waiver
Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the Vision House Children's Village fee waiver request. The Committee discussed the Vision House request for a waiver of fees associated with the processing of an Administrative Level 1 Site Plan review, environmental (SEPA) review, building permit fees and mitigation fees for a day care, offices, eleven residential units, and associated improvements. In lieu of the fees, the proponent would create a scholarship fund of approximately $10,000 per year for three years ($30,000 total) for low-income Renton families in need of childcare assistance.
There are no current City policies for fee waivers or fee reductions for non-profit agencies. Each request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Committee recommended that this request by Vision House for a fee waiver be denied and others sources of assistance be pursued. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Hickling – Vision House Childrens Village Building Permit Fee Waiver
Council President Keolker-Wheeler reported receipt of an e-mail from Jan Hickling, 527 Renton Ave. S., Renton, 98055, encouraging the City to waive the development fees for the Vision House Children's Village.

Transportation: Kirkland Ave NE/NE 12th St Intersection Revision
Councilman Corman thanked City staff for the intersection revision at Kirkland Ave. NE and NE 12th St., noting that the addition of the four-way stop improves safety at the intersection.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
Resolution #3630
Plat: Honey Crest, NE 9th Pl & Vashon Pl NE, FP-03-011
A resolution was read approving the Honey Crest Final Plat consisting of approximately 3.12 acres located in the vicinity of NE 9th Pl. and Vashon Pl. NE (FP-03-011). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Community Services: Fire Station #12 Construction Project, New Contractor
Council President Keolker-Wheeler reported that the Fire Station #12 construction project, 1209 Kirkland Ave. NE, has been closed temporarily due to the discovery that the contractor to whom the City awarded the contract did not have a valid bond. She explained that the partially completed structure is
not protected from the weather, and will be severely damaged if immediate action is not taken to complete the project. Additionally, there are numerous subcontractors who have been affected by this closure.

Ms. Keolker-Wheeler stressed that any further delay in the completion of the project caused by meeting the requirements of the public bidding laws will result in the following: severe damage to the unprotected structure, additional expenditure of City funds, and financially affected subcontractors. She stated that a declaration of an emergency will allow the City to suspend the application of the public bidding laws and permit City staff to negotiate with other general contractors to accept the work that is in place and complete the project in the expected time frame.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELEN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL DECLARE AN EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION #12. CARRIED. (See below for resolution.)

Added
Resolution #3631
Community Services: Fire Station #12 Construction Project, New Contractor

A resolution was read declaring an emergency with relation to the construction of Fire Station #12, located at 1209 Kirkland Ave. NE, and creating an exemption to the competitive bidding requirements. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELEN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

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

Ordinance #5007
Budget: 2003 Amendments

An ordinance was read increasing the City of Renton 2003 Budget in the total amount of $3,066,000. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5008
Development Services: Fence Height Regulations

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-1-170.A of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, and 4-4-040.G of Chapter 4, City-Wide Property Development Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by revising the special administrative fence permit requirements and associated fee schedule. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5009
Utility: Sidewalk Utility Markings

An ordinance was read amending Section 9-10-11.G of Chapter 10, Street Excavations, of Title IX (Public Ways and Property) of City Code by requiring the removal of utility locate markings. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Public Safety: West Nile Virus

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELEN, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE WEST NILE VIRUS ISSUE TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

Community Services: Administrator Retirement (Jim Shepherd)

Councilman Parker noted that this Council meeting will be the last one for Community Services Administrator Jim Shepherd, as he is retiring. Pointing out that he has worked for the City of Renton for 21 years, Mr. Shepherd stated that he has enjoyed working for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time: 8:00 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
April 28, 2003