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. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN DAN CLAWSON. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; RUSSELL WILSON, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; LYS HORNJSBY, Utility Systems Director; ALLEN QUYNN, Civil Engineer; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; NORMA MCQUILLER, Neighborhood Coordinator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; SYLVIA ALLEN, Recreation Director; JON JAINGA, CIP Coordinator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KENT CURRY, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4 to May 10, 2003

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the week of May 4 to May 10, 2003, to be "Teacher Appreciation Week" in the City of Renton, and encouraging all citizens to honor teachers and recognize their vital contributions to Renton's youth. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce Communications and Marketing Director Sara Garner accepted the proclamation. She announced that seven individuals or teams of outstanding Renton teachers will be recognized as winners of the Ahead of the Class, Excellence In Education awards on Tuesday, May 6, and invited the Mayor, Council, and the public to attend the awards presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

EDNSP: 2003 Neighborhood Grant Program

Neighborhood Coordinator Norma McQuiller stated that seven neighborhood associations applied for grants through the 2003 Neighborhood Grant Program, and two were awarded grants for their neighborhood projects. She presented award certificates to representatives from the Highbury Park and Summerwind Homeowners Associations, both of which will use the funds to improve traffic circles. In addition, Ms. McQuiller announced that four neighborhood associations were also awarded administrative newsletter grants.

Ms. McQuiller encouraged neighborhood associations to apply for grants during the second round of funding in October, and offered ideas for the types of projects neighborhood associations may want to pursue such as neighborhood identification signs, and the landscaping of common areas and neighborhood entrance areas. Ms. McQuiller concluded by stating that applications are available for neighborhood picnics, which take place May through the second week of September.

Public Safety: West Nile Virus Response Plan

Civil Engineer Allen Quynn reported on the City of Renton's West Nile Virus Response Plan. He explained that the virus was first detected in the United States in 1999, and in Washington State in late 2002. To date, there have been no detected cases in King County. Transmitted through certain species of
mosquitoes that are infected when they feed on infected birds, the virus may exhibit flu-like symptoms and can infect people, birds, mosquitoes, and other mammals. He noted that the virus cannot be transmitted from person to person.

Mr. Quynn stated that the Washington State Department of Health is working with local health departments such as the Seattle-King County Department of Health in tracking the West Nile Virus. The Department of Health is conducting surveillance of the virus and educating the public. He indicated that the City of Renton has developed its own virus response plan, and Phase 1 of the plan includes the following: monitoring the occurrence of the virus using Health Department surveillance data, supporting public education and outreach, minimizing mosquito breeding habitat on City property, and applying for an Aquatic Mosquito Control permit.

Continuing, Mr. Quynn explained that Phase 2 of the response plan entails the treatment of City property to control mosquitoes. He emphasized that prevention is the best protection and the public can reduce mosquito-breeding habitat by eliminating unnecessary standing water. Additionally, he encouraged citizens to protect themselves from mosquito bites. In conclusion, Mr. Quynn stated that the public can call the Seattle-King County Department of Health or contact its website at www.metrokc.gov/health/westnile for more information about the West Nile Virus, or to report mosquito problems and dead birds. (See page 164 for Committee of the Whole report adopting Renton's West Nile Virus Response Plan.)

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:

• The Renton Municipal Court was recently certified by the U.S. Department of State as an official Passport Acceptance Facility, and is now providing this service to the public.

• The Henry Moses Aquatic Center groundbreaking ceremony has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 14, at 12:00 p.m. and will be held on the construction site in the northeast corner of Cedar River Park, adjacent to the Renton Community Center.

• The talents and abilities of senior citizens from the Renton Senior Activity Center were showcased at the 24th Annual Senior Stage Revue on May 1 and 2, where more than 125 seniors performed for audiences totaling more than 500 people.

• City staff continues to monitor the Thursday, May 1, incident in which a 26-inch natural gas pipeline owned by Williams Northwest Pipeline ruptured south of Auburn. The cause of the pipeline rupture is under investigation, and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is also investigating this pipeline failure and is providing status reports to Renton and other members of the Washington City and County Pipeline Safety Consortium.

In regards to the administrative report item regarding the recent pipeline rupture near Auburn, Mayor Tanner commented that City of Renton is working hard to convince the owners of the pipeline that goes through Renton to conduct hydrostatic pressure testing.

In regards to the administrative report item concerning the 24th Annual Senior
Stage Revue (24th Annual)  
Stage Revue, Council President Keolker-Wheeler stated that the program was really good and the participants were very talented and energetic.

AUDIENCE COMMENT  
Citizen Comment: Hardy – Caring About Our Rich Environment, Environmental Awareness Organization  
Dave C. Hardy, Founder/Division President/Advisory Committee Chairman for Caring about Our Rich Environment (CARE), 19235 108th Ave. SE, #206, Renton, 98055, stated that the environment is slowly being destroyed by everyday actions, and explained that CARE's purpose is to educate the public about the subject of environmental awareness and to conduct projects towards that end. Mr. Hardy detailed passages from the organization's constitution, noting that any proposition brought before the organization is treated as if it were a bill (similar to state and national congresses). He concluded by stating his hope that CARE will flourish and grow over the next few years.

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

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CAG: 02-119, Gene Coulon Park Play Area Improvements, Clements Brothers  
Community Services Department submitted CAG-02-119, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park Play Area Improvements; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $4,286.56, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $7,084.03 to Clements Brothers, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Human Services: 2003 CDBG Contingency Plan Revision  
Human Services Division recommended approval of the revised 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contingency Plan for additional capital funds in the amount of $111,430 and setting a public hearing on June 9, 2003. Refer to Community Services Committee; set public hearing for June 9, 2003.

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

CORRESPONDENCE  
Citizen Comment: Nicholson – Nicholson Short Plat Appeal Evidence (SHP-02-111)  
A letter was read from Brad Nicholson, 2300 NE 28th St., Renton, 98056, requesting that the Planning and Development Committee review all evidence presented with his appeal (filed 3/6/2003) of the Hearing Examiner's decision on the Administrative and Environmental Determination for the Nicholson Short Plat (SHP-02-111). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Added  
Citizen Comment: Fillips – Cedar River Trail, Use of Chemicals

Councilwoman Briere reported receipt of an e-mail from Judy Fillips, 3405 SE 7th St., Renton, 98058, regarding the use of chemicals along the Cedar River Trail. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS  
Committee of the Whole  
Public Safety: West Nile Virus Response Plan

Council President Keolker-Wheeler presented a report of the Committee of the Whole recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that Council approve the proposed West Nile Virus Response Plan. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee  
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 214611 - 214976 and two wire transfers totaling
$2,477,596.35; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 43970 - 44209, one wire transfer and 568 direct deposits totaling $1,791,315.15. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Transportation (Aviation) Committee**

**Public Works: Sidewalk Replacement (S 2nd & Williams Ave), Street Fund 2002 Year-end Fund Balance**

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report concurring with the recommendation of staff that Council authorize the use of $140,000 of the year 2002 ending fund balance from the Street Fund as identified in the Budget Adjustment Ordinance #5007 to replace aging sidewalks in downtown Renton. The subject sidewalks are located along the south side of S. 2nd St. between Burnett Ave. S. and Main Ave. S.; and along both sides of Williams Ave. S. between S. 2nd St. and S. Tobin St. on the west side, and between S. 2nd St. and Riverside Dr. on the east side. This project will include trimming of tree roots and in some cases removal and replacement of trees using varieties better suited for use in rights-of-way. The Planning/Building/Public Works Department plans to perform this project in the summer or fall of 2003. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Transportation: Memorial Sign Installation (Joshua R Colson)**

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the request of Cara L. Turner of Sumner, Washington, for the installation of a memorial sign with the message "Don't Street Race". The City currently does not have a memorial sign policy. Staff researched policies used by the State Department of Transportation and King County Roads in regards to these type of signs.

In keeping with the policy used by King County, the Committee recommended the installation of a memorial sign with the message "Don't Street Race" and a placard with the message "In Memory of Josh Colson". The requester, Cara Turner, will be responsible for the cost of installing the sign and its maintenance for two years at the cost of $200. Additionally, the City must also receive written permission from the next of kin.

The Committee further recommended that Council authorize the Administration to develop guidelines for memorial signs similar to those used by King County. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Community Services Committee**

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

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the one-day temporary closure of Main Ave. S. between S. 2nd St. and S. 3rd St. on May 26, 2003, from approximately 8:30 a.m. until approximately 7:00 p.m., for the Veterans Memorial Park dedication ceremony. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Community Services: 2003 Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan**

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve and adopt the 2003 Long-Range Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan. The most recent plan was adopted in 1993. This revised and updated plan meets the Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation long-range plan criteria and allows the City to be eligible for future state grants. The park inventory, level of service, and long-range planning elements have been updated based upon community involvement, a random household survey, and staff participation. This plan will be in effect for six years from the date of adoption.
The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 167 for resolution.)

Community Services: Edlund Property Purchase, King County Conservation Futures Funding, CAG-90-029

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the amendment to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (CAG-90-029) between King County and the City of Renton for the Edlund Property Open Space Acquisition Project (18 acres located on the northeast corner of Carr Rd. and 103rd Ave.) to accept $250,000 for this acquisition. The City's required 50% match will be funded from the Parks Mitigation Fund.

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the interlocal cooperation agreement. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 167 for resolution.)

Community Services: Heather Downs Property, IAC Grant Resolution

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to apply to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for funding assistance in the amount of $500,000 for the Heather Downs property acquisition (five acres located at Union Ave. SE and NE 3rd St.). The City's 50% match will be funded from the Parks Mitigation Fund.

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption to authorize the Mayor to make formal application for funding assistance. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 167 for resolution.)

Community Services: Edlund Property, IAC Grant Resolution

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to apply to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for funding assistance in the amount of $500,000 for the Edlund property acquisition (18 acres located on the northeast corner of Carr Rd. and 103rd Ave.). The City's 50% match will be funded from the Parks Mitigation Fund ($250,000) and King County Conservation Futures grant ($250,000).

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption to authorize the Mayor to make formal application for funding assistance. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 167 for resolution.)

Community Services: Ivar's Contract Unforecasted Revenue Allocation

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding Ivar's Inc. unforecasted revenue allocation. Currently, the Ivar's contract calls for an additional 12% of revenue to be paid to the City when gross sales exceed $1.1 million per year. In 2002, this amounted to $20,380.

The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve unforecasted funds to be used for the Clam Lights Festival, and for Gene Coulon Beach Park and Liberty Park enhancements. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3632
Community Services: Edlund Property, IAC Grant Resolution

A resolution was read authorizing application for funding assistance for a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program project to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for the Edlund property acquisition; 18 acres located on the northeast corner of Carr Rd. and 103rd Ave. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3633
Community Services: Heather Downs Property, IAC Grant Resolution

A resolution was read authorizing application for funding assistance for a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program project to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for the Heather Downs property acquisition; five acres located at Union Ave. SE and NE 3rd St. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3634
Community Services: 2003 Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan

A resolution was read adopting the updated 2003 Long-Range Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3635
Community Services: Edlund Property Purchase, King County Conservation Futures Funding, CAG-90-029

A resolution was read authorizing application for funding assistance for an acquisition project to King County as provided by the King County Conservation Futures Levy Fund Acquisition Program for the Edlund property acquisition; 18 acres located on the northeast corner of Carr Rd. and 103rd Ave. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Police: Renton Transit Center Safety

Councilman Persson relayed residents concerns regarding safety at the Renton Transit Center, stating that he was informed of a mugging that allegedly took place at the transit center last weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:34 p.m.

Recorder: Michele Neumann
May 5, 2003