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; RUSSELL WILSON, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SYLVIA ALLEN, Recreation Director; VINCENT ORDUNA, Cultural Arts Coordinator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Community Services:
"Cinderella" Teen Musical Performance Excerpts

Recreation Director Sylvia Allen announced that Renton's 2003 summer teen musical "Cinderella" will run from July 17 to August 9 at Carco Theatre. Vincent Orduna, Cultural Arts Coordinator, introduced performers Brie Lind, Kendra Phillips, Deanna Ohlfs, Lacey Vance, and Andrew Thureson who entertained the audience with sample numbers from the show.

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:

- Twenty-two Centennial markers are now featured in a new self-guided tour booklet entitled History Lives Here, produced to help educate citizens and visitors about Renton history.

- Last week, the Seattle Times selected Maplewood Golf Course as their course of the week. Additionally, the Seattle Times recognized Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park as one of the five best destination parks.

- The Girls High School Summer Basketball League completed their season, with the hometown Hazen High School girls taking the championship on July 9.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Conklin - Bike Usage on Skate Park

Dustin Conklin, 11809 SE 218th Pl., Kent, 98031, inquired as to why bikes are not allowed on Renton's Skate Park.

Councilman Clawson responded that bikes tear up the concrete causing problems for the skaters.

Mr. Conklin stated that a number of skate parks allow bikes, including those in Redmond and Puyallup, and he asked if he could arrange a meeting with Council to discuss the issue.

Stating that he was not aware that some skate parks allow bikes, Councilman Clawson stated that he is interested in learning more and is willing to meet with Mr. Conklin to discuss the matter.

Citizen Comment: Johnson - Arland "Buzz" Johnson, 334 Wells Ave. S., #221, Renton, 98055, speaking on
McGowan's Restaurant, Hanging Flower Baskets behalf of the residents of the Spencer Court Apartments, reported that the problems the residents were having with the neighboring McGowan's Restaurant have subsided. Additionally, Mr. Johnson complimented the City on the beautiful hanging flower baskets.

Citizen Comment: Devine - Fireworks Ban Matt Devine, 527 S. 28th Pl., Renton, 98055, described his 4th of July experience, which included watching fire trucks respond to fireworks related fires in his neighborhood and surrounding areas, and worrying about the safety of his house while he attended a planned fireworks event. Mr. Devine encouraged the City of Renton to institute a total fireworks ban, noting that people do not understand the difference between legal and illegal fireworks.

Reporting that the Public Safety Committee met on the subject of fireworks today, Councilman Clawson stressed that this is a complicated issue and the Committee will continue to review the subject. He noted that the Committee is looking forward to receiving reports from the Police and Fire Departments around September.

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

CAG: 03-103, SW 7th St Drainage Improvement Phase 1, DDJ Construction Co City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/8/2003 for CAG-03-103, SW 7th St. Drainage Improvement Project Phase I; seven bids; engineer's estimate $305,058.88; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to low bidder, D.D.J. Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of $305,293.34. Council concur. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Added Correspondence was read from Judith Fillips, 3405 SE 7th St., Renton, 98058, expressing concern regarding the use of chemicals along the Cedar River Trail, noting that Tier 1 chemicals can have significant long-term effects on humans. She encouraged the City to discontinue the use of chemicals not only along the Cedar River Trail but also on other City-owned property. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS Finance Committee Finance: Finance Committee Agenda Item Clean-up Report

- Referral 1317 – Automated Payment Procedure for Utility Bills. Since this matter was referred on 11/06/2000, there is now an online form (available on the City's website) for citizens to fill out, mail in, and have their payments automatically deducted from their bank accounts each month.

- Referral 1507 – Gambling Issues. Council met on this issue several times and, at this time, desires to make no changes to the City's current ordinances.
Referral 1671 – Pavilion Building and Aquatic Center Capital Projects Coordinator Temporary Hire. The Committee met to discuss this on 8/05/2002. Both projects are currently underway without the need of a temporary position.

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

Finance: Vouchers
Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 216818 - 217404 and two wire transfers totaling $1,774,490.49; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 44959 - 45293, one wire transfer and 577 direct deposits totaling $1,845,559.39. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

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

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
July 14, 2003