RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 20, 2003 Council Chambers
Monday, 7:30 p.m. Renton City Hall

M I N U T E S

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; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER DAN CLAWSON. CARRIED.

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; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; ELAINE GREGORY, Fiscal Services Director; SYLVIA DOERSCHEL, Finance Analyst Supervisor; JILL MASUNAGA, Finance Analyst; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION
Make a Difference Day - October 25, 2003
A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the day of October 25, 2003, to be "Make a Difference Day" in the City of Renton, urging citizens to observe this day by connecting with friends, fellow employees, and relatives, and with religious, school, and civic groups to engage in projects benefiting the community. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Finance: Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
Victoria Runkle, Finance and Information Services Administrator, announced that the budget team, which consists of Finance Analyst Supervisor Sylvia Doerschel and Finance Analyst Jill Masunaga, received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2003 Budget. She explained that while the team has received this award for many years, the GFOA constantly changes the criteria, and the budget team strives each year to meet the new standards. Ms. Runkle reviewed the elements used by GFOA to judge the budgets, and noted that the debt service section of the 2003 Budget was highly rated. She expressed her appreciation and commended the budget team for their many hours of work.

Budget team manager Sylvia Doerschel recognized other finance department staff for their efforts in producing the Budget, as well as other City department employees for their assistance in incorporating outcome management standards into the Budget. Ms. Doerschel pointed out that the 2003 Budget was illustrated with artwork by 3rd grade students from the Renton School District, and she thanked the students for their efforts.

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:

* Last week, The Boeing Company announced they would complete production of the 757 aircraft, built at the Renton plant. Based on business license fees, the average total employment in the City of Renton in 2003 is 32,900, with Boeing employment reported as 12,700, or 39% of total
employment in Renton. While the City has lost over 8,600 Boeing employees over the last five years, the City has increased the number of large and small businesses in the area to reduce the impact of losing Boeing jobs. Boeing has advised the City that the closure of the 757 line will not immediately increase the amount of property that may be deemed surplus at the Renton plant.

During the annual Mayor's Day of Concern for the Hungry on September 27, approximately 4,000 pounds of food and $680 was collected, which is nearly double the amount of food collected last year.

Despite today's heavy rainfall, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman reported that Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad's railroad crossing upgrade project at Mountain View Ave. N. and Lake Washington Blvd. progressed as planned. The crossing is now open, and the final asphalt lift will be completed later this week as weather permits.

Mr. Zimmerman reported on the flooding problems caused by the heavy rainfall today, noting that 3.48 inches of rain had fallen so far. He explained that 3.2 inches of rainfall within a 24-hour period is recognized as the 25-year rainfall event, and 3.9 inches is recognized as the 100-year rainfall event. The new surface water systems in the City meet current design standards for the 25-year rainfall event, and when a rainfall event exceeds that, overflow occurs.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that the water systems have reached capacity and are overflowing in places throughout the City. He identified the problem areas such as Renton Village, Lind Ave. SW and Maple Valley Hwy., and detailed the efforts being made to watch for or address flooding problems in various areas. Mr. Zimmerman reported that City crews are making sandbags and are circulating throughout the City, and they will continue to do so until the rain slows down and the flows recede. He also noted that the Fire Station #14 Emergency Operations Center has opened to assist with the coordination of all the 911 calls coming in pertaining to the flooding.

Citizen Comment: DeMastus - Highlands Community Association

Sandel DeMastus, 1137 Harrington Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, announced that the Highlands Community Association will hold an open candidates forum for the City of Renton mayor and councilmember positions at The Highlands Community Church on October 23.

CONSENT AGENDA

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


City Clerk submitted the 2003 Primary Election certification from King County, as follows: City of Renton Mayor Position - Kathy Keolker-Wheeler (3,411 votes - nominated), Randy Corman (1,961), and King Parker (2,239 - nominated); City of Renton Council Position No. 3 - Marcie Palmer (2,617 - nominated), Brett A. Kappenman (1,169), Rosemary Quesenberry (2,547 - nominated), and Richard D. Zwicker (910). Information.

Community Services Department requested authorization to reduce the parking fees at City Center Parking garage to $40 per stall for groups of ten or more under lease terms of six months. Refer to Finance Committee.

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Maureen Highlands Division I Final Plat; 74 single-family lots on 36.6 acres located at 6118 NE 4th St. (FP-03-060). Council concur. (See page 374 for
Development Services:  
Maureen Highlands Division I, ROW Dedication, NE 6th St  
Resolution.)  
Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a 50-foot wide strip of right-of-way to fulfill the NE 6th St. extension to SE 124th St. in conjunction with the Maureen Highlands Division I Final Plat (FP-03-060). 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 Phase 5 of the Boeing Renton Plant Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project. The Boeing Company will reimburse the City in the full contract amount of $49,870. Council concur.

Utility: Wastewater Treatment Plant Interlocal Agreements, King County  
Planning/Building/Public Works Department recommended approval of the following: amendment to sewage disposal agreement with King County regarding odor and chemical use at its Wastewater Treatment Plant (South Plant) in Renton (CAG-61-636); agreement with King County for mitigation of South Plant electrical cogeneration project; and allocation of the $2,216,000 in mitigation funds to five transportation-related capital projects. Refer to Utilities Committee.

Police: 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant  
Police Department recommended setting a public hearing on November 3, 2003, on the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Council concur.

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

OLD BUSINESS  
Public Works: Power Outages  
Council President Keolker-Wheeler requested a report on what other areas in the City were affected by the apparent Puget Sound Energy grid problem, which caused a four-hour power outage recently in the Renton Hill area.

Utilities Committee  
Release of Easement: Building C at Southport LLC (Southport Short Plat), RE-02-001  
Utilities Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the application for partial release of easement (RE-02-001) submitted by Building C at Southport, LLC. The Committee recommended concurrence with the staff recommendation that Council release a portion of the City of Renton easement recorded under King County Recording No. 8407260401, subject to execution by the property owner of new water and sewer utilities easements. If the applicant does not execute the said water and sewer easements within 90 days of Council approval of the release of easement, the applicant will have to reapply to the City for the release of easement at a future date.

The Committee also recommended concurrence with the staff recommendation that Council collect the requisite processing fee from the applicant. Public funds were not spent in acquiring or maintaining the portion of easement to be released; therefore this is a Class "B" easement and requires no further compensation other than the processing fee. City Code Section 9-1-4 defines this type of easement as follows: "Class B: All City of Renton easements for which no public funds have been expended in the acquisition, improvement or maintenance of same or easements originally dedicated or otherwise conveyed to the City by the present petitioner for the release of said easement for which no public expenditures have been made in the acquisition, improvement or maintenance thereof."

The Committee further recommended Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the partial release of easement document, and that the City Clerk record the document with King County if the applicant meets the 90-day condition. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE.
Transportation (Aviation) Committee
Transportation: SR-169 HOV/140th Way SE to SR-900 Project, Fund Transfer

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation for the reallocation of funds in the amount of $25,000 from the Grady Way Approach at Rainier Ave. Project budget (2003-2008 TIP #53) to the SR-169 HOV/140th Way SE to SR-900 (CAG-01-071) Project budget (2003-2008 TIP #9) for the purpose of providing the necessary funds to complete the required right-of-way plans needed for approval by Washington State Department of Transportation. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Airport: Runway/Taxiway Lighting Signage & Paving Project

Councilman Persson reported that soil contamination was discovered on the eastside of the Renton Airport along taxiway B, adjacent to Apron A, during the construction of the Airport 2003 Taxiway Paving, Lighting and Signage Project, and he warned that the project cost may increase as a result.

Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 219987 - 220342 and two wire transfers totaling $3,472,414.03; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 47022 - 47241, one wire transfer and 575 direct deposits totaling $1,742,231.53. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Business License Requirement Exemptions

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve exemptions to Renton Municipal Code Business License Requirement Exemptions Section 5-5-3.D for translators, expert witnesses, court reporters, and certain attorneys, who have a business license in another jurisdiction and who have a business located outside the City. This exemption is justified due to the possible negative impact on the judicial process if the City does not pass these exemptions.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 375 for ordinance.)

Community Event: Valley Medical Center Healing Garden

Councilman Parker announced that he attended the grand opening of the Healing Garden at Valley Medical Center, and he expressed appreciation for all that the hospital does for the community.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3662
Plat: Maureen Highlands Division I, NE 4th St, FP-03-060

A resolution was read approving the Maureen Highlands Division I Final Plat consisting of approximately 36.6 acres located in the vicinity of 6118 NE 4th St. (FP-03-060). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and advanced for second and final reading:

Finance: Business License Requirement Exemptions

An ordinance was read amending Section 5-5-3.D, Exemptions, of Chapter 5, Business Licenses, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code by exempting some municipal court and other legal professionals from the business license requirement. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND
ORDINANCE #5021
Finance: Business License Requirement Exemptions

FINAL READING. CARRIED.
Following second and final reading of the above ordinance, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.
The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

ORDINANCE #5022
Rezone: Clover Creek II, N 28th St, R-1 to R-5 (PP-01-034)

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 4.43 acres located at 1317 N. 28th St., between N. 28th St. to the north and N. 26th St. to the south, from R-1 (Residential Single Family; one dwelling unit per acre) to R-5 (Residential Single-Family; five dwelling units per acre) zone; Clover Creek II Preliminary Plat and Rezone (PP-01-034). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
King County: Wastewater Treatment Plant Odor

In response to Councilman Corman's inquiry regarding whether the odor produced by the King County Wastewater Treatment Plant in Renton is unusual, Mayor Tanner replied that it is a common event, and he noted that King County has recently adopted odor policies as part of its 2004 Capital Improvement Program, which will reduce the current odor problems at the plant.

Community Services:
Maplewood Golf Course Tournaments Organization

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE SUBJECT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF GOLF TOURNAMENTS AT MAPLEWOOD GOLF COURSE TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:17 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk
Recorder: Michele Neumann
October 20, 2003