RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 27, 2003
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

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; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS RANDY CORMAN AND TERRI BRIERE. 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; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources Administrator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, COMMANDER CHARLES MARASILI, and DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCATE TINA HARRIS, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October, 2003
A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the month of October, 2003, to be National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Renton, encouraging everyone in the community to take an active role in supporting all victims so they can lead healthy lives safe from violent and abusive behavior. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

Tina Harris, Domestic Violence Court Advocate, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Renton Domestic Violence Task Force.

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 free copy of the 2004 Renton Community Calendar will be distributed to Renton residents in the December 3rd edition of the Renton Reporter newspaper.

- This month at Carco Theatre more than 1,800 school children and parents attended The Three Little Pigs, an animated play performed by Studio East Story Book. Their next production, Cinderella, is scheduled in January at Carco Theatre.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Dougherty - Boeing Renton Site EIS
Susannah Dougherty, 339 Meadow Ave. N., Renton, 98055, stated that she will be directly affected by the way Boeing sells its surplus property and by the future use of that property, such as big-box retail development. She inquired as to the status of the Boeing Renton Plant EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), and questioned where big-box retail stores would be allowed. Ms. Dougherty indicated that this topic was recently discussed at a meeting of the North Renton Neighborhood Association, and pointed out that many people will be directly affected by big-box retail development. Her concerns regarding big-box stores include the increase in traffic, children’s safety, and the aesthetic appeal of the stores.
Mayor Tanner stated that there will be several more meetings and some public hearings on the Boeing EIS issue, and he encouraged her to follow the discussions. Councilman Clawson added that no specific decisions concerning big-box stores have yet been made.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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EDNSP: 2003 Neighborhood Grant Program

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted grant applications for the 2003 Neighborhood Grant Program (second round) and recommended funding five projects and two newsletters in the total amount of $10,936.34. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Fire: Mobilization Costs Agreement, WA State Patrol

Fire Department recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Patrol regarding State fire mobilization process and to provide for reimbursement of allowable costs incurred while Renton's assets are mobilized. Council concur. (See page 382 for resolution.)

Fire: WA State Urban Search & Rescue Task Force (Renton Participation)

Fire Department recommended approval of an agreement with Pierce County relating to Renton's participation in the Washington State Urban Search and Rescue Task Force. Council concur. (See page 382 for resolution.)

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Hicks - Maplewood Golf Course Fees

Correspondence was read from Gene and Linda Hicks, 1407 N. 36th St., Renton, 98056, regarding the proposed golf fees increase at Maplewood Golf Course. They suggested that the golf course offer incentives such as a punch card or an annual pass if the golf fees increase should occur. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Safety Committee

Police: Animal Cruelty & Neglect Penalties

Public Safety Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding penalties for conviction for animal cruelty and neglect; and conditions for removal and restoration of the animal. The Committee recommended revising Renton Municipal Code Section 6-6-11 to include forfeiture of the abused animal as a penalty for conviction for animal cruelty or neglect, and adopting RCW (Revised Code of Washington) 16.52.085 allowing an animal control officer to remove an animal from its owner if the officer has probable cause to believe animal cruelty or neglect is involved.*

Councilman Clawson noted that, currently, the City only has the authority to remove dangerous animals from their owners. This ordinance allows the City to remove abused or neglected animals from their owners as well.

*MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 382 for ordinance.)

Finance Committee

Community Services: City Center Parking, Group Parking

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize group parking rates at $40 per stall when ten or more stalls are leased for a six-month period. MOVED BY
The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

**Resolution #3663**

Fire: Mobilization Costs Agreement, WA State Patrol

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement between the State of Washington, Washington State Patrol and the Renton Fire Department regarding reimbursement of allowable costs during State fire mobilization. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3664**

Fire: WA State Urban Search & Rescue Task Force (Renton Participation)

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement entitled "Renewal and Amendment of the Washington State Urban Search and Rescue Task Force Memorandum of Agreement." MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 11/03/2003 for second and final reading:

**Community Services: City Center Parking, Group Parking Fees**

An ordinance was read amending Section 5-1-6.B of Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code by offering a reduced monthly rate to park in the City Center Parking garage, for groups of ten or more, for a minimum lease period. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/03/2003. CARRIED.

**Police: Animal Cruelty & Neglect Penalties**

An ordinance was read amending Sections 6-6-4 and 6-6-11 of Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl at Large, of Title VI (Police Regulations) of City Code by defining "animal," authorizing the forfeiture of an animal, and adopting RCW 16.52.085 to authorize the terms of the removal and restoration of an animal. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/03/2003. CARRIED.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Paholke - Edmonds Ave SE/SE 2nd Pl Intersection Safety Concerns

Diane Paholke, 325 Edmonds Ave. SE, Renton, 98056, stated that she lives in the Liberty Ridge Subdivision and expressed concern regarding the intersection of Edmonds Ave. SE and SE 2nd Pl. and the safety of children that play in the area. She explained that the intersection does not have any yield or stop signs, and vehicles speed through the intersection. Noting that some children ride handcycles, which are low to the ground, Ms. Paholke indicated that drivers cannot see them when they ride up the hill and go through the intersection. She asked for the City's help in slowing down the vehicles.

Mayor Tanner stated that the City will investigate the matter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS LABOR RELATIONS WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 7:53 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive
session and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
October 27, 2003