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; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; NORMA MCQUILLER, Neighborhood Coordinator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER FLOYD ELD RIDGE, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

EDNSP: 2003 Neighborhood Grant Program

Norma McQuiller, Neighborhood Coordinator, reported on the progress of the Neighborhood Program, stating that the program is now comprised of 28 officially recognized neighborhoods. She explained that 20 City employees serve as neighborhood liaisons, volunteering their time to provide a link between the neighborhoods and City Hall. Commenting on the success of the neighborhood picnics, Ms. McQuiller indicated that this year, 12 picnics were held for 18 neighborhood groups.

Ms. McQuiller stated that over $15,000 in neighborhood grants were awarded in 2003 for various projects such as entrance signs, traffic circles, and newsletters. She noted that one such project involves the development of an urban park on Seattle Public Utilities-owned property. In regard to the future, Ms. McQuiller reported that plans for the Neighborhood Program include encouraging more innovative projects, and organizing more neighborhood workshops. Furthermore, she announced that a new video about the Neighborhood Program is now airing on Renton's government access cable television channel 21.

Additionally, Ms. McQuiller presented the Neighborhood Grant Awards for the second half of 2003 to representatives of the Ginger Creek Community Association, Highlands Community Association, Talbot Hill Neighborhood Association, and Windwood Homeowners Association.

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:

- The Clam Lights display at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park will light up on December 5, and the Holiday Tree Lighting at the Piazza occurs on December 6. The lights at each park will be displayed nightly through January 1, 2004.

- Puget Sound Energy estimates that the downtown Grady 15 electrical cable replacement project will be completed by the end of December. The power line conversion at the Sam's Club site has been completed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.
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<td>City Clerk: 2003 General Election Canvas Results</td>
<td>City Clerk submitted 2003 General Election canvas results from King County Records and Elections, as follows: Mayor, Kathy Keolker-Wheeler (5,076 votes - elected) and King Parker (4,153); Council Position No. 3, Marcie Palmer (4,777 - elected) and Rosemary Quesenberry (3,991); Council Position No. 4, Denis Law (4,885 - elected) and Robin H. Jones (3,143); Council Position No. 5, Eric Cameron (3,382) and Toni Nelson (4,663 - elected); Position No. 7, Don Persson (6,395 - elected). Information.</td>
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<td>CAG: 03-173, Kiwanis Park Improvements, Advanced Construction</td>
<td>City Clerk reported bid opening on 11/21/2003 for CAG-03-173, Kiwanis Park Improvements; 18 bids; engineer's estimate $110,000 to $120,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Advanced Construction, Inc., in the amount of $112,596. Council concur.</td>
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<td>CAG: 03-158, Lind Ave SW/SW 7th St Signalization, Totem Electric</td>
<td>City Clerk reported bid opening on 11/24/2003 for CAG-03-158, Lind Ave. SW and SW 7th St. Signalization; seven bids; engineer's estimate $190,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Totem Electric, in the amount of $172,103.70. Council concur.</td>
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<td>Planning: Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption</td>
<td>Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval to utilize Washington State's multi-family property tax exemption to help foster new multi-family development in targeted areas. Refer to Planning and Development Committee; set public hearing on 12/15/2003 to consider the residential targeted areas.</td>
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<td>Annexation: Anderson, 148th Ave SE &amp; SE 120th St</td>
<td>Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 10% Notice of Intention to annex petition for the proposed Anderson Annexation, 19.75 acres located east of 148th Ave. SE and south of SE 120th St., and recommended that a public meeting be set on 12/15/2003 to consider the petition. Council concur.</td>
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<td>Finance: Streamlined Sales Tax</td>
<td>Finance and Information Services Department recommended City endorsement of the adoption and implementation of the State of Washington's streamlined sales taxes concept concurrent only upon Federal adoption of Internet and catalog sales taxes; where the State adopts a point of delivery sales tax collection system for interstate sales, but orders the Department of Revenue to distribute sales tax to Washington cities based on point of sale. Council concur. (See page 445 for resolution.)</td>
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<td>CAG: 03-103, SW 7th St Drainage Improvement Phase I, DDJ Construction Co</td>
<td>Surface Water Utility Division submitted CAG-03-103, SW 7th St. Drainage Improvement Project Phase I; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $9,838.13, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $15,360.35 to D.D.J. Construction Co., Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.</td>
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<td>Utility: Skyway Water &amp; Sewer District Boundary Agreement</td>
<td>Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with Skyway Water and Sewer District that establishes the water and sanitary service boundaries. Refer to Utilities Committee.</td>
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MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.
CORRESPONDENCE
Citizen Comment: Pruss et al - Sewer Service Connection Request for Properties Outside City Limits

Letters were read from Joe Pruss, Basic Ventures, Inc., 18211 240th Ave. SE, Maple Valley, 98038; Jacki Stuart Pruss, Residential Real Estate, 18211 240th Ave. SE, Maple Valley, 98038; and Gary Hartnett, 9771 184th Ct. NE, Kirkland, 98052; all requesting connection to sewer for properties (lots 17, 18 and 20) located outside the City limits on the East Renton Plateau near the intersection of SE 124th St. and 155th Ave. SE. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THESE LETTERS TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Added
Citizen Comment: Quesenberry - Police Department Staffing

At the request of Councilman Clawson, a letter was read from Rosemary Quesenberry, 3609 SE 18th Ct., Renton, 98058, urging the hiring of additional police officers to assure citizen safety, and the establishment of a policy that responds to the change in the number of police officers available to respond to service calls due to military obligations and routine absences.

OLD BUSINESS
Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 221264 - 221647 and two wire transfers totaling $2,557,684.03; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 47603 - 47837, one wire transfer and 567 direct deposits totaling $1,771,628.68. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
Resolution #3671
Finance: Streamlined Sales Tax

A resolution was read endorsing the adoption and implementation of the State of Washington's streamlined sales taxes concept concurrent only upon Federal adoption of Internet and catalog sales taxes; where the State of Washington adopts a point of delivery sales tax collection system for interstate sales, but orders the Department of Revenue to distribute sales tax to Washington cities based on point of sale. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

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

Ordinance #5041
Annexation: Falk, S 47th St & 102nd Ave SE

An ordinance was read annexing contiguous unincorporated territory known as the Falk Annexation consisting of 6.43 acres bounded by S. 47th St. to the north, SE 185th Pl. to the south, and 102nd Ave. SE to the east, by the election method; and setting the taxation rate, establishing a zoning classification of R-8, and fixing the effective date of the annexation as December 10, 2003. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5042
Budget: 2004 Property Tax Levy

An ordinance was read establishing the property tax levy for the year 2004 for both general purposes and for voter approved bond issues. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5043
Utility: Rates

An ordinance was read amending Sections 8-4-31 of Chapter 4, Water, and 8-5-15 of Chapter 5, Sewers, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code by increasing utility fees. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: FOUR AYES: KEOLKER-WHEELER, CLAWSON, NELSON, BRIERE; THREE NAYS: CORMAN, PERSSON, PARKER. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5044

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting
Rezone: JDA Group Property, Rainier Ave N, R-8 to CA (R-02-140) of 0.52 acres located on the 600 block of Rainier Ave. N. from Residential - eight dwelling units per acre (R-8) to Commercial Arterial (CA) zoning; R-02-140 (JDA Group LLC). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5045**
Rezone: JDA Group Property, Rainier Ave N, R-8 to CA (R-02-142) An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of 0.57 acres located on the 500 block of Rainier Ave. N. from Residential - eight dwelling units per acre (R-8) to Commercial Arterial (CA) zoning; R-02-142 (JDA Group LLC). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5046**
Rezone: WSDOT Carr Rd Site A, R-1 to R-10 (R-01-165) An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of 13.88 acres located south of S. 43rd St., if extended, and west of Panther Creek canyon to its east, and north of S. 47th St. from Residential - one dwelling unit per acre (R-1) to Residential - ten dwelling units per acre (R-10) zoning; R-01-165 (WSDOT Carr Rd. Site A). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5047**
Rezone: WSDOT Carr Rd Site B, R-1 to R-5 (R-01-165) An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of 8.14 acres located north of S. 47th St. and west of Panther Creek canyon to its east from Residential - one dwelling unit per acre (R-1) to Residential - five dwelling units per acre (R-5) zoning; R-01-165 (WSDOT Carr Rd. Site B). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5048**
Rezone: WSDOT Carr Rd Site C, R-1 to R-5 (R-01-165) An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of 8.37 acres located to the northeast of the Panther Creek canyon and south of S. 43rd St., if extended, and west of 104th Ave. SE from Residential - one dwelling unit per acre (R-1) to Residential - five dwelling units per acre (R-5) zoning; R-01-165 (WSDOT Carr Rd. Site C). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ELECT COUNCILMAN PERSSSON AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2004. CARRIED.


MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ELECT COUNCILWOMAN BRIERE AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM FOR 2004. CARRIED.

Council: Farewell and Swearing-In Events Council President Keolker-Wheeler announced that on December 22, 2003, a farewell event is planned for outgoing Councilmembers and Mayor Tanner at 6:30 p.m.; and on January 5, 2004, a Special Meeting will be held at 6:30 for the swearing-in of the new Mayor, and the new and returning Councilmembers.

Council: Electronic Mail & Correspondence Policies Council discussion occurred regarding City staff’s role in the handling of Council correspondence and e-mail, and the use of e-mail by Councilmembers.
It was noted that the Council e-mail and correspondence policies are currently being reviewed by the Ad Hoc Council Communications Committee.

Police: Peddler's Hours of Operation

Reporting a resident's concern regarding a visit by a solicitor at her home at 9:00 p.m., it was MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER HOURS OF OPERATION FOR SOLICITORS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

In response to Councilman Clawson's inquiry, Mayor Tanner confirmed that a Peddler's License ordinance was adopted in 1998, which requires solicitors conducting business in Renton to be licensed. Councilwoman Nelson noted that solicitors are required to exhibit their permits, which display a photograph of the solicitor, on their person while conducting any peddling activities.

Community Services: Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner

Councilman Persson expressed his appreciation to those who supplied food and volunteered to serve Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Activity Center on November 27. He noted that 270 people were served dinner, and there was enough food left over to provide 200 take out dinners.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:24 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann

December 1, 2003