FLAG CEREMONY
Cub Scout Pack 482 posted the colors and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS
KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER, Mayor Pro Tem; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; DON ERICKSON, Senior Planner; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF LEE WHEELER, DEPUTY CHIEF GLEN GORDON and FIRE MARSHAL/BATTALION CHIEF LARRY RUDE, Fire Department; COMMANDER KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department.

PROCLAMATIONS
National Mentoring Month - January, 2004
A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the month of January, 2004, to be "National Mentoring Month" in the City of Renton in tribute to the many mentors in Renton who contribute their time, compassion, and talents to help young people in the community succeed. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED. Amy Bresslour, Mentor Program Coordinator with Communities in Schools of Renton, accepted the proclamation with appreciation for the support the program receives from the Mayor, Council, City staff, and citizens.

King Parker Recognition
A proclamation by Mayor Pro Tem Keolker-Wheeler was read recognizing outgoing Councilmember King Parker's service to the Renton community. Councilman Parker has lived and worked in Renton for over 36 years, served on the City Council for eight years, represented the City on several boards and committees, and was selected as Citizen of the Year in 1999. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

PUBLIC MEETINGS
Annexation: Maplewood Highlands, 144th Ave SE
This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public meeting to consider the proposed Maplewood Highlands 10% Notice of Intent to Annex Petition for approximately 9.89 acres located on the half block immediately north of the Maplewood Heights Elementary School. The area is bounded by 144th Ave. SE on the west, NE 2nd St. on the north, and Lyons Ave. NE on the east.

Senior Planner Don Erickson reported that the proposed annexation area contains 15 single-family dwellings and is within the East Renton Plateau Potential Annexation Area. He noted that the topography is essentially flat with a slight slope to the northwest. Public services are provided by Water District #90, Renton sewer, Fire District #25, Renton School District, and he pointed out that stormwater improvements are likely on 144th Ave. SE. Current King County zoning for the annexation area is R-4 (Residential - four dwelling units per gross acre). The area is designated Residential Low Density by Renton's Comprehensive Plan for which R-4 (Residential - four dwelling units per net
Mr. Erickson analyzed the fiscal impacts of the proposed annexation, assuming an increase to 34 single-family homes at full development and a new home value of $380,000. Stating that the City will realize a surplus of $6,471 at full development, he noted the estimated one-time parks acquisition and development expense of $20,245. In conclusion, he said the annexation proposal complies with Boundary Review Board objectives and City policies, and except for parks and surface water, no major services issues were identified.

Responding to Councilman Persson's inquiry regarding expanding the annexation area to include Maplewood Heights Elementary School, Mr. Erickson reported that the annexation of the school will be considered as a separate annexation proposal.

Public comment was invited.

Chris Johnson, 519 Hoquiam Ave. NE, Renton, 98059, stated that his property was recently annexed to Renton; however, prior to the annexation, he was concerned about costs, services, and sewer issues. Mr. Johnson thanked the City for its responsive police service, and questioned whether the policy has changed regarding hooking-up to the City's sewer.

Mr. Erickson stated that the sewer policy has not changed. Residents are not required to hook-up to Renton's sewer unless they choose to, have a septic failure, or property owners establish a Local Improvement District.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC MEETING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ACCEPT THE 10% NOTICE OF INTENT TO ANNEX PETITION, AUTHORIZE CIRCULATION OF THE 50% PETITION TO ANNEX, AND IF PROPERTY OWNERS AND REGISTERED VOTERS WISH TO BE ANNEXED TO RENTON, REQUIRE THE ADOPTION OF CITY ZONING ON THE PROPERTY CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND REQUIRE THAT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSUME A PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF THE CITY'S BONDED INDEBTEDNESS. CARRIED.
dwelling unit per gross acre). The area is designated Residential Low Density by Renton's Comprehensive Plan and is prezoned R-1 (one dwelling unit per net acre). Regarding the fiscal impact of the proposed annexation, he stated that the City will realize a $2,208 surplus at full development, assuming an increase to 17 single-family homes and an assessed home value of $400,000. A one-time estimated parks acquisition and development expense of $10,866 is anticipated. He concluded that the proposed annexation is generally consistent with Boundary Review Board objectives, conforms to City policies, and serves the best interests and general welfare of the City.

In response to Councilman Persson's inquiry, Mr. Erickson confirmed that even though property owners representing 100% of the site's 20.59 acres signed the petition, a 50% Direct Petition to Annex must still be circulated.

Public comment was invited.

Bob Blayden, 9933 143rd Ave. SE, Renton, 98059, reported that he owns 6.15 acres of the proposed annexation area, and expressed his support for the annexation.

Jean Rollins, 9605 143rd Ave. SE, Renton, 98059, stated her support for the annexation. She noted that the site is a green belt urban separator, is subject to the May Creek Basin action plan, contains sensitive slopes, and is a high erosion hazard. Ms. Rollins reviewed Renton's Comprehensive Plan policies pertaining to open space protection and street standards, and requested the City use its policies to require development clustering, open space tracts, and minimal street lighting. In conclusion, she urged the City to provide the same environmental protection, and the same amenities and neighborhood mitigation as King County.

Debra Rogers, 5326 NE 22nd Ct., Renton, 98059, indicated that she lives in the nearby Stonegate neighborhood, and stated her support for the annexation. Pointing out that that although Mike Merritt's property is accessible from her neighborhood off of Lyons Ave. NE, she requested that the City not allow any other adjoining properties in the proposed annexation area to have that same access right, so as to avoid security and traffic problems.

John Todderud, 5316 NE 24th Ct., Renton, 98059, reported that he also lives in the Stonegate neighborhood, and pointed out that the potential annexation site lacks parkland. He asked the City to consider acquiring land for that use.

Andrew Duffus, 9605 143rd Ave. SE, Renton, 98059, stated that he is in favor of the annexation. He indicated that the City Council and staff understand the environmental constraints of the area and recognize the surface water issues associated with the steep slopes, erosion hazards, water quality, and fish habitat challenges. Mr. Duffus encouraged the City to be cognizant of the ongoing surface water problems and to find permanent solutions for those problems.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC MEETING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ACCEPT THE 10% NOTICE OF INTENT TO ANNEX PETITION, AUTHORIZE CIRCULATION OF THE 50% PETITION TO ANNEX, AND IF PROPERTY OWNERS AND REGISTERED VOTERS WISH TO BE ANNEXED TO RENTON, REQUIRE THAT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSUME A PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF THE CITY'S BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.
Responding to Council President Keolker-Wheeler's inquiry regarding the timing of the two proposed annexations, Mr. Erickson stated that the Merritt II Annexation should move fairly quickly (six to ten months); however, he indicated that he was unable to predict whether the Maplewood Highlands Annexation has enough support to move forward.

**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:

- King County is offering free Christmas tree cycling on January 3 and 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Renton Boeing Facility located at the intersection of NE Park Dr. and Garden Ave. N.

- Tattletale lights, small blue lights attached to red turn signal lights, have been installed at the intersection of S. 2nd St. and Rainier Ave., SW 43rd St. and East Valley Rd., and Grady Way and Rainier Ave. The small light on the signal box turns blue at precisely the same time a turning vehicle would get the red light, thereby enabling the motorcycle officer to monitor red light violations.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilman Persson, item 7.b. was removed for separate consideration.

- Council Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2003

- Annexation: Bales, SE 128th St
  Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended that public hearing dates be set on 1/26/2004 and 3/01/2004 on the proposed R-1 prezone for the proposed Bales Annexation; 8.52 acres bounded by SE 128th St., SE 130th St., 156th Ave. SE, and 152nd Ave. SE. Council concur.

- Annexation: Stoneridge, 148th Ave SE & NE 16th St
  Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended a public hearing be set on 1/12/2004 to consider the 50% Petition to Annex for the proposed Stoneridge Annexation; 28 acres bounded by Jericho Ave. SE, 148th Ave. SE, NE 19th St., and NE 16th St. Council concur.

- Finance: Signatures for Banking Transactions
  Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of a resolution updating signature authorities for depositories and electronic fund transfers for the City, due to personnel changes. Council concur. (See page 481 for resolution.)

- Fire: Hazard Mitigation Plan
  Fire Department recommended approval of the City of Renton Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council concur. (See page 481 for resolution.)

- Plat: Clover Creek II, Park Ave N, PP-01-034
  Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Clover Creek II Preliminary Plat; 15 single-family lots on 4.43 acres located at Park Ave. N. and NE 27th Pl. (PP-01-034). Council concur.

- CAG: 03-138, Museum Roof Replacement, Lloyd A Lynch
  Community Services Department submitted CAG-03-138, Museum Roof Replacement; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $4,787.20, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $3,325 to Lloyd A. Lynch, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur. Additionally, approval was
sought to defer a 316 CIP Fund project in the amount of $50,000 to cover the shortfall in the Museum Roof Replacement project budget. Refer to Finance Committee.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 7.b. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

**Separate Consideration**  
**Item 7.b.**  
Legal: Legal Services  
Contract, Warren, Barber & Fontes PS

Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services Department recommended approval of a contract with Warren, Barber & Fontes, P.S. for legal services.

Stating that the contract needs further review, it was MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS ITEM TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
**Utilities Committee**  
Utility: Soos Creek Water & Sewer Boundary Agreement Addendum

Utilities Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence with the recommendation of the Planning/Building/Public Works Department to approve the addendum to the water and sanitary sewer boundary agreement between Renton and Soos Creek Water and Sewer District that conditionally allows Soos Creek to service a portion of their sewer service area into Renton's facilities.

The Committee further recommended Council adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the interlocal agreement. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 482 for resolution.)

**Public Safety Committee**  
CAG: 02-020, Fire Department  
Records Management System, Public Safety Consultants

Public Safety Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the Fire Department records management contract. The Committee recommended concurrence in the recommendation of staff to approve the contract addendum with Public Safety Consultants, Inc. in the amount of $74,348.95, to continue implementing and integrating the FDM software. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract addendum. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution #3679**  
Finance: Signatures for Banking Transactions

A resolution was read authorizing signature for depositories and electronic fund transfers on behalf of and in the name of the City of Renton. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3680**  
Fire: Hazard Mitigation Plan

A resolution was read adopting the City of Renton Hazard Mitigation Plan. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3681**  
Utility: Soos Creek Water & Sewer Boundary Agreement Addendum

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Soos Creek Water and Sewer District to modify the interlocal agreements between the City and Soos Creek Water and Sewer District related to the establishment of service boundaries. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.
The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #5060**
Zoning: 2003 Annual Update of Zoning Book & Wall Map

An ordinance was read adopting the 2003 amendments to the zoning classifications of properties located within the City of Renton. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5061**
Planning: Multi-Family Property Tax Exemption

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to establish a property tax exemption incentive for the development of multi-family housing in targeted areas. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Development Services: Real Estate Sign Code Amendments

Councilwoman Briere explained that due to concerns from the property rental community, second reading of the ordinance regarding the real estate sign code amendments will be postponed until 1/12/2004.

**NEW BUSINESS**
Council: Special Meeting, Swearing-In of Elected Officials

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL SET A SPECIAL MEETING ON 1/05/2004 AT 6:30 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF SWEARING-IN THE NEW ELECTED OFFICIALS. CARRIED.

Council: Outgoing Councilmember Comments (Parker)

Describing how overwhelmed he was as a newly elected Councilmember in 1996, Councilman Parker indicated that he soon understood the government process and learned to work within it. He stated that the job has been challenging and rewarding, and expressed his gratitude for having had the opportunity to serve his community in this way. Councilman Parker commended City of Renton staff, Administration, and fellow Councilmembers for working very hard to do their best for the community. Additionally, he thanked his wife for all of her support.

Councilmembers expressed their appreciation to Mayor Tanner and Councilman Parker for their many years of service to the Renton community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:44 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
December 22, 2003