CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

TERRI BRIERE, Council President; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

DENIS LAW, Mayor; MARTY WINE, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; GARMON NEWSOM, Assistant City Attorney; FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR MARK PETERSON, DEPUTY CHIEF BILL FLORA and DEPUTY CHIEF ERIC WALLGREN, Fire and Emergency Services Department.

PROCLAMATION

Renton Heart Month - February 2011

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring the month of February 2011 to be "Renton Heart Month" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to increase their awareness of cardiovascular disease, detection, and prevention by participating in this important community risk reduction campaign. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Fire and Emergency Services Administrator Mark Peterson accepted the proclamation. He stated that Renton Heart Month started as the vision of the former fire chief, and the program has since saved lives in the community. He remarked that even more people will be trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) use during 2011.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Fire: Employee Recognition

Fire Chief and Emergency Services Administrator Mark Peterson recognized Lieutenant Roger White, Firefighter Tom Sowards, and Office Assistant Jennifer Smith as the department’s 2010 employees of the year. He reviewed each person’s achievements respectively, and expressed appreciation for their outstanding contributions to the department.

Continuing, Chief Peterson awarded Engine 12 - B Shift the department’s Top Company Award. He explained that to earn this award each crew is evaluated quarterly on basic firefighting skills and one company is designated as the year’s Top Company based on the results.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Pipkin - Quendall Terminals Redevelopment

Yvonne Pipkin (Renton) stated that shorelines are a precious resource and should be developed in a way that retains the natural character of the area, and should not be commercialized. She proposed that the same height restrictions required at the Barbee Mill development also be applied to the Quendall Terminals development so views will not be blocked. Ms. Pipkin also expressed concerns regarding traffic and safety impacts the new development will have on Lake Washington Blvd. N. and Park Ave. N.
Citizen Comment: Pipkin - Quendall Terminals Redevelopment

Gary Pipkin (Renton) stated that 15 years ago developers had planned to build two condominiums and a large hotel on the same piece of property as the Quendall Terminals project. He remarked that at that time Council was informed that any building over four stories would significantly impede the views for residents of Mercer Island, Newcastle, and upper and lower Kennydale. Mr. Pipkin also noted that at that time it was determined that no left turn lanes would be added to Lake Washington Blvd. N. because the road would lose its designation as a scenic drive, and that any increase in vehicle speeds would cause safety hazards to bicyclists and pedestrians.

Continuing, Mr. Pipkin stated that large trucks are not allowed to utilize Lake Washington Blvd. N. and would have to use Park Ave. N. as an alternative during the project’s construction, which will greatly affect the safety of school children in the area. He also stated that access to Lake Washington should be provided to all citizens and not just the residents of the proposed development.

Responding to Councilmember Parker’s inquiry, Mr. Pipkin stated that he only recently learned of the proposal but did attended the public hearing and signed up to receive future notices about the project. Mayor Law remarked that the comment period for the project was extended by 15 days.

Citizen Comment: Dawson - Port of Seattle Taxation

James Dawson (King County) submitted a letter regarding the Washington State Department of Transportation’s deep-bore tunnel project. He remarked that he owns a business in Renton and questioned what his tax obligations will be in regards to the Port of Seattle’s proposed $300 million contribution towards the project. Mr. Dawson stated that he is concerned about how much and for how long he will be taxed.

Citizen Comment: Brown - Port of Seattle Taxation

Christopher Brown (Seattle) stated that the Washington State Department of Transportation signed a $1.2 billion contract to complete the deep-bore tunnel project. He questioned why the Port of Seattle should contribute $300 million to the project when they will receive no benefits from it, noting that explosive freight is prohibited from using a tunnel. He also questioned how the $300 million will be used. Mr. Brown requested that the City, as a member of the Association of Suburban Cities, head-off what he believes is a major tax looming for area residents. Mayor Law indicated that he will forward Mr. Dawson’s letter to the Association of Suburban Cities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilmember Persson, Item 7.d. was removed for separate consideration.

Council Meeting Minutes of 1/10/2011

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 1/10/2011. Council concur.

Appointment: Planning Commission


Annexation: Tess, SE 132nd St & 164th Ave SE

Community and Economic Development Department submitted 10% Notice of Intent to annex petition for the proposed Tess Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 2/7/2011 to consider the petition; 16.3 acres bordered to the north by SE 132nd St., to the east by 164th Ave. SE, to the south by SE 134th St., and to the west by 160th Ave. SE. Council concur.
Executive: Public Defender Services, Cayce & Grove

Executive Department recommended approval of a two-year contract in the amount of $369,224 with Cayce & Grove, LLC for public defender services. Refer to Finance Committee.

Finance: Water Billing Adjustment, Sciola

Finance and Information Technology Department submitted request from Nick Sciola for a utility bill adjustment due to a water leak and recommended granting the adjustment in the amount of $3,265.60. Refer to Finance Committee.

CAG: 09-081, 2010 Basic Life Support Services, King County

Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended approval of Amendment #4 TO CAG-09-081, accepting $1,173,302 from King County for basic life support services for 2011 to be divided amongst the City - $868,873, King County Fire District #25 - $102,934, and King County Fire District #40 - $201,495. Council concur.

CAG: 00-045, SW 27th St/Strander Blvd Connection Project, WA Transportation

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement #6 to CAG-00-045, with the Washington State Department of Transportation, for the obligation of grant funding for the SW 27th St./Strander Blvd. Connection project; and approval of all subsequent agreements necessary to accomplish the construction of the project. Council concur.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS ITEM 7.d. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration Item 7.d.

Lease: Pavilion Building Assignment to Rain City Catering, LAG-05-002

Community Services Department recommended approval of assignment of the Pavilion Building Lease, LAG-05-002, to Rain City Catering for a term expiring 12/31/2011. Refer to Finance Committee.

Councilmember Persson invited Facilities Director Peter Renner to brief Council regarding the assignment of this lease to Rain City Catering.

Mr. Renner reported that after a number of years the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train ceased operations in Renton in 2007. He explained that the catering business previously subcontracted by the Spirit of Washington was outsourced to Rain City Catering who continues at this time to operate the kitchen for operation of the Pavilion Building as an events center. Mr. Renner stated that money was owed to the City and a debt settlement agreement involving equipment assets has been negotiated. He remarked that by authorizing the one-year lease assignment, the City will have time to create a Request For Proposals to solicit other businesses. Mr. Renner also noted that keeping the venue busy will inhibit vandalism.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 7.d. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 300157 - 300416 and two wire transfers totaling $3,808,822.35; and approval of 719 direct deposits, 62 payroll vouchers, and one wire transfer totaling $2,694,396.30. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

CED: Establish Farmers Market Coordinator Position

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to establish a one-year limited term, .75 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) part-time position of Farmers Market Coordinator.
The Farmers Market has been primarily organized and operated by volunteers of Piazza Renton, with support from the City of Renton and the Renton Chamber of Commerce. In January 2008, the City entered into a three-year agreement with Piazza Renton to hire and manage a part-time Farmers Market Coordinator to manage the business functions of the Market and work with Piazza Renton and other volunteers to operate the Market. Salary expenses for the coordinator were paid by City and Piazza contributions.

For 2011, through market revenues and sponsorships, the Market is now financially self-sustaining and does not require a general fund contribution by the City. The expansion of the Market to Valley Medical Center on Sundays and the corresponding financial partnership with Valley Medical Center requires and funds an increase in the staffing hours and provide benefits for the position at 30 hours per week (.75 FTE). A corresponding budget amendment should be included in the upcoming 1st Quarter 2011 Budget Amendment ordinance. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the Banking Services Agreement with US Bank. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 2/7/2011 for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read amending Section 1-3-2, Civil Penalties, and Subsection 1-3-5.M., Penalties, of Chapter 3, Remedies and Penalties, of Title I (Administrative), Sections 8-1-4, Unlawful Storage, Deposit, Disposal, Scavenging and Hauling of Solid Waste, and 8-1-7, Violations of this Chapter and Penalties, of Chapter 1, Garbage, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation), Sections 9-8-8, Hazardous Conditions on Public Street Right-of-Way, and 9-8-11, Penalty, of Chapter 8, Sidewalk Construction, 9-10-1, Permission Required, and 9-10-12, Violations and Penalties, of Chapter 10, Street Excavations, of Title IX (Public Ways and Property), of City Code, amending the regulations regarding civil enforcement of the Renton Municipal Code, declaring certain violations a misdemeanor, providing for civil monetary penalties, reserving Section 8-1-7 and deleting Sections 9-8-11 and 9-10-12. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/7/2011. CARRIED.

Councilmember Taylor announced that he attended an event entitled “The Dream 2011 - An Expression of Black History on 1/14/2011. He remarked that the event portrayed theater, art, and music, and will be presented in Renton year-after-year. He encouraged Councilmembers to attend it in the future.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.

Time: 7:46 p.m.

Bonnie Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
January 24, 2011
RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR
Office of the City Clerk
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