January 5, 2009
Monday, 7 p.m.

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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

Randy Corman, Council President; Marcie Palmer; Don Persson; King Parker; Terri Briere; Rich Zwicker; Greg Taylor.

DENIS LAW, Mayor; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; JASON SETH, Deputy City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; ERIKA CONKLING, Senior Planner; FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS, DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, Fire Department; DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXELL, Police Department.

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring January 2009 to be "National Mentoring Month" in the City of Renton in tribute to the many dedicated individuals who volunteer their time, compassion, and talents to mentor young people, and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance and to consider giving back to the community as mentors.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Erin Iverson, Mentor Program Manager for Communities In Schools of Renton, accepted the proclamation with appreciation. Councilmember Palmer encouraged everyone to mentor a child.

Community and Economic Development Administrator Alex Pietsch introduced Senior Planner Erika Conkling. Ms. Conkling reported that the members of the Highlands Task Force represent the diversity of the individuals that live and work in the Highlands. She emphasized that it was a great achievement for the group to come to consensus on the 24 recommendations presented to Council. Ms. Conkling requested that Council adopt the Task Force’s recommendations and announced that the Planning Division will develop a work program for 2009 that includes the proposed recommendations.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE HIGHLANDS TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS. CARRIED.

A resolution was read recognizing Highlands Phase II Task Force members for their service to the City, accepting the report and recommendations of the Task Force, and disbanding the Task Force. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Ms. Conkling presented certificates of appreciation to Highlands Task Force members present in the audience.
Communications Director Preeti Shridhar and Emergency Management Director Deborah Needham presented a video showcasing the importance of emergency preparedness. Ms. Shridhar stated that the video can be viewed in its entirety on Renton’s cable channel 21 and the City’s website at www.rentonwa.gov.

Planning & Development Committee Chair Parker stated that the Committee report regarding the Whitworth Condominiums appeal is being held in Committee due to the fact that the appellant and the project developer have reached an agreement and the appeal will be withdrawn as soon as the documents are signed. He remarked that the Planning and Development Committee will meet at a future date to dismiss the appeal.

Mayor Law congratulated street maintenance crews for the outstanding job they performed clearing snow and ice from City roads during the past two-plus weeks of snow storms. He noted that the majority of calls received regarding the response were complimentary.

Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman reported that the Public Works Department was not the only department involved with the snow removal effort and thanked the Police Department, Fire and Emergency Services Department, and the Mayor’s Office for their support. Mr. Zimmerman explained that the City uses calcium chloride as a de-icing agent and rubber blades on snow plows. He stated that the City employs 17 street maintenance workers that use five sander trucks with snow plows attached and a one-ton sander truck to respond to snowfall events. Mr. Zimmerman remarked that the City uses this equipment to cover 243 center miles of street, equaling 551 total lane miles. He noted that 61 miles of primary arterial streets, 67 miles of major arterial streets, and 63 miles of minor collector streets are the first roads to be cleared. He stated that these snow route maps are available for review on the City’s website.

Mr. Zimmerman remarked that when the major routes are relatively clear City crews begin plowing residential streets. He reported that this particular snowfall event provided a challenge to this task because of the extended length of the event. He explained that as soon as the major routes were cleared another storm system would begin and the major routes would have to be re-cleared. Mr. Zimmerman reported that the snow removal effort began 24-hour operations on 12/13/2008. He remarked that the street maintenance crews worked two 12-hour shifts every day during the event. Mr. Zimmerman stated that crews drove 13,000 miles and used approximately 8,000 gallons of de-icing agent and 4,000 tons of sand. He noted that the crews are now using sweeping trucks to remove the sand and that the sand can not be reused because it picks up contaminants while on the roads.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that other cities, particularly Seattle, experienced problems while conducting snow removal efforts. He noted that Seattle uses similar equipment as Renton, including snow plows with rubber blades, de-icing agent, and sand. Mr. Zimmerman stated that the use of salt and steel-bladed plows is being investigated. He remarked that salt needs to be stored in an enclosed structure and steel blades tear off street buttons and cause damage to the roads. He noted that this technique may not be cost efficient considering the infrequency of snowfall events in the area.

Mr. Zimmerman stated that residents can prepare themselves by purchasing snowtires and chains for their vehicles. He noted that residents can help each other by pooling resources and keeping three days worth of food supplies on hand for their families. Mr. Zimmerman reported that as part of the Benson Hill
annexation, King County transferred two sander trucks with snow-plow attachments to the City increasing the total to seven trucks.

Moving on to Solid Waste collection, Mr. Zimmerman reported that service interruptions occurred. He pointed out that the garbage trucks do not handle hilly, snowy terrain safely even when chained up. He noted that safety becomes a major consideration when Waste Management makes decisions about suspending service. He remarked that Waste Management does not want the trucks to slide and cause property or personal damage to residents.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the City's policy is to collect double the amount of garbage on the next succeeding collection day. He noted that due to the new collection agreement for 2009, collection for missed pick-ups are now scheduled for the following Saturday. He explained that residents will no longer have to wait a full week before their garbage is collected. He cautioned that Saturday collection is conditioned on having passable streets.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that 98% of customers had their garbage collected on time on 12/15/2008 and 12/16/2008. He noted that Waste Management canceled all service for 12/22/2008 and 12/23/2008 and resumed service on 12/29/2008 and 12/30/2008. Mr. Zimmerman stated that because the City's collection days are Mondays and Tuesdays, and the most significant snowfall occurred on Wednesdays and Thursdays, most City residents missed only one collection service.

Discussion ensued regarding collection dates for 2009 and the 2009 garbage collection inclement weather policy.

CONSENT AGENDA

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


Administrative, Judicial, and Legal Services Department recommended approval of a lease with Barber, Dean & Fontes Building Partnership for lease of the 100 S. 2nd St. building for office space for City Attorney Office personnel as part of the transition from contract services to City employment. Refer to Finance Committee.

City Clerk reported bid opening on 12/9/2008 for CAG-08-179, Downtown Wayfinding Signage project; ten bids; engineer's estimate $59,950; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, TubeArt, in the amount of $21,131.83. Council concur.

Community Services Department recommended approval of a sole source contract in the amount of $72,317.14 with ATS Automation Company for Barrington Systems HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) DDC (Direct Digital Control) system replacement for the Renton Community Center and Carco Theatre. Council concur.

Community Services Department recommended approval of an amendment to LAG-05-001, lease with Vision House, to extend the term for an additional year for the City-owned Edlund Property house located at 10062 SE Carr Rd. Refer to Finance Committee.

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way in the vicinity of Chelan Ave. NE to fulfill a requirement of the Vuong Short Plat (SHP-05-156). Council concur.
Human Resources: Workers Compensation Claims, Berkley Risk Administrators

Human Resources: City Attorney Office Position Classifications

Police: Jail Inmate Health Services, Occupational Health Services

Transportation: Rainier Ave S (S Grady Way to S/SW 7th St), TIB Grant

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

CED: School District Impact Fees

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, setting the impact fee at $5,495 per new single-family home in the Issaquah School District; setting the impact fee at $5,304 per new single-family home and $3,266 per new multi-family home in the Kent School District; and adopting the Capital Facilities plans of the school districts within the City of Renton. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/12/2009.*

Councilmember Persson clarified that the school district impact fee referral had originally included the Renton School District. He stated that the school district is retooling their Capital Facilities Plan and will resubmit their request when completed. He noted that an approved Capital Facilities Plan is required when adopting school district impact fees.

*MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:46 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Jason Seth
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