Mayor Law called the special meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

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

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Technology Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; RICH PERTEET, Deputy Public Works Administrator - Transportation; MARK BARBER, Senior Assistant City Attorney; CHIP VINCENT, Planning Director; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; BOB HANSON, Transportation Design Engineering Supervisor.

Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman provided a project overview and introduced Deputy Public Works Administrator - Transportation Rich Perette and Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Barber to present further updates on the Rainier Ave. Widening project and related condemnation ordinance.

Mr. Perette reported that the Rainier Ave. Widening project consists of a series of safety and capacity improvements along the existing Rainier Ave. corridor. He stated that there will be visual improvements, including gateway signs and landscaping, as well as capacity improvements at S. Grady Way and Rainier Ave. S., and at S. 7th St. He reported that environmental studies are approximately 99% complete, and the project's design is approximately 95% complete. He reviewed the status of parcel acquisitions, and noted that although there may be a few problems acquiring some parcels, no one has voiced opposition to the project.

Concluding, Mr. Perette stated that the project is approximately five or six weeks behind schedule due to acquiring right-of-way, and that in the best case scenario the project will bid on 5/23/2011 with construction beginning the first week in August. He remarked that the worst case scenario is that the project will bid on 9/26/2011 with construction beginning in January or February of 2012. He added that it will be an 18 to 24 month project.

Responding to Council President Briere's inquiry, Mr. Perette explained that it is estimated to take three months between the time the bid is conducted and when construction actually begins, and that this time-frame could possibly be shortened by a couple of weeks.

Mr. Barber reported that State law dictates the condemnation process, and that the related ordinance must be mailed to all persons with interest in the properties.
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Mr. Barber also reported that everyone on title, whether by deed, easement or other means, must be given a copy of the ordinance, and must also be given notice a minimum of 15 days prior to its adoption. He stated that the ordinance must also be published twice in two different newspapers.

Continuing, Mr. Barber reported that if the ordinance is adopted it must be filed in King County Superior Court and the parties of interest must file a response. He advised that this is only the first step in the process and that the City must also motion the court that the condemnation is for public use and necessity. He also advised that property owners are not required to give the City use and possession of their properties until after they have been paid fair market value. He noted that if property owners sue the City they may lose their right to recover attorney fees if they cannot prove that their properties are worth at least ten percent more than what the City offered to pay for them.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION (RCW 42.30.110.1.b.) WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 6:04 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Special Council meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk