CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

TONI NELSON, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; TERRI BRIERE; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; PETER HAHN, Deputy Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator - Transportation; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources Administrator; MICHAEL BAILEY, Finance and Information Services Administrator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, CHIEF I. DAVID DANIELS, DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, and DEPUTY CHIEF CHUCK DUFFY, Fire Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXEL, and COMMANDER KENT CURRY, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Police: CALEA Accreditation & Employee Recognition

Police Chief Milosevich recognized Business Systems Analyst Debbie Scott for her work on the upgrade to the Police Department's records management system, and presented her with a plaque in appreciation.

Additionally, Chief Milosevich announced that the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies awarded the Police Department re-accreditation status for the fifth time on November 16. He explained that the accreditation process was developed by law enforcement agencies to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet an established set of criteria and guidelines. The Chief recognized Commander Curry for his oversight of the program and presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his hard work.

APPEAL

Committee of the Whole

Appeal: Grant Ave Townhomes Site Plan, Jones & Kovach Architects, SA-07-018

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding the Grant Ave. Townhomes Site Plan appeals. The Committee heard these appeals on 12/3/2007. Appellant Robin Jones appealed the Hearing Examiner's decision, dated 8/9/2007, that reversed the City's requirement of a 25-foot side yard setback from the project's south boundary, to a minimum 13-foot side yard setback. Appellant Kovach Architects appealed the Hearing Examiner's decision of the same date that limited the project's building height to 35 feet from the proposed 37 feet 3 inches.

The Committee recommended that Council find that Appellant Jones failed to show that the Hearing Examiner made a substantial error of fact or law by finding that the subject site is located in the RM-F (Residential Multi-Family) zone; that the City Code requires a minimum 12-foot side yard setback for lots 111 feet or wider; that the lot at issue is 158 feet wide; and, that one additional foot is permitted for a third story, or a 13-foot side yard setback, which is proposed for the subject site. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that Council affirm the decision of the Hearing Examiner as to the side yard...
setback.

With regard to the appeal of the project's building height, the Committee recommended that Council find that Appellant Kovach Architects has shown that the Hearing Examiner made a substantial error of fact or law by limiting the project's building height to 35 feet from the proposed 37 feet 3 inches on the grounds that the building height permitted is 35 feet and 3 stories, and with special amenities it may be 45 feet tall; and that the proposed height of the project is 37 feet 3 inches, or 2 feet 3 inches (2.25 feet) above the normally permitted height. The Hearing Examiner's decision is in error as it is based on erroneous evidence that the neighboring Heritage Village condominiums are located on or immediately adjacent to the property line and therefore, that the project would be closer to the adjacent Heritage Village condominiums. In fact, the Committee found that the Heritage Village condominiums are actually located from 12 to 20 feet from the property line. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that Council reverse the decision of the Hearing Examiner limiting the project's buildings' height to 35 feet and further recommended that the buildings' proposed height be 37 feet 3 inches, as proposed by City staff.

Pursuant to City Code 4-8-110F(5) and (6), the Committee's decision and recommendation is limited to the record, which consists of, but is not limited to, the Hearing Examiner's decision, the notice of appeal, and the submissions by the parties. After reviewing the record and the submissions by the parties and having heard oral argument by Robin Jones; Sally Brick, attorney for Kovach Architects; and Development Services Planning Manager Jennifer Henning and Senior Planner Elizabeth Higgins; the Committee recommended that the decision of the Hearing Examiner of 8/9/2007 be affirmed in part and reversed in part as stated above.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Added

PROCLAMATION
Outgoing Councilmember
Toni Nelson Appreciation

A proclamation by Mayor Keolker was read honoring the many years and many types of service to the community of outgoing Councilmember Toni Nelson, who has served as City Councilmember since 1988, and proclaiming her to be an extraordinarily involved and dedicated citizen and City Councilmember who is to be emulated and honored for her efforts. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED. Councilmember Nelson accepted the proclamation with appreciation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer 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 2007 and beyond. Items noted included:

* The annual K-9 Candy Cane Fun Run was held December 2 and, despite the weather, over 175 runners and walkers turned out with their dogs.

* In connection with the I-405 Renton freeway widening project, the Tukwila Parkway ramp to northbound I-405 will be closed on the nights of December 10 and 17. This closure is weather dependent.

AJLS: Outgoing Mayor Kathy Keolker Comments

Mayor Keolker stated that it has been a privilege to serve the City of Renton as the Mayor for the last four years and as a Councilmember for 20 years. She thanked the people of Renton, recognized City administrators and employees, highlighted accomplishments, welcomed new citizens from the Benson Hill
Citizen Comment: Various - Duvall Ave NE Closure, Road Improvements Project

The following speakers commented on the proposed temporary full closure of Duvall Ave. NE/Coal Creek Parkway SE: Phong Bui (Newcastle), Tracy Pham (Newcastle), Bob Glanzman (Seattle; also submitted 11 business owner signatures with request that the Council vote be delayed until after another public hearing is held), Jerri Wood (King County), Jeanne Pesicka (King County), and Jennifer Frantz (Renton). Comments included the negative effect on the visibility, accessibility, patronage, and economic vitality of the businesses located at Shannon Village on Duvall Ave. NE; suggestion for the City to establish a fund to compensate businesses for financial losses; opposition to the closure; travel time increase; children's safety concerns; lack of notification regarding the public hearing and closure; and the fact that Coal Creek Parkway remained open to through traffic during City of Newcastle's construction project.

Other comments expressed noted inconsistent traffic count projections; financial burden and impacts being placed on adjacent residents and business owners; traffic already heavy on Union Ave. NE, backing up at Sierra Heights Elementary School; suggestions to increase Metro bus transportation, install temporary traffic signals, and increase police traffic patrol at elementary school; residents on west side of Union Ave. NE having no other neighborhood access options; and commuters falsely assuming that Union Ave. NE is a four-lane road. Comments also indicated potential increase in traffic accidents; a suggestion to temporarily reopen the SE 95th Way extension to Kennydale; improvements to Duvall Ave. NE are needed; the lack of adequate notification to affected businesses; and better communication between City and affected parties is needed.

In response to the speakers comments, Councilmembers and City staff noted the following: access to Shannon Village from Duvall Ave. NE will remain open during the closure; closure of Duvall Ave. NE will occur north of Oil Can Henry's; police will monitor traffic at elementary school; a turn lane will be installed on Union Ave. NE; traffic will be closely monitored; the subject project is different from City of Newcastle's project in part due to need to underground utilities; signage will be installed to direct customers to businesses; and problems occurred with the notification process. (See page 436 for Transportation Committee report.)
City Clerk reported bid opening on 11/20/2007 for CAG-07-188, Fiber Optic Connection North; five bids; engineer's estimate $48,750; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of $48,100. Approval was also sought to transfer $35,000 from the Finance and Information Services Department account to the account for the fiber optic work associated with The Landing project. Council concur.

City Clerk submitted 11/6/2007 Special Election certification from King County Elections for Proposition No. 1 for the Benson Hill Communities Annexation Area annexation to the City of Renton. The result of the election is as follows: 2,211 "for annexation" votes and 1,156 "against annexation" votes; PASSED. Information.

Community Services Department recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Department of General Administration to utilize the State's surplus program for the disposal of surplus property. Council concur. (See page 437 for resolution.)

Community Services Department requested approval of a contract with T.F. Sahli Construction in the amount of $53,339.22 to remove and replace the concrete walkways at Jones Park. Council concur.

Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of $23,000 with Cascade Design Collaborative, Inc. to design new irrigation and grading at Thomas Teasdale Park. Council concur.

Community Services Department submitted CAG-05-164, Henry Moses Aquatic Center Lighting Improvements; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $9,930.59, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $11,377.89 to Scott's Electric Service, LLC, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Community Services Department requested approval of a contract in the amount of $38,241.32 with VLS Construction Co., Inc., to install the water main necessary to supply the fire sprinkler system for Fire Station #11. Council concur.

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way to widen S. 34th Pl. to fulfill a requirement of the Cherie Lane II Short Plat (SHP-05-147). Council concur.

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of a contract with Census Services in the amount of $101,248 to conduct a special census of the Benson Hill Communities Annexation area for the purpose of allocation of State funds to the City. Council concur.

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of a contract with the Washington State Department of Ecology for a $200,000 grant to update the City's Shoreline Master Program. Council concur.

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval to designate Houser Way Bypass, N. 8th St., and Logan Ave. N. as official truck routes. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.
CAG: 07-104, 2007 Street Overlay with Curb Ramps, Lakeside Industries

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-07-104, 2007 Street Overlay with Curb Ramps; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $62,787.31 to Lakeside Industries, contractor, and commencement of 60-day lien period. Council concur.

CAG: 05-165, NE Sunset Blvd/Duvall Ave NE Intersection Improvements, Sanders General Construction

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-05-165, NE Sunset Blvd. (SR-900)/Duvall Ave. NE Intersection Improvements; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $4,001.73, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $99,033.87 to Sanders General Construction Company, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 06-082, Rainier Ave Improvements Design, KPG Inc

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 3 to CAG-06-082, agreement with KPG, Inc., in the amount of $1,569,372 to complete the 30 percent design for the Rainier Ave. S. (S. Grady Way to S. 2nd St.) Improvement project. Council concur.

CAG: 07-163, 2008 Airport Runway Paving Design, URS Corporation

Transportation Systems Division requested approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to CAG-07-163, agreement with URS Corporation, to complete the design of the 2008 airport runway paving project. Contract amount is $76,950, and the Federal Aviation Administration will reimburse the City $73,103. Council concur.

Airport: Tie-Down Space Rate Increase

Transportation Systems Division requested approval of a rent increase for City-owned tie-down spaces at the airport from $75.33 to $88.62 per month plus leasehold excise tax. Council concur.

**Added Item 7.r.**

City Clerk: 2007 General Election Certification

City Clerk reported the 2007 General Election results from King County Records and Elections, as follows: Mayor Position - Kathy Keolker (5,369 votes), Denis Law (6,202 - elected); Council Position No. 3 - Marcie Palmer (7,885 - elected), Shirley A. Gaunt-Smith (2,438); Council Position No. 4 - Greg Taylor (6,897 - elected), Terry Persson (3,581); Council Position No. 5 - King Parker (6,610 - elected), Cheryl E. Haskins (4,523); Council Position No. 7 - Don Persson (8,130 - elected). Information.

**Added Item 7.s.**

EDNSP: 2008 Lodging Tax Allocations

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning (EDNSP) Department recommended approval of the Renton Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommendation to allocate 2008 lodging tax collections as follows: Renton Community Marketing Campaign ($110,000); Renton Visitors Connection ($129,000); and one-time allocations of fund reserves to Renton Community Marketing Campaign for television advertisements ($66,000) and to EDNSP to purchase banner brackets, seasonal banners, and a "Santa House" for the downtown ($30,000). Council concur.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Committee of the Whole**

Legislature: 2008 Council Agenda & Statement of Policy Positions

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending concurrence with the recommendation of the Administration to adopt the 2008 State Legislative Agenda and Statement of Policy Positions as presented. Topics include transportation solutions, economic development/infrastructure funding, strengthening the aerospace industry, small business assistance, and workforce development. The Committee further
authorized the Administration to work with other agencies and the Legislature regarding these issues and initiatives on its behalf. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Finance Committee**

**Finance: Vouchers**

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 266885 - 267233 and one wire transfer totaling $1,093,628.85; and approval of 134 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 679 direct deposits totaling $2,216,361.31. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Human Resources: Reclassification of Positions**

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence with the staff recommendation to reclassify positions and adjust pay ranges for City departments effective 1/1/2008. Funds to implement this recommendation are provided in the 2008 Budget. The positions are as follows:

- **Probation Clerk**, grade a08 to a10, budget change is $2,376.
- **Administrative Secretary II/Risk Management Assistant**, grade n11 to m17, budget change is $2,964.
- **Employee Benefits Analyst**, grade m20 to m22, budget change is $3,384.
- **Administrative Secretary I/Economic Development Assistant**, grade n11 to n14, budget change is $4,092.
- **Administrative Secretary II/Executive** (four incumbents), grade n11 to n14, budget change is $11,976.
- **Maintenance Custodian**, grade a07 to a11, budget change is $2,448.
- **Human Services Manager**, grade m28 to m29, budget change is $2,064.
- **Senior Center Coordinator**, grade m20 to m23, budget change is $5,124.
- **Renton Community Center Coordinator**, grade m20 to m23, budget change is $5,124.
- **Park Maintenance Manager**, grade m28 to m32, budget change is $4,128.
- **Civil Engineer III** (12 incumbents), grade a27 to a28, budget change is $22,032.
- **Civil Engineer II** (four incumbents), grade a23 to a25, budget change is $13,980.
- **Lift Station Technician** (two incumbents), grade a14 to a15, budget change 2008 is $2,832.
- **Water Meter Reader** (three incumbents), A05 to A07, budget change is $6,840.
- **Crime Analyst**, grade pn61 to pn54, budget change is $1,836.
- **Principal Civil Engineer - Transportation** (one incumbent), grade A31 to A32, budget change is $1,944.
- **Utility/GIS Engineer** (one incumbent), grade A31 to A32, budget change is $2,004.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Transportation (Aviation) Committee**

**Development Services: Basketball Hoops on Public**

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report regarding basketball hoops located within the right-of-way. Some hoops have been installed permanently in the right-of-way, while other portable hoops have been temporarily located within the right-of-way. The location of basketball hoops
in the right-of-way has been determined to constitute a hazardous situation and is not allowed per City Code. The Committee elected not to revisit City regulations regarding hazardous uses in the right-of-way. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report regarding the proposed temporary closure of Duvall Ave. NE/Coal Creek Parkway SE. On 12/5/2007, the Committee reviewed and discussed comments and suggestions made at and immediately after the 12/3/2007 public hearing on the closure of Duvall Ave. NE. These included comments made by members of the Council, the testimony at the public hearing, and staff suggestions. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the closure resolution. In addition, the Committee recommended the following:

1. Staff will set up a monitoring, evaluation, and reporting process to ensure that any of the measures taken to minimize effects are adjusted to changing conditions and needs.
2. Staff in the Transportation Division and Police Department will implement a traffic enforcement program to deal with neighborhood street impacts (cut-through traffic and/or speeding), control of trucks through the area, and safety at the Sierra Heights Elementary School area for children, parents, and motorists.
3. Staff will compile traffic counts on key streets, including some representative neighborhood streets, before the start of the project and after the project to monitor traffic volumes and traffic diversions.
4. Special signs will be positioned to inform motorists that area businesses are open and accessible during the Duvall Ave. NE project construction. Local businesses will be involved in the design and location of these signs. Conditions will be placed into the construction contract so that one driveway off of Duvall Ave. NE will be accessible at all times during business hours.
5. Communications to the public will utilize all media such as the City website, strategically placed signs, and media, to ensure that neighborhood cut-through traffic is minimized and that motorists are aware that Duvall Ave. NE, north of NE Sunset Blvd., into the City of Newcastle will be closed (including the Jones Rd. vicinity).
6. Staff will take measures to ensure that if additional traffic control devices such as streets signs, speed humps or pillows, lane markers or delineators are needed, they are readily available.
7. Staff will take all necessary measures to ensure as smooth, safe and efficient traffic flow as possible including revisions to signal timing, installation of special traffic control devices and signs, refuge lanes, close cooperation with other agencies, and others.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See below for resolution.)

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the temporary total closure of Duvall Ave. NE/Coal Creek Parkway SE, from NE Sunset Blvd. to SE 95th Way, to occur during the period of 2/1/2008 to 2/28/2009 for the construction of roadway and utility improvements. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER,
COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3923
Community Services: Surplus Property, WA General Administration
A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with the Washington State Department of General Administration to sell surplus property. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

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

Ordinance #5324
Fire: Department Name and Responsibility Changes
An ordinance was read amending Chapter 5, Fire Department, of Title III (Departments) of City Code by changing the duties of the Fire Chief/Emergency Services Administrator and to change the responsibilities of the various department divisions. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5325
Budget: 2008 Annual City of Renton
An ordinance was read adopting the annual budget for the year 2008 in the total amount of $234,638,924. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5326
Utility: System Development Charges
An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to allow for adjustments to System Development Charges. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5327
Annexation: Benson Hill Communities, S 200th St & 128th Ave SE
An ordinance was read annexing approximately 2,406 acres of property generally bounded by the City of Renton corporate boundary on the west and north, SE 192nd St. and S. 200th St. on the south and on the east, 108th Ave. SE, the eastern edge of Boulevard Lane Park, the western edge of Boulevard Lane Division No. 2, and 128th Ave. SE, if extended, but including Renton Park and Charles Lindberg High School; Benson Hill Communities Annexation. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5328
Planning: Highlands Study Area Zoning Correction, Monroe Ave NE
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of certain properties within the Highlands Study Area from R-10 (Residential - ten dwelling units per acre) to RM-F (Residential Multi-Family) zoning; LUA-06-128; CPA 2006-M-06. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5329
Comprehensive Plan: 2007 Amendments
An ordinance was read adopting the 2007 amendments to the City's 2004 Comprehensive Plan, maps and data in conjunction therewith. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5330
Comprehensive Plan: 2007 Amendments, CN Zone Parking Regulations
An ordinance was read amending Chapter 4-2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to amend the regulations regarding the location of required parking in the Commercial Neighborhood zone. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.
Ordinance #5331
Comprehensive Plan: 2007
Amendments, Business Districts Regulations

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 4-2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to amend the regulations regarding the Rainier Business District Overlay and the decision criteria for stand alone residential in the NE 4th, Sunset, and Puget business districts. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5332
Comprehensive Plan: 2007
Amendments, Allowing RMH to Implement RLD

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 4-2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by allowing Residential Manufactured Home (RMH) zoning to implement the Residential Low Density (RLD) land use designation. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5333
Rezone: Rainier Ave Properties, R-10 to CA, CPA

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the Rainier Ave. properties from R-10 (Residential - ten dwelling units per acre) to CA (Commercial Arterial) zoning; LUA-06-161; CPA 2007-M-02. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5334
Rezone: Virtu Property South of Sunset Blvd, RM-F to R-10, CPA

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the Virtu property south of Sunset Blvd. from RMF (Residential Multi-Family) to R-10 (Residential - ten dwelling units per acre) zoning; LUA-06-167; CPA 2007-M-05. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5335
Rezone: QIP Property South of Sunset Blvd, IH to R-10, CPA

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the QIP property south of Sunset Blvd. from IH (Heavy Industrial) to R-10 (Residential - ten dwelling units per acre) zoning; LUA-06-167; CPA 2007-M-05. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5336
Rezone: Park Ave N Properties, R-10 to CN, CPA

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the Park Ave. N. properties from R-10 (Residential - ten dwelling units per acre) to CN (Commercial Neighborhood) zoning; LUA-06-160; CPA 2007-M-01. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Annexation: Red Mill, Application Fee

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL DEFER THE COLLECTION OF THE $2,500 PROCESSING FEE FOR THE PROPOSED RED MILL ANNEXATION UNTIL IT IS KNOWN WHETHER THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD WILL AGREE TO DELETE IT FROM THE PROPOSED FAIRWOOD INCORPORATION BOUNDARY. CARRIED.

King County: Flood Control Zone District Property Tax Levy

Councilman Clawson reported that the King County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee's recommendation for a property tax levy of ten cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation to repair the levee system was adopted. Noting that this will benefit Renton and the region, he requested that the City express appreciation to the King County Councilmembers who supported this.

Council: Resignation Announcement (Clawson)

Councilmember Clawson read a letter submitting his resignation of office as a Renton City Councilmember, Position No. 2, effective 1/1/2008. Explaining that he needs to devote more time to his law practice, Councilmember Clawson stated that it is within the best interests of the people of Renton that he step
aside in favor of a person who is better able to devote the time and energy necessary to serve effectively on the City Council. Mr. Clawson expressed his appreciation to City staff; elected officials representing Renton, the State of Washington, and other jurisdictions in the region; CAO Covington; Mayor Keolker; and to his family.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ACCEPT COUNCILMEMBER CLAWSON'S RESIGNATION LETTER EFFECTIVE 1/1/2008. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Miller - City Workforce Retention

Pat Miller (Bonney Lake) introduced himself as the President of Renton Employees Local 2170 and noted that one of the City's goals is to retain a skilled workforce. He claimed that Renton's unwritten guideline to pay within the 60 percentile leads employees to seek work at other municipalities. Mr. Miller emphasized that the retention of skilled employees is important to the City and its growth, and he suggested enhancing recruitment and changing the position reclassification date.

Citizen Comment: Stoutenberg - Street Light Installation

William A. Stoutenberg (Renton) expressed his gratitude for the installation of street lights behind the Sky Lanai Apartments located at 360 Taylor Ave. NW, saying that the tenants now feel safer. He pointed out that the lighting will also help prevent vehicle break-ins.

Citizen Comment: Rodriguez - Elected Officials Appreciation

Ted Rodriguez (Renton), speaking on behalf of the Renton-Cuautla Sister City Committee, thanked Mayor Keolker for her support of the program. Additionally he thanked Councilmembers Nelson and Clawson for their service.

Citizen Comment: Hanson - Elected Officials Appreciation

Roxanne Hanson (Renton), Diamond Lil's and Freddie's Club Casinos, expressed her appreciation to the outgoing elected officials for their service to the City.

Citizen Comment: Kyes - Elected Officials Appreciation

Doug Kyes (Renton) thanked the outgoing elected officials for their service and welcomed Mayor-Elect Law.

Citizen Comment: Fernandez - Elected Officials Appreciation

Ruben Fernandez (Renton) thanked Mayor Keolker for her service to Renton and welcomed Mayor-Elect Law.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

December 10, 2007