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. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER DAN CLAWSON. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; PETER HAHN, Deputy Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator - Transportation; BOB HANSON, Transportation Design Supervisor; MICHAEL BAILEY, Finance and Information Services Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; DON ERICKSON, Senior Planner; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; CHIEF I. DAVID DANIELS and DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, Fire Department; COMMANDER CHARLES MARASIL, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Zimmerman reported on the City's response to flooding issues as a result of heavy rainfall, which began on December 2 and measures approximately 5.6 inches. He reviewed the areas affected by the flooding and the resultant road closures, noting that flooding problems are not anticipated along the Cedar or Green rivers. Mr. Zimmerman further reported that power was restored to the 950 customers who experienced a power outage in the Renton vicinity, and that the water main break at 39th St. and Oakesdale Ave. SW was repaired.

Pointing out that the Governor of Washington has declared a state of emergency, Mayor Keolker stated that a resolution has been added to the Council meeting agenda regarding declaration of a local emergency, which positions Renton to receive reimbursement funding from the federal government. (See page 423 for resolution.)

Fire Chief Daniels announced that in response to the heavy rains, the Emergency Operations Center was activated at 10:30 today, and he described how the Fire Department prepared for and responded to incidents. Chief Daniels reported that a three-alarm fire occurred at the McDonald's located at Rainier Ave. N. and N. Airport Way. Noting that no one was injured, he indicated that the fire investigation will begin tomorrow morning.

Fire Chief Daniels stated that a recently adopted State law requires the Fire Department to include service delivery objectives in written policies; annually evaluate level of service, deployment delivery, and response time objectives; and provide a written annual report that includes steps to comply with standards. He explained that response measures are defined as turnout time: time beginning when units receive notification of the emergency to the beginning point of response time; and as response time: time beginning when units are in route to the emergency and ending when units arrive on scene.
In 2006, Chief Daniels reported that the Fire Department's average turnout time was within two minutes and sixteen seconds, ninety percent of the time; and the average response time was within six minutes and forty-five seconds, ninety percent of the time. He reviewed the arrival times of emergency vehicles to various types of incidents. Concluding, Chief Daniels detailed the plan of action that will be undertaken to meet the State requirements, and noted that the department currently has the best average response time in South King County.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Budget: 2008 Annual City of Renton

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Keolker opened the public hearing to consider the City of Renton 2008 Budget. Finance and Information Services Administrator Bailey reported that the budget necessary on an ongoing basis for the Benson Hill Communities Annexation, which is just under $9 million and adds 90 employees to the City, was blended into the proposed 2008 Budget.

Public comment was invited.

Terry Persson (Renton) provided and reviewed an analysis of the percentage increases in property taxes levied by the City of Renton since 2002, noting a purported 9.5 percent projected increase for 2008. Pointing out that the rate of total spending increase from 2001 and 2006 totals 29 percent, indicating an inflation factor of 14 percent, he stated that the City is currently spending at double the rate of inflation. Mr. Persson expressed concern that double-digit inflation may be a consistent pattern, saying that money from new construction should be added to the pool to lower property taxes.

Mr. Bailey explained that the City does not yet have new construction or annexation figures from King County for 2008. In order for the City to realize all the value of additions to the tax base as a result of development and new construction, the figures are overestimated knowing that the King County assessor will plug the correct number in as long as it is lower than what was estimated. In regard to the rates of increase, Mr. Bailey noted that the development that has driven the property tax increases above the one percent increase on existing tax base that Council has held itself to over the years, also translates into additional costs.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 419 for Committee of the Whole report.)

Annexation: New Life - Aqua Barn, Maple Valley Hwy

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Keolker opened the public hearing to consider the 60% Direct Petition to annex for the proposed New Life - Aqua Barn Annexation; approximately 374 acres, including the SR-169 right-of-way, located south of the Maplewood Golf Course and Ron Regis Park along the south side of Renton-Maple Valley Hwy. (SR-169).

Senior Planner Erickson reviewed the annexation background, pointing out that Council expanded the boundary to include Maple Ridge Estates and View Point at Maple Ridge Estates on 6/11/2007, and that the 60% Direct Petition was certified by King County on 11/9/2007. Mr. Erickson further reviewed the environmental constraints of the area, which include the existence of one of the City's sole source aquifers. He stated that public services are provided by Fire Districts #25 and #40, Cedar River Water and Sewer District, and the Renton School District.
Continuing, Mr. Erickson relayed that the City's proposed 2007 Comprehensive Plan amendments include land use map designation changes for this area. He pointed out that the Fairwood Incorporation petition does overlap this proposed annexation on a portion of the Maple Ridge Estates and View Point areas. Mr. Erickson said the fiscal impact analysis indicates a deficit of $38,502 at current development and a deficit of $15,755 at full development, assuming the building of a 45-unit condominium development and retention of all existing development. The estimated one-time parks development cost is $498,712.

Mr. Erickson reported that the proposed annexation is generally consistent with relevant Boundary Review Board criteria and City policies for annexation. He noted that the Utility Division suggests using King County's 2002 Surface Water Design Manual, Level 2, for future development.

Public comment was invited.

Loran Lichty (King County; annexation proponent), Bill Hulten (King County; Maple Ridge Estates Homeowners Association Vice President), and Ross Osborne (King County) spoke in favor of the annexation. Mr. Lichty expressed concern about the property overlap with the Fairwood Incorporation petition. Jean Bean (King County), Molasses Creek Association President, pointed out that some residents of the Molasses Creek community are against annexation.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL: ACCEPT THE CERTIFIED 60% DIRECT PETITION TO ANNEX FOR THE EXPANDED NEW LIFE - AQUA BARN ANNEXATION AREA, AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT THE NOTICE OF INTENT PACKAGE TO THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD, AND SUPPORT FUTURE ZONING CONSISTENT WITH CURRENTLY PROPOSED 2007 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR THIS AREA. CARRIED.

Correspondence was entered into the record from David L. Halinen, Halinen Law Offices, P.S. (Fircrest), who represents Aqua Barn Ranch, Inc., expressing support for the annexation.

Street: Duvall Ave NE Closure, Road Improvements Project

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Keolkner opened the public hearing to consider the temporary closure of Duvall Ave. NE/Coal Creek Parkway SE, from NE Sunset Blvd. (SR-900) to SE 95th Way, for a 13-month period from February 2008 through February 2009, for the purpose of roadway and utility improvements.

Deputy Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator - Transportation Hahn stated that this project involves the widening of the roadway from two to four lanes and relates to the project in the City of Newcastle that involves the improvement to May Creek Bridge, as well as the widening of the Coal Creek Parkway segment in Newcastle. He gave an overview of the upcoming staff presentation, noting the large amount of concern that exists in the community regarding this project.

Transportation Design Supervisor Hanson described the proposed detour
routes, and the school bus and local access routes. He stated that the project entails the following: roadway widening from two to four lanes; undergrounding of all utilities; sidewalks; water, sanitary sewer, and storm drainage improvements; landscaping; street lighting; irrigation; and signal installation at NE 21st St.

Mr. Hanson reviewed staff considerations concerning the timing of the various phases of construction, including coordination with the utility companies, and school children access to buses. He indicated that if the roadway is closed to through traffic, the estimated time of construction is one year. If through traffic is maintained on the roadway, the estimated time of construction is two years. Mr. Hanson pointed out that during certain parts of the construction project the roadway must be closed; and if through traffic is maintained during the project, flaggers would constantly be stopping traffic.

Tom Noguchi, with Mirai Associates, Inc., presented a traffic analysis of the existing traffic conditions and volumes in the area, and a summary of traffic conditions for each construction management option. Using a simulation model, he displayed the traffic conditions that would occur if Duvall Ave. NE were to be closed during construction, and if Duvall Ave. NE were to remain open during construction. Mr. Noguchi concluded the following: closure of Duvall Ave. NE would significantly increase traffic on Union Ave. NE; both closure and open options would not significantly increase travel time for neighborhood residents; and traffic on neighborhood streets would increase under the open option.

Continuing, Mr. Hahn noted that affected residents will have east/west access to Union Ave. NE and Field Ave. NE, and that the businesses in the vicinity of Duvall Ave. NE and NE Sunset Blvd. will be accessible the entire time. Mr. Hanson reviewed the traffic and safety measures to be undertaken, including: minimization measures on Union Ave. NE, particularly in the area of Sierra Heights Elementary School; stop sign installation at SE May Valley Rd./148th Ave. SE; traffic signal modification at 148th Ave. SE/SR-900; refuge lane at Field Ave. NE/SR-900; signage; truck traffic limitations on Union Ave. NE; police presence at Union Ave. NE and NE 24th St.; speed tables on NE 24th St.; and timing signal adjustments.

Mr. Hahn reviewed the public outreach that will be conducted during the project, including a web page (www.duvall.rentonwa.gov), traffic signage, telephone hotline, early proactive information, and media. In conclusion, he reviewed a brief comparison of the "open" and "closed to through traffic" options for the construction project.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL RECESS FOR FIVE MINUTES. CARRIED. Time: 8:43 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:51 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present except Clawson previously excused.

Stating that the Transportation (Aviation) Committee discussed this matter last week, Councilmember Corman noted that many of the items on the mitigation plan, such as police presence at the school, were added since the committee meeting was held.

Correspondence was read from the following individuals: Reshma Shah (Renton), Brad Zylstra (Renton), Eugene Chow (Renton), Maxine Leese (city of residence unknown), Michael F. Donnelly and Claudia R. Donnelly (King
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Comments and concerns included: increased traffic through Summerwind and Sierra Heights neighborhoods; increased traffic impacts on Sierra Heights Elementary School students; length of time of the full closure; safety of children; affected businesses negatively impacted; lack of notice regarding project; lack of traffic mitigation measures; proposal to put four-way stop at SE May Valley Rd./148th Ave. SE will create a larger traffic backup; suggestion to keep roadway open and concentrate construction on one direction at a time; increased litigation risk; and disruptions and delays to school children busing.

Public comment was invited.

The following speakers commented on the proposed closure: Eric Walrod (Renton), Clement Novinski (King County), Mike Jacklin (Renton), Jennifer Young (Renton), Jill Gifford (Renton), Bob Blayden (Renton), Sally van Boheemen (Renton), Rich Crispo (Newcastle), Rob Nichols (Renton), Don Joss (Kent), Debra Rogers (Renton), Hylan Slobodkin (Renton), Anita Cheung (Renton), Yolanda Chow (King County), Lusine Gharibyan (Renton), and Stan Kawamoto (Renton).

Concerns expressed regarded the project timeline, as the NE Sunset Blvd./Duvall Ave. NE intersection project took longer than projected; speeding traffic on Union Ave. NE; closure of the May Creek Bridge by the City of Newcastle during its construction project; increased traffic on SE May Valley Rd. causing safety problems; backups on SR-900 when traveling from Field Ave. NE to SR-900; increased visibility of the elementary school due to closure detour route; decreased attendance at elementary school activities; timeliness of bussing school children; children's safety; and lack of notice about closure.

Other concerns expressed included the expected increase in traffic in the already congested school zone on Union Ave. NE; impact on affected area residents; lack of citizen input; lack of notification to affected businesses; increased traffic on SE 95th Way that backs up on Union Ave. NE; underestimated effect of closure on the elementary school; inconsistent results from the traffic analysis; and flawed traffic analysis.

Suggestions made included opening up the emergency access road that connects the Stonegate and Summerwind neighborhoods; opening the roadway on weekends; flexibility during construction to take into account the changing traffic patterns and to make necessary adjustments; conducting some construction at night; having one-way traffic southbound on Union Ave. NE and one-way traffic northbound on 148th Ave. SE; closing the roadway in the summer due to less traffic at that time and to allow for completion of the preliminary construction work; and installing speed deterrents on Union Ave. NE.

Requests voiced were for driveways to remain open at the mall located at Duvall Ave. NE/SR-900 and that good access be maintained to the driveways; for a left-turn lane on southbound 148th Ave. SE to SR-900; for a temporary signal light at Coal Creek Parkway SE/SE 95th Way; and for project completion in a timely manner.

Comments expressed indicated that progress needs to continue; better roads are needed; traffic congestion is already problematic; businesses located on Duvall Ave. NE will be negatively affected; and more study and discussion is needed. Other opinions were that the amount of traffic that accesses and leaves the
Summerwind neighborhood has been underestimated, particularly left-hand
turns onto eastbound SR-900, and that the lack of parking on Union Ave. NE
negatively coincides with the elementary school's small parking lot.

Councilmembers and City staff made the following comments during the
audience comment portion of the meeting: police will be present at Sierra
Heights Elementary School during peak times in the morning and afternoon; the
City of Newcastle will not close the May Creek Bridge during its construction
project; traffic modeling showed that if Duvall Ave. NE was closed, the
Summerwind neighborhood would be less affected by pass-through traffic; and
assurance that communication and access will be maintained to those who front
Duvall Ave. NE so that individual needs are met when work is conducted on
the driveways.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY NELSON,
SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.
CARRIED. (See page 422 for further discussion.)

APPEAL
Committee of the Whole
Appeal: Grant Ave
Townhomes Site Plan, Jones &
Kovach Architects, SA-07-018

Council President Nelson announced that the Committee of the Whole report
regarding the Grant Ave. Townhomes Site Plan appeals will be presented at the
next Council meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: McOmber -
Highlands Neighborhood
Caroling Party

Howard McOmber (Renton) stated that a Highlands neighborhood caroling
party will be held at the Highlands Neighborhood Center. He indicated that
there is no City involvement and that everyone is welcome.

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

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Appointment: Advisory
Commission on Diversity
Mayor Keolker reappointed the following individuals to the Advisory
Commission on Diversity: Sandel DeMastus, for a term expiring 12/31/2008;
Raymond Lam, for a term expiring 12/31/2009; and Charles Thomas, for a term

Legislature: 2008 Council
Agenda & Statement of Policy
Positions
Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department
recommended approval of the 2008 State Legislative Agenda and Statement of
Policy Positions, which serve as guidance for staff for the State legislative
session. Refer to Committee of the Whole.

Fire: Department Name and
Responsibility Changes
Fire Department requested authorization to change its name to Fire and
Emergency Services Department, to change the administrator's title to Fire
Chief/Emergency Services Administrator, and to establish and define the four
sections of the department's organizational structure. Council concur. (See
page 423 for ordinance.)

Human Resources:
Reclassification of Positions
Human Resources and Risk Management Department recommended
reclassification of positions, effective January 2008, in the Administrative,
Judicial and Legal Services; Finance and Information Services; Human
Resources and Risk Management; Economic Development, Neighborhoods and
Strategic Planning; Community Services; Planning/Building/Public Works;
Fire; and Police Departments. Refer to Finance Committee.
Police: Jail Inmate Health Services, Occupational Health Services

Police Department recommended approval of a contract with Occupational Health Services (Public Hospital District No. 1 of King County) in the amount of $186,958 for health services for Renton jail inmates for 2008. Council concur.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole
Annexation: Benson Hill Communities, S 200th St & 128th Ave SE

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding the proposed Benson Hill Communities Annexation. The Committee recommended that the City annex certain territory, effective 3/1/2008, comprising of approximately 2,406 acres 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 generally along 128th Ave. SE. The Committee found that all requirements of the law in regard to the annexation by election method have been met.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance annexing the Benson Hill Communities area be presented for first reading. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 423 for ordinance.)

Budget: 2008 Annual City of Renton

Council President Nelson presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding adoption of the 2008 Budget ordinance. The Committee recommended adoption of the 2008 Budget as proposed in the Mayor's preliminary budget with the following changes:

- Remove the following from recommended appropriations and place as reserves of fund balance for further review by the Council: 1) $50,000 for the IKEA Performing Arts Center; 2) $200,000 for floating dock removal; 3) $200,000 for the Low Income Housing Initiative; 4) $10,000 for neighborhood barbecue.
- Add the following items to the 2008 Budget appropriation: 1) $10,000 for neighborhood barbecue; 2) $12,000 for banners in the downtown; 3) $14,000 for interpreter services in the Human Services programs.
- Reduce intermittent salaries in Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department by $14,000.
- Make the following adjustment in estimates: 1) increase solid waste fund revenues by $462,000; 2) reduce the Equipment Rental capital expenditures by $692,000; 3) increase the estimate of proceeds from the bond sale in the Utility Funds by $11,819,435 and authorize the replacement of the bond debt service reserve with a surety purchased during the bond sale transaction.
- Move the following capital projects into the 2008 CIP (Capital Improvement Plan): 1) Houser Way improvements for $350,000; 2) demolition of the 820 Building at the airport for $290,000.

The Committee recommended appropriations related to serving the Benson Hill Communities Annexation area as follows:

- On-going budget appropriations of $8,968,034, including the addition of 90.6 FTEs (full time employees), and $2,738,670 one-time costs. Note: additional recommendations on one-time costs and capital improvements may be made by staff during the year.

The Committee recommended a total, balanced 2008 Budget of $234,638,924.
The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding these matters be presented for first reading.*

At the request of Mayor Keolker, her memo to the Council concerning the Neighborhood Program barbecues was read into the record. The memorandum indicated that while support for the Neighborhood Program is appreciated, the inclusion of $10,000 in the budget proposal to purchase a new barbecue for the program is not necessary. The memo detailed the reasons why the barbecue should not be purchased, including: the City's current ownership of two propane-fueled and one pellet-fired barbecues; the efforts of staff to consolidate the neighborhood picnics; the additional picnics expected with the annexation of the Benson Hill Communities area can be accommodated without double-booking; the lack of staff to host multiple picnics on one night; and the current lack of storage space for City equipment. The Mayor's memo concluded that the expenditure is not justified due to so many pressing unmet needs, and urged that Council reconsider this proposal.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Briere, Council amend the Committee report and remove the $10,000 for the barbecue**

Councilmember Persson explained that when the newest barbecue was purchased, the oldest one should have been surplused. He opined that both propane-fueled barbecues should be surplused, as the pellet-fueled barbecues are safer and are preferred by the users. Councilmember Corman supported Mr. Persson's volunteer efforts with the barbecues, noting that with the annexation the timing is appropriate for the purchase. Council President Nelson commented on the potential danger of operating the propane-fueled barbecues. Councilmember Law suggested placing the item into reserves of fund balance for further review by Council.

**Motion failed.

*MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL AMEND THE COMMITTEE REPORT BY MOVING THE $10,000 FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BARBECUE INTO RESERVES. CARRIED.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COMMITTEE REPORT AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in Mayor Keolker's appointments to the Municipal Arts Commission as follows: Doug Kyes, for an unexpired term expiring 12/31/2008 (position previously held by Roosevelt Lewis), and Frederick Lund, for a term expiring 12/31/2010 (position previously held by Patricia Riggs).

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

EDNSP: 2007 Neighborhood Program Grants

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the 2007 neighborhood grant projects (second round). The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the following grant awards:

1. Clover Creek Homeowners Association - Restoration of open space located at the northwest end of the bridge on N. 27th Pl. ($3,377).
2. Honey Creek Homeowners Association - Restore traffic circles to original design by adding new plants and conditioning the soil ($1,002).
The Committee also recommended approval of funding for the following administrative newsletter applications:

1. Kennydale Neighborhood Association: Annual printing for a newsletter printed quarterly and mailed ($1,890).
2. Summerwind Homeowners Association - Annual printing for a newsletter printed quarterly and mailed ($279).
3. Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association - Annual printing for a newsletter printed quarterly and distributed door-to-door ($769).

The second round of applications totaled $7,317, with the remaining balance of $452. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Finance Committee**
**Finance: Vouchers**

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 266537 - 266884 and one wire transfer totaling $159,489.82; and approval of zero Payroll Vouchers, zero wire transfers, and zero direct deposits totaling $382.29. MOVED BY PERSSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL AMEND THE COMMITTEE REPORT TO TAKE OUT THE $382.29. CARRIED.

MOVED BY PERSSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE AMENDED FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Committee on Committees**
**Council: 2008 Committee Assignments**

Council President-Elect Palmer presented a Committee on Committees report recommending the following Council committee chairmanships and committee assignments for 2008:

- Community Services Committee: Terri Briere, Chair; King Parker, Vice Chair; Randy Corman, Member.
- Finance Committee: Don Persson, Chair; Terri Briere, Vice Chair; King Parker, Member.
- Planning and Development Committee: King Parker, Chair; Dan Clawson, Vice Chair; Greg Taylor, Member.
- Public Safety Committee: Greg Taylor, Chair; Randy Corman, Vice Chair; Don Persson, Member.
- Transportation (Aviation) Committee: Randy Corman, Chair; Don Persson, Vice Chair; Dan Clawson, Member.
- Utilities Committee: Dan Clawson, Chair; Greg Taylor, Vice Chair; Terri Briere, Member.

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

**Planning & Development Committee**
**Planning: Highlands Study Area Zoning Correction, Monroe Ave NE**

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report regarding the Highlands Study Area rezone correction. The Committee recommended that Council adopt the rezoning of the parcels located between Olympia Ave. NE and Monroe Ave. NE, south of NE 12th St. in the Highlands area, to Residential Multi-Family zoning in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the recommendations of the Highlands Task Force on zoning.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.
Comprehensive Plan: 2007 Amendments

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff and Planning Commission recommendation to approve the 2007 Comprehensive Plan amendments and concurrent rezones as shown on the matrix entitled "2007 Comprehensive Plan Amendments," summarized as follows:

- 2007-M-01 – Alan Kunovskiy applicant; Map amendment to change Residential Medium Density with R-10 zoning to Commercial Neighborhood (CN) with CN zoning, and change zoning text amendments related to parking.
- 2007-M-02 – O'Farrell Properties, LLC & City of Renton applicants; Map amendment to change Residential Medium Density with R-10 zoning to Commercial Corridor with Commercial Arterial zoning, and change zoning text amendments related to business districts.
- 2007-M-03 – City of Renton applicant; Map amendments and concurrent prezoning related to New Life - Aqua Barn Annexation site.
- 2007-M-05 – David Halinen applicant; Map amendment to change Employment Area - Industrial with Heavy Industrial zoning to Residential Medium Density with R-10 zoning.
- 2007-M-06 – City of Renton applicant; Map amendments and concurrent prezoning related to Benson Hill Communities Annexation site.
- 2007-M-07 – City of Renton applicant; denied.
- 2007-T-01 – City of Renton applicant; Text amendment to update Capital Facilities and Transportation elements to reflect housekeeping changes.
- 2007-T-05 – City of Renton applicant; Text amendment, updating the Land Use Element, to the Residential Low Density land use designation to allow Residential Manufactured Home as an implementing zone.

The Committee recommended that the ordinance for all Comprehensive Plan amendments and all concurrent City Code Title IV text amendments be presented for first reading.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinances for concurrent rezones of property included in Applications 2007-M-01, Park Ave.; 2007-M-02, Rainier Ave.; and 2007-M-05, QIP and Virtu properties; be presented for first reading.

The ordinances for concurrent rezones of property included in Application 2007-M-06, Benson Hill Communities, that was annexed into Renton as part of the Hudson Annexation will be presented for adoption in January 2008.

The ordinances for concurrent prezones of property included in the portion of Application 2007-M-06, Benson Hill Communities, that will be annexed into Renton as part of the Benson Hill Communities Annexation will be presented for adoption prior to the effective date of annexation, 3/1/2008.

The ordinances for concurrent prezones of property included in Application 2007-M-03, Maple Valley Hwy. Corridor, will be presented for adoption prior to the effective date of the New Life - Aqua Barn Annexation, estimated as 4/1/2008.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See pages 423 and 424 for
The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Streets: Duvall Ave NE Closure, Road Improvements Project

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.*

Councilmember Persson recommended holding the resolution for one week due to the concerns raised during the public hearing, such as parking at Sierra Heights Elementary School, signal light timing at NE Sunset Blvd./Duvall Ave. NE, police presence on Union Ave. NE, and four-way stop at NE 24th St./Union Ave. NE.

*MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL HOLD THE RESOLUTION UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.*

Council discussion ensued regarding the additional review by staff of concerns and ideas, and it was agreed that the matter would be discussed at the Transportation (Aviation) Committee on December 5.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Added

Resolution #3921
Public Safety: Declaration of Local Emergency

A resolution was read declaring a local emergency, as conditions of peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City caused by a storm with heavy rains.  MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ.  CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 12/10/2007 for second and final reading:

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 NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007.  CARRIED.

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 PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007.  CARRIED.

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 BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007.  CARRIED.

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 CORMAN, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007.  CARRIED.
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<td>Comprehensive Plan: 2007 Amendments</td>
<td>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 PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007. CARRIED.</td>
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<td>Comprehensive Plan: 2007 Amendments, CN Zone Parking Regulations</td>
<td>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 BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007. CARRIED.</td>
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<td>Comprehensive Plan: 2007 Amendments, Business Districts Regulations</td>
<td>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 CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007. CARRIED.</td>
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<td>Comprehensive Plan: 2007 Amendments, Allowing RMH to Implement RLD</td>
<td>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 CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007. CARRIED.</td>
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<td>Rezone: Rainier Ave Properties, R-10 to CA, CPA</td>
<td>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 PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007. CARRIED.</td>
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<td>Rezone: Virtu Property South of Sunset Blvd, RM-F to R-10, CPA</td>
<td>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 LAW, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007. CARRIED.</td>
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<td>Rezone: QIP Property South of Sunset Blvd, IH to R-10, CPA</td>
<td>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 LAW, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007. CARRIED.</td>
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<td>Rezone: Park Ave N Properties, R-10 to CN, CPA</td>
<td>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</td>
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BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/10/2007. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #5323**
Budget: 2007 Year-End Amendments

An ordinance was read providing for the 2007 year-end budget amendments in the total amount of $4,141,991. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**
Finance: Gambling Tax Revenues

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL REFER GAMBLING TAX REVENUES TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Council: Meeting Cancellation (12/17/2007)

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CANCEL THE 12/17/2007 COUNCIL MEETING. CARRIED.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**
Citizen Comment: Urback - 2007 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Mary Urback (Puyallup), representing O'Farrell Properties (2007 Comprehensive Plan amendment; Rainier properties), expressed her pleasure regarding working with staff on the Comprehensive Plan amendment process. She commended staff for educating both the applicant and the public on the amendment process, noting that community involvement is encouraged.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 10:34 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
December 3, 2007