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; RICH ZWICKER; GREG TAYLOR; RANDY CORMAN; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, 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; CHIP VINCENT, Planning Director; FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR MARK PETERSON and ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL DAVID PARGAS, Fire & Emergency Services Department; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring October 9 to 15, 2011 to be “Fire Prevention Week” in the City of Renton, and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Fire and Emergency Services Administrator Mark Peterson introduced Assistant Fire Marshal David Pargas. Mr. Pargas reported the following four fire safety tips: 1) Test Your Smoke Alarms - properly maintained and operating smoke detectors save lives; 2) Have a Home Escape Plan - fire escape planning and designating a central place to meet is essential to surviving a fire, 3) Safe Cooking - unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the United States, and 4) Electrical Fire Safety - avoid overloading electrical outlets, check cords, and keep combustibles away from heat sources.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay 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 2011 and beyond. Items noted included:

* Celebrate fall with the whole family at the 10th Annual Fall Harvest Festival and the Renton Chamber of Commerce’s Business Expo, Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Piazza and the Pavilion Event Center. Harvest Festival vendors include arts and crafts, flowers, and food. In addition there will be Master Gardeners to answer questions, pumpkin decorating for kids, and music to entertain all ages. Both events are free to attend.

* Filmmakers will be seen this weekend competing in Renton FilmFrenzy IV, the annual 50-hour filmmaking competition. Sixteen filmmaking teams, including seven student teams, registered to take the challenge to write, shoot, and edit a four-minute film shot completely in Renton. Filmmakers will be given “CurveBall” challenges that could include incorporating a line of dialogue, a task in Renton, and/or a specific location in Renton.
The films can be viewed on October 24 at 7 p.m. at Renton Civic Theatre. The Curvee Awards Gala will be held on October 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center. The filmmakers will be available at the Downtown FilmTalk on October 26 at 7:00 p.m. at various downtown locations. All events are offered free of charge.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Forister – Relocation of the Downtown Library

Phyllis Forister (Renton) stated that the figures she quoted at the last Council meeting regarding remodeling costs for City libraries are on page 42 of the Renton Library Master Plan. She also stated that the master plan recommendation to retain an independent library system was ignored. She remarked that citizens were not well-informed about the decision to build a new library in the downtown core, and implied that the vote to annex to the King County Library System would have failed if this fact had been more transparent. Ms. Forister also commented that the money to build the new libraries could be better spent during this time of economic downturn.

Citizen Comment: Baker – Shoreline Master Program

Laurie Baker (Renton) expressed appreciation for Council’s efforts regarding the Shoreline Master Program (SMP). She stated that the whole process has been a learning experience for everyone involved. Ms. Baker remarked that the SMP should not hurt Renton’s image as a place where people can enjoy the waterfront, and it should help improve the City’s tax base. She cautioned that the SMP will become a disadvantage for the community if it is more restrictive than programs from other jurisdictions residing along a lakeshore.

Citizen Comment: Simpson – Shoreline Master Program

Anne Simpson (Renton) stated that she is adamantly opposed to the four-foot wide dock restrictions in the Shoreline Master Program. She remarked that Renton’s SMP should not be limited to four-foot wide docks, and state and federal agencies that require the restriction should have to impose it. She also questioned whether a four-foot wide dock was even ADA compliant, and suggested a five-foot wide dock as a compromise. Ms. Simpson stated that four-foot wide docks are unsafe.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council: Meeting Minutes of 9/26/2011


Attorney: Residential Premises Chronic Nuisance, Code Amendment

City Attorney Department recommended amending City Code regarding residential premises chronic nuisances. Council concur. (See page 309 for ordinance.)

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

Community and Economic Development Department submitted King County Boundary Review Board Closing Letter regarding the proposed Tess Annexation and recommended approval of the annexation. Council concur. (See page 309 for ordinance.)

Annexation: Fairlane Woods, 129th PI SE & SE 160th St

Community and Economic Development Department submitted a 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed Fairlane Woods Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 10/17/2011 to consider the petition; approximately 37.4 acres located in the vicinity of 129th PI. SE and SE 160th St. Council concur to set public hearing.
Community Services: Park Bleacher Retrofit Kits, SiteLines Park & Playground Lease: Fixed-Base Operation Hangar Addendum, Renton Gateway Center, LAG-09-006

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Committee of the Whole CED: Shoreline Master Program Final Adoption

Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract with SiteLines Park & Playground Products, Inc. in the amount of $66,866.18 for installation of park bleacher retrofit kits. Refer to Finance Committee.

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an addendum to airport lease LAG-09-006, with Renton Gateway Center, LLC, setting the term as 8/21/2011 to 8/31/2046, increasing the leased area to 136,846 square feet, increasing the total ground lease rate to 78,002.22 annually, subject to annual readjustments based on the CPI Index, and clarifying certain operational responsibilities. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Council President Briere presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to adopt the Shoreline Master Program by ordinance. This ordinance is substantially the same as Resolution #4067 adopted on 9/27/2010, and thereafter submitted to the Department of Ecology, except for the following changes:

- Inclusion of all of the recommended and required changed received from the Department of Ecology in a letter dated 3/9/2011, with the exception of required change 1 (Overwater Trails) and;
- Inclusion of new language on overwater trails proposed by the City in correspondence to the Department of Ecology in a letter dated 4/6/2011, and agreed to by Ecology in their response dated 7/28/2011, and;
- Addition of language to allow buffer averaging in Lake Washington Reach C if consistent with a federally approved clean-up plan.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading at the next Council meeting.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Councilmember Corman stated for the record that he is unhappy with the Shoreline Master Program as written and with some elements of the process. He explained that because the Department of Ecology has had a say in the process, citizens have not had the opportunity to influence lawmaking as if it were solely a Renton ordinance. Mr. Corman also stated that the State should have been more accountable, including holding public hearings, in order to explain the science behind the decision to limit docks to four-foot widths. He stated that the shortcomings are mostly due to the way the State influenced the City’s lawmaking processes.

Councilmember Taylor echoed Mr. Corman’s sentiments, and also questioned the science regarding the dock restrictions. He noted that the City of Redmond has been allowed six-foot wide docks. Mr. Taylor also remarked that the new information regarding ADA compliancy and five-foot dock widths should be explored. He explained that in conscience and principle, and from a safety standpoint, he could not vote for four-foot wide docks.
Councilmember Parker stated that he does not disagree with many of the points brought up by Mr. Corman and Mr. Taylor. However, he read a portion of a letter from the Department of Ecology explaining policy goals and scientific recommendations regarding Shoreline Master Programs, and remarked that the SMP works for a lot of different people. He stated that the process needs to come to a conclusion, and he supports the SMP.

Councilmember Palmer stated that the process has been very disappointing, and to come this far (and still be restricted by DOE) feels like a slap in the face. She commented that the public process for the SMP did not seem to work, and Renton has compromised much.

*ROLL CALL was called: FOUR AYES: BRIERE, ZWICKER, PERSSON, PARKER. THREE NOES: TAYLOR, CORMAN, PALMER. MOTION CARRIED.*

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the 10/10/2011 Council meeting for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read annexing approximately 16 acres generally located south of SE 132nd St., east of 164th Ave. SE, Tess Annexation. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/10/2011. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and advancement to second and final reading:

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 3, Remedies and Penalties, of Title I (Administrative), of City Code, by amending and adding definitions, regulations regarding chronic nuisances and making them unlawful conduct, gross misdemeanors, and misdemeanors. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

Following second and final reading of the above-reference ordinance, it was MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read amending Title II (Commissions and Boards), of City Code, by adding a new Chapter 19, "Community Plan Advisory Boards." MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:33 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk
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