CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Pro Tem Randy Corman called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS
MAYOR PRO TEM RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; TERRI BRIERE; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON, Council President Pro Tem.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MICHELE NEUMANN, Deputy City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; DON ERICKSON, Senior Planner; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; COMMANDER CHARLES MARSALISI, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
SCA: Update
Karen Goroski, Executive Director of the Suburban Cities Association (SCA), stated that SCA underwent reorganization two years ago, and she described the association's structure. She noted that SCA appoints over 101 elected officials to county and regional boards and committees. Ms. Goroski reported that SCA's long range goals through 2010 fall under the following four categories: regional organization and governance, education, public policy leadership, and public benefit.

Continuing, Ms. Goroski indicated that SCA will be reviewing a bylaw change concerning membership, and that its Public Issues Committee is focusing on regional issues this year. In regards to education, she reported that SCA has hosted four networking dinners this year, and the subject of the next dinner is transportation. Ms. Goroski announced that in partnership with the Association of Washington Cities, SCA will hold a day-long conference on sustainability on October 21.

Ms. Goroski stated that SCA has taken public policy positions on topics such as regional water quality, the Automated Fingerprint Identification System levy, and county annexations. She noted that at the next Public Issues Committee meeting, members may take action on key issues such as Transit Now, and Puget Sound Regional Council's executive board membership representation and growth scenarios. In conclusion, Ms. Goroski encouraged Councilmembers to participate in the networking dinners, and to attend the sustainability conference.

City Clerk: Cable Television Franchise Renewal Update
Assistant CAO Marty Wine introduced Michael Bradley who is a partner with the firm Bradley and Guzzetta. She explained that the firm was retained to assist the City with the cable franchise renewal process. Mr. Bradley stated that as part of the renewal process, he is ascertaining Comcast's compliance with its existing franchise with the City; therefore, Dick Nielsen with CBG Communications has been engaged to conduct a technical audit of the Comcast cable system.

Mr. Nielsen explained that he will be evaluating how Comcast is doing from a technical viewpoint, which includes reviewing picture quality, number of services offered, reliability, and Federal Communications Commission
specifications compliance. Additionally, he will be inspecting the cable company's physical plant throughout the City to ensure that the company is up to code, that its facilities are aesthetically pleasing, and that it will be able to provide services well into the future.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
Annexation: Maplewood Addition, Maple Valley Hwy

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Pro Tem Corman opened the public hearing to consider the proposed expanded annexation and zoning of 345 acres bounded on the north primarily by SE Renton-Maple Valley Hwy. (SR-169), on the south by the Cedar River Valley ridgeline, on the west by 130th Ave. SE, and on the east by 164th Ave. SE, if extended (Maplewood Addition).

Senior Planner Don Ericson reported on the history of the annexation proposal, pointing out that the City invoked the Boundary Review Board's (BRB) jurisdiction for consideration of expanding the area from the original 60.5 acres. He noted that after holding two hearings on the expanded annexation, the BRB issued its decision on 6/10/2006.

Mr. Erickson reviewed the reasons why Renton requested expansion of the original annexation as well as the findings associated with the BRB-approved expanded annexation area, which include the following: consistency with relevant countywide planning policies, BRB objectives, and City policies; protection of sole source aquifers from which both Renton and Maplewood Water Cooperative derive their potable water; availability of high quality emergency response to both flooding and landslides; and protection of Renton's public investment in the Maplewood Golf Course, Ron Regis Park, and the Cedar River Trail from potentially adverse land uses. He pointed out that the BRB found that the expansion will provide property owners and residents a voice in planning for the area's future, and result in the most logical and discernable neighborhood boundaries based upon its natural features.

Continuing, Mr. Erickson reported that the area contains approximately 360 single-family units, 237 multi-family units, 94,479 square feet of commercial space, and 1,330 residents. Reviewing the public services, he noted that the area is served by Renton water and sewer, Maplewood Water Cooperative, Cedar River Water and Sewer District, Fire Districts #25 and #40, and Renton and Tahoma school districts. In regards to the fiscal analysis, Mr. Erickson indicated that the net estimated annual fiscal cost to the City is $45,149.

Mr. Erickson stated that current King County zoning is R-6 (six dwelling units per gross acre), R-12, and Neighborhood Business. Renton's Comprehensive Plan designates all but a small portion of the annexation area as Residential Low Density (RLD). He explained that two Comprehensive Plan amendments are being considered this year to address the King County commercial zoning and the mobile home park use: 1) a map amendment to allow commercial zoning, and 2) a text amendment to allow Residential Manufactured Home Park (RMH) zoning in the RLD designation. Mr. Erickson indicated that Wonderland Estates and Condominium mobile home parks are proposed to receive RMH zoning, and a small portion of the former Aqua Barn site that fronts SR-169 is proposed to be zoned Commercial Arterial.

Public comment was invited.

Christine Ivy Nelson-Groves, 15400 SE 155th Pl., #88, Renton, 98058, stated that she resides in the manufactured home community east of the Aqua Barn property, and she inquired as to the timing of the annexation approval process.
Mr. Erickson explained that the second zoning hearing on this expanded annexation is anticipated to be held in November 2006, after consideration of the Comprehensive Plan amendments by the Planning Commission and then by the Council.

Robert Hunt, 15625 156th Pl. SE, Renton, 98058, spoke in favor of the annexation, saying that Renton is one of the better run local governments in the State. Mr. Hunt stated that the Elliott Farm, located across the street from Ron Regis Park, is protected by the King County Landmarks Commission and he questioned what the fate of that protection will be under Renton's jurisdiction. He also noted that the current owner has failed to maintain the property as required by the commission.

City Attorney Larry Warren indicated that Renton does not have a landmark protection ordinance; therefore, the matter as well as the code enforcement issues will have to be reviewed.

Raymond A. Breeden, Sr., 15279 Maple Dr., Renton, 98058, stated that he is a resident of Wonderland Estates mobile home park. He reported that the park's residents have formed an association, and 98 percent of the residents are willing to purchase the property.

David Wulz, 15400 SE 155th Pl., #3, Renton, 98058, expressed his appreciation for Mr. Erickson's presentation as well as for the information mailed to his residence. Mr. Wulz indicated that he is pleased with Renton's services and parks.

Della Penner, 15255 150th Lane SE, Renton, 98058, voiced her objection to being part of the expanded annexation.

Correspondence was read from David L. Halinen, Halinen Law Offices, P.S., 2115 N. 30th St., Suite 203, Tacoma, 98403, stating that his client, Aqua Barn Ranch, Inc., owns two parcels of commercially zoned property in the annexation area. Mr. Halinen asked that the annexation be deferred to allow the 2006 Comprehensive Plan amendment process to be completed so the parcels come into the City with a Commercial Corridor land use map designation and concurrent Commercial Arterial zoning.

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

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL: ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MAPLEWOOD ADDITION ANNEXATION FROM 60.5 ACRES TO APPROXIMATELY 345 ACRES; CONSIDER FUTURE ZONING CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE MAP AS AMENDED AND AMENDED RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY TEXT AT THE TIME OF ANNEXATION; AND DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE THE RELEVANT ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SECOND REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING. CARRIED.
acres bounded by NE Sunset Blvd. on the north, SE 114th St., if extended, on the south, Hoquiam Ave. NE and 141st Ave. SE, if extended, on the west, and 144th Ave. SE on the east (Querin II).

Senior Planner Don Erickson reported that the Boundary Review Board held two public hearings on the expanded annexation area in May 2006, and issued its findings and decisions supporting the expansion in July 2006. He pointed out that expansion of the area prevents the creation of an island that could result if the Aster Park annexation area to the east is annexed to Renton. Mr. Erickson explained that the area contains 17 existing single-family homes and five vacant parcels. The western portion of the site is relatively flat whereas the eastern portion contains up to 30% slopes along the Honey Creek channel. Additionally, a Type 2 wetland exists near the middle of the area.

Reviewing the public services, Mr. Erickson stated that the area is served by Fire District #25, Water District #90, Renton sewer, and the Renton School District. He noted that the area is currently zoned R-4 (four dwelling units per gross acre) in King County, and the City’s Comprehensive Plan designates the area as Residential Low Density and Residential Single Family, for which R-4 (four dwelling units per net acre) and R-8 zoning are proposed. In regards to the fiscal impact analysis, Mr. Erickson estimated a deficit of $3,215 at current development, a surplus of $22,695 at full development, and a one-time parks acquisition and development cost of $40,498.

In conclusion, Mr. Erickson indicated that the expanded annexation proposal is consistent with City policies and Boundary Review Board objectives.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL: ACCEPT THE DECISION OF THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE QUERIN II ANNEXATION FROM 7.18 ACRES TO APPROXIMATELY 24 ACRES; CONSIDER FUTURE R-4 AND R-8 ZONING CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AT THE TIME OF ANNEXATION; AND DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE THE RELEVANT ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SECOND REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING. CARRIED.

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 2006 and beyond. Items noted included:

- Nominations for Renton Citizen of the Year are being accepted through August 31. Visit the City's web site at www.ci.renton.wa.us for more information.

- The Lake Washington Bicycle Trail, located along the west side of I-405 from the northern City limits to Ripley Lane, will be closed for construction from August 14 until the evening of August 19.

- The third and final open house regarding the re-master planning for Liberty Park, Cedar River Park, and the Narco Property, referred to as the Tri-Park Master Plan, will be held at the Renton Community Center on August 16.
AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: DeMastus - Planning Commission, Highlands Community Association

Sandel DeMastus, Highlands Community Association (HCA) Vice President, PO Box 2041, Renton, 98056, expressed her displeasure with the handling of the Planning Commission meeting on August 2. On another subject, she announced that Councilman Randy Corman will be a guest speaker at the HCA meeting scheduled for August 17.

Councilman Clawson indicated that the City has some of the best staff it has ever had, and though mistakes do occur, he is proud of every City staff member. Mayor Pro Tem Corman commented that staff members occasionally find themselves in the crossfire between the citizens and the elected officials setting policy.

Citizen Comment: McOmber - Highlands Area Redevelopment

Howard McOmber, 475 Olympia Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, expressed his interest in moving forward with the Highlands area improvement program, saying that he is looking forward to working with the City on zoning and improvement issues. Mr. McOmber stated his hope that meetings will soon occur with the Council and City staff for the exchange of ideas regarding improving the Highlands area.

Citizen Comment: Beden - The Landing Project

Laurie Beden, 2014 Queen Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, voiced her support for The Landing project, stating that the project will benefit Renton citizens by providing additional housing, employment, entertainment, and nearby shopping facilities. Ms. Beden commented on the non-profit organization opposing the project called Alliance for the South End, and on her discussion with Peter Buck of Buck & Gordon, who represents the non-profit organization and Westfield, owner of Westfield Southcenter Mall. She encouraged the Mayor and Council to continue to move forward with The Landing development.

Citizen Comment: Petersen - Records Request, Highlands Area Redevelopment

Inez Somerville Petersen, Highlands Community Association (HCA) Secretary, PO Box 2041, Renton, 98056, expressed her displeasure regarding the handling of her public records request for a City contract listing. On another subject, she indicated that the HCA is looking forward to meeting with the City on the Highlands area redevelopment effort and discussing the vision for the area.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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City Clerk: Public Records Processing Assistance, Temporary Hire

City Clerk recommended approval to hire a temporary contract employee for public records processing assistance, at a cost of $21,000, for a minimum term of four months. Refer to Finance Committee.

CAG: 06-124, 2006 Citywide Sidewalk, Dennis R Craig Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/18/2006 for CAG-06-124, 2006 Citywide Sidewalk; two bids; engineer's estimate $370,793.50; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to low bidder, Dennis R. Craig Construction, Inc., in the amount of $363,823.15. Council concur.

CAG: 06-092, 2006 Street Overlay with Curb Ramps, Western Asphalt

City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/14/2006 for CAG-06-092, 2006 Street Overlay with Curb Ramps; three bids; engineer's estimate $1,100,734.14; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to low bidder, Western Asphalt, Inc., in the amount of $1,048,553.89. Council concur.

Court Case: Langley 4th Avenue Associates, CRT-06-002

Court Case filed on behalf of Langley 4th Avenue Associates, LLC, by Ater Wynne LLP, Lawyers, 601 Union St., Suite 5450, Seattle, 98101, requesting denial of the Ridgeview Court Final Plat (FP-06-012) until the surface water drainage issues are corrected. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.
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<th>Community Services: Maplewood Golf Course Reserve Fund Use, Water Rights Attorney Fees, Budget Amend</th>
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<td>Community Services Department requested authorization to use funds in the amount of $20,000 from the Maplewood Golf Course reserve fund balance for water rights attorney fees to assist in perfecting a water rights claim. Refer to Finance Committee.</td>
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<td>Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval to amend the 2006 Budget to add authority to process payments for the $300,000 HUD BEDI (Housing and Urban Development Brownfield Economic Development Initiative) grant awarded to the City for the I-405/NE 44th St. right-of-way plan. Council concur. (See page 265 for ordinance.)</td>
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<th>Annexation: Leitch, SE 136th St &amp; 140th Ave SE</th>
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<td>Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 60% Direct Petition to Annex for the proposed Leitch Annexation and recommended a public hearing be held on 8/21/2006 to consider the petition and future zoning; 14.59 acres located in the vicinity of 140th Ave. SE, 143rd Ave. SE, SE 136th St., and SE 138th St. Council concur.</td>
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<th>Plat: Shy Creek, Jericho Ave NE &amp; NE 2nd St, PP-06-009</th>
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<td>Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Shy Creek Preliminary Plat; 61 single-family lots on 16.1 acres located in the vicinity of SE 2nd Pl., NE 2nd St., and Jericho and Hoquiam Avenues NE. Council concur.</td>
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<th>Airport: Aerodyne Lease, Addendum #12, LAG-84-006</th>
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<td>Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an addendum to the airport lease LAG-84-006, which: increases the rate, extends the term to 8/31/2016, and assigns the lease from Southcove Ventures, LLC to Aerodyne, LLC. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.</td>
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<th>WSDOT: I-405 Cedar River Vicinity Charette Concept Concurrence</th>
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<td>Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a concurrence letter with Washington State Department of Transportation regarding the I-405 Cedar River Vicinity Charette concept. Council concur.</td>
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<th>Transportation: 2007-2012 TIP</th>
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<td>Transportation Systems Division submitted the annual update of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Arterial Street Plan. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee; set public hearing on 8/21/2006 to consider the TIP.</td>
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<th>Utility: Springbrook Creek Wetland &amp; Habitat Mitigation Bank Lot Line Adjustment Map</th>
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<td>Utility Systems Division recommended approval of the Springbrook Creek Wetland and Habitat Mitigation Bank lot line adjustment map. Council concur.</td>
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**MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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<th>Citizen Comment: Wynsome/Weil - Provost Variances Appeal, Alan &amp; Cynthia Provost, V-06-024</th>
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<td>A letter was read from Rebecca Wynsome and Gary Weil, 3711 Lake Washington Blvd. N., Renton, 98056, concerning the appeal of the Hearing Examiner's decision regarding the Provost variances application. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.</td>
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Citizen Comment: Kodis - 2006 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Upper Kennydale Area Rezone

A letter was read from Harry A. Kodis, 2619 Jones Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, requesting that the potential upper Kennydale area rezone via a 2006 Comprehensive Plan amendment be removed from consideration. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Citizen Comment: Thompson - Highlands Area Redevelopment

A letter was read from Keith Thompson, 660 Index Pl. NE, Renton, 98056, stating that he supports the Highlands area redevelopment effort; however, he opposes the possible rezone (from R-10 to R-8) of his properties at 660 and 650 Index Pl. NE. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 250358 - 250779 and two wire transfers totaling $3,750,164.41; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 64425 - 64791, one wire transfer, and 648 direct deposits totaling $2,156,653.50. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development Committee
Planning: Street Grid System Amendments

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that the Street Grid System (City Code Title 9, Section 11) be amended as follows:

- Newly annexed areas will retain their current addresses, except those areas in the East Renton Plateau west of 160th Ave. SE, north of Maple Valley Hwy., and south of May Valley Rd.
- Addresses in the East Renton Plateau west of 160th Ave. SE, north of Maple Valley Hwy., and south of Maple Valley Rd., will be readdressed according to the adopted street naming system.
- SE May Valley Rd. would retain its name and numbering system, and the portion of the roadway known as NE 31st St. would be restored to its original numbering system and name.
- 156th Ave. SE will be renamed Vantage Blvd. NE south of NE 4th St., Vantage Pl. NE north of NE 4th St., and Vantage Ct. SE south of SE 142nd Pl.
- Vantage Blvd. will continue to the Maple Valley Hwy. along SE 142nd Pl. (between 154th Ave. SE and 156th Ave. SE) and 154th Pl. SE.
- Vesta Ave. NE will be returned to its original name and numbering system (156th Ave. SE), until such time that all segments of 156th Ave. SE north of SE 136th St./NE 2nd Ct. are annexed into the City of Renton.
- 68th Ave. S., south of Martin Luther King Way, will be renamed Monster Rd. SW.
- SE Carr Rd., SE 179th St., SE 176th St., and SE Petrovitsky Rd. shall be named SE Carr Rd. west of 108th Ave. SE and SE Petrovitsky Rd. east of 108th Ave. SE.
- SE Renton-Maple Valley Rd. shall be renamed Maple Valley Hwy.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be prepared for first reading. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Councilwoman Briere noted that the Committee report was revised to reflect comments made by citizens at the public hearing held on the matter. In response to Mayor Pro Tem Corman's inquiry, Councilwoman Briere explained...
that as a result of a recent annexation, a portion of SE May Valley Rd. was renamed to NE 31st St.; however, due to the roadway's regional significance, the name is being changed back to SE May Valley Rd. Additionally, she noted that most newly annexed areas will keep their current King County street grid system addresses.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Utilities Committee
Utility: Springbrook Creek Wetland & Habitat Mitigation Bank Instrument with WSDOT, Additional Agreements

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the following agreements associated with the Springbrook Creek Wetland and Habitat Mitigation Bank and forward to the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreements in accordance with Resolution 3822, adopted by Council on 6/19/2006:

- Bank Oversight Committee/Co-Sponsors Memorandum of Agreement.
- Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)/City of Renton Springbrook Creek Wetland and Habitat Mitigation Bank Agreement.
- Conservation Easement, Reimbursement Agreement with the Cascade Land Conservancy, and Assignment Agreement.

The approval of City funding to include the construction of the Springbrook Trail, as proposed in the Springbrook Creek Wetland and Habitat Mitigation Bank project, will be made separately following the Washington State Department of Transportation construction contract bid opening for the project. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington stated that this project has been a long, hard-fought effort, and he recognized the work of Utility Engineering Supervisor Ron Straka and other staff members. Stressing that the mitigation bank will benefit Renton, City Attorney Larry Warren shared how the City acquired the property, and he acknowledged the City's foresight in recognizing its future possibilities.

Mr. Covington explained that as development occurs in the City, developers have to mitigate for any impact to wetlands. Rather than having a number of small areas that are designated for wetland mitigation, the City will create in the aforementioned property an ecosystem that works as a wetland. He pointed out that developers pay into an account that is then used to enhance the wetland.

Councilwoman Briere noted that a trail is proposed to go through this property and connect an existing trail system.

Mr. Straka explained that WSDOT will be conducting the mitigation bank construction in exchange for half of the shares of credits for investing the capital, and the City will receive the remaining credits. He indicated that WSDOT is a significant partner in this project, and he recognized the agency's efforts. Mr. Straka stressed that this is a good project from an environmental, transportation, City, and public standpoint because it will allow the City to sell credits to developers who can then develop their sites to a higher and better use.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES
Planning: I-405/NE 44th St ROW Plan, HUD Grant Payment Processing, Budget Amend

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 8/14/2006 for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read amending the 2006 Budget by creating a revenue account for receipt of funds from the HUD BEDI (Housing and Urban Development Brownfield Economic Development Initiative) Grant #B-02-SP-WA-0758 in the amount of $300,000 granted to the City, to reimburse expenses
under CAG-05-127 with HDR Engineering for $50,000 and CAG-05-097 with Washington State Department of Transportation, project CGA4310, for $250,000, and declaring an emergency. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 8/14/2006. CARRIED.

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

**Ordinance #5216**

**EDNSP: Annexation**

**Community Outreach, PRR Contract, Budget Amend**

An ordinance was read amending the 2006 Budget by transferring funds in the amount of $70,000 from the 2005 year-end fund balance for the purpose of public information and community outreach efforts related to annexation and incorporation, with $60,087 going to PRR, Inc. to conduct that work, and declaring an emergency. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Council: Liaison Position Reclassification**

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL REFER THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE COUNCIL LIAISON POSITION TO FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

**Development Services:**

**Variance Fee Waiver Request, Fence Height, Colee**

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER JEFF COLEE'S VARIANCE FEE WAIVER REQUEST TO FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

**Council: Communication**

Councilman Clawson expressed his concerns regarding Council communication, and he noted that if necessary, skilled mediators can be employed to help work through difficult situations.

**Community Services: Sockeye Salmon Fishing Season**

Councilman Clawson stated that this year's Lake Washington Sockeye salmon fishing season is a result of salmon recovery efforts, and he expressed his appreciation for the City's work on those efforts. Councilwoman Briere relayed comments she received regarding the well-run boat launch at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

**Citizen Comment: DeMastus - Lake Hills Greenbelt Blueberry Farm Cable Program**

Sandel DeMastus, PO Box 2041, Renton, 98056, said she is an independent producer with public access cable channel 77, and reported that she is working on a program about the Lake Hills Greenbelt Blueberry Farm located in Lake Hills Greenbelt Park in Bellevue. Ms. DeMastus described the park's amenities, and suggested that this type of park would be well-received in Renton.

**Citizen Comment: Petersen - Highlands Area Redevelopment, Annexation Community Outreach**

Inez Petersen, PO Box 2041, Renton, 98056, noted the City funds set aside for the Highlands study area infrastructure improvements, and expressed her hope that improvements can be completed prior to the winter season. Additionally, she indicated that the Highlands Community Association wants Council to hire an independent facilitator to assist with the Highlands area redevelopment project. On another subject, Ms. Petersen noted the possibility of City-generated information placed in local newspapers concerning annexation, and she expressed her concern regarding potential improprieties in light of the September 19, 2006, vote on the Fairwood Incorporation.

**Board/Commission: Highlands Area Citizens Advisory Committee**

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Corman's inquiry, Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington confirmed that the matter concerning a citizens advisory committee for the Highlands area was referred to Planning and Development Committee on 6/19/2006.
EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 8:57 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
August 7, 2006