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

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; JENNIFER HENNING, Principal Planner; DENNIS CULP, Community Services Administrator; JUDGE TERRY JURADO, Municipal Court; KAREN BERGSVIK, Human Services Manager; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; LINDA HERZOG, Interim Assistant to the CAO; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDREDGE, Police Department.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE
Retired Renton Municipal Court Judge Roger Lewis ceremonially administered the oath of office to Councilman Dan Clawson, Position No. 2, who was reelected in November 2005 to a four-year term to expire 12/31/2009. (Mr. Clawson was sworn-in by the City Clerk on 1/6/2006.)

City Clerk Bonnie Walton administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Terri Briere, Position No. 6, and Randy Corman, Position No. 1, and to Municipal Court Judge Terry Jurado, each of whom was reelected in November 2005 to a four-year term to expire 12/31/2009.

The Councilmembers and Judge introduced members of their family who were present in the audience.

RECESS
MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL RECESS FOR 15 MINUTES. CARRIED. Time: 7:14 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:30 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

PROCLAMATION
National Mentoring Month - January, 2006
A proclamation by Mayor Keolker was read declaring the month of January, 2006, to be "National Mentoring Month" in the City of Renton in tribute to the many dedicated individuals who volunteer their time, compassion, and talents to mentor young people, and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance and to consider giving back to the community as mentors. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

Erin Iverson, Mentor Program Coordinator with Communities in Schools of Renton, accepted the proclamation with appreciation and noted the need for more mentors.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Human Services: Housing Repair Program, First Savings Bank Grant
Karen Bergsvik, Human Services Manager, recognized First Savings Bank of Renton for its contributions to the City’s Housing Repair Program. Since 1997, the bank has donated over $125,000. She stated that 161 households received 772 repairs in 2005. Ms. Bergsvik presented Victor Kariaki, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Bob Gagnier, Senior Vice President, with a crystal thank you award for supporting the program. Mr. Gagnier expressed his
appreciation for the recognition, saying that the bank is very proud of the Housing Repair Program.

Mayor Keolker pointed out that this is yet another example of community partnerships and of the local business community stepping up to help the residents of Renton.

King County: Update, Councilmember Reagan Dunn

King County Councilman Reagan Dunn, District 9, explained that the number of districts in King County was reduced from 13 to nine (mandated by voters in 2004). Councilmembers representing odd-numbered districts serve four-year terms, and those in even-numbered districts serve two-year terms. He indicated that he represents approximately 40% of Renton, and Councilwoman Julia Patterson, District 5, represents the rest.

Councilman Dunn described the duties of the King County Council, and noted that the emphasis areas he will work on in the coming year include: transportation, land use, law enforcement, and county government reform. He highlighted the progress he has made in these areas of emphasis, and described his future plans as follows: Transportation - concentrate on the freeway system in Renton; Land Use - address permitting problems and increase the efficiency of agencies as well as customer service satisfaction; and Law Enforcement - reduce methamphetamine use.

Turning to additional issues affecting Renton, Mr. Dunn reported that he will focus attention on Renton Transit Center security, annexation and incorporation matters, preserving the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train as a future use on the eastside rail corridor, and the new election facility (possible siting in Renton). Councilman Dunn introduced his staff members. In conclusion, he stressed that he is proud to represent Renton for another four years and will work hard to communicate the City's concerns to King County.

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:

* The offices at Renton City Hall will be closed on January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Historically, City offices have remained open.

* The Rotary Club of Renton purchased 1,500 coats through Rotary's National Operation Warm Coat. Over several months, family liaisons from Communities in Schools of Renton and rotarians have distributed over 1,300 coats to Renton school students. The remaining 200 coats will be distributed this month.

Police: Officer Shooting

Mayor Keolker reported that Police Officer Larry Strauss was shot in the line of duty by a fleeing suspect at approximately 7:45 p.m. on January 8th. Stating that all four suspects are now in custody, the Mayor thanked local businesses and the responding police agencies for their assistance during the incident. She asserted that Officer Strauss is expected to completely recover, and conveyed his family's appreciation for the support received from the public and the Police Department.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Hansen -

John A. Hansen, 1108 Anacortes Ave. NE, Renton, 98059, complained of severe noise disturbances from the nearby Arbors apartment complex when
Noise Complaint, Arbor Apartment Complex

garbage is transferred from small containers to a compactor. He noted that he has measured the level of noise that transpires approximately 150 feet from his residence at up to 95 decibels. Mr. Hansen indicated that he has contacted the police and code compliance concerning the matter, but the problem has yet to be solved. He emphasized that the elimination of the noise disturbance will greatly improve the quality of life of the affected residents.

Mayor Keolker pointed out that this item is listed on the agenda under correspondence, and noted that she also received a letter from Mr. Hansen prior to the holidays, which she referred to staff. The Mayor invited Principal Planner Jennifer Henning to report on the matter.

Ms. Henning explained that staff received Mr. Hansen's complaint in May 2005, and the code compliance inspector conducted site visits over the course of three weeks. The inspector did observe the incident one time, and while the disturbance was annoying and loud, it did not violate current code. She noted that staff has been in contact with the apartment management. Ms. Henning indicated that some small changes to the proposed nuisance ordinance, which is now under review, may help with the enforcement of these types of disturbances.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL REFER THE CORRESPONDENCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Baumann - Noise Complaint, Arbor Apartment Complex

Marsha Baumann, 4325 NE 11th St., Renton, 98059, noted that the noise disturbances referred to by the previous speaker are shocking, irritating, and occur three to five times a week. She stated that the neighborhood endured a lot of noise during the storm sewer drainage rebuild project, but the banging produced by this disturbance is even louder. Ms. Baumann asked the City to help resolve this problem.

Citizen Comment: Temple - Pavilion Building Lease, Spirit of Washington

Eric Temple, President of the Spirit of Washington, 625 S. 4th St., Renton, 98055, commented on the success he has had in marketing the Pavilion Building for use as a venue for meetings and events, both locally and internationally, since the lease for the building was executed with the City last July. He reported that 31 events were held in 2005 and 85 events are already scheduled for 2006. Mr. Temple noted the conflict that occurs with the Cinema in the Piazza event that is held on Saturday nights during the summer and the coinciding events held in the Pavilion Building.

On another subject, Mr. Temple announced that he recently joined the King County Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, and that a fundraiser will be held for the Renton Skyway club in April.

Councilman Law praised Mr. Temple and his staff for the way events are handled at the Pavilion Building.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. Item 8.o. was removed for separate consideration.

Council Meeting Minutes of 12/12/2005


Vacation: NE 4th St, City of Renton, VAC-04-006

City Clerk recommended adoption of an ordinance finalizing the City of Renton vacation (on behalf of Bales Limited Partnership) of a portion of NE 4th St., east of Rosario Ave. NE, as all conditions of the vacation approval have been
City Clerk reported bid opening on 12/7/2005 for CAG-05-185, Burnett Linear Park Play Area Renovation; 12 bids; engineer's estimate $50,000 - $60,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, T.F. Sahli Construction, in the amount of $57,664. Council concur. (See page 11 for ordinance.)


City Clerk submitted petition for street vacation for portion of Jericho Ave. SE, south of NE 4th St.; petitioner Mike Romano, Centurion Development Services, 22617 8th Dr. SE, Bothell, 98021. Refer to Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; set public hearing on 2/6/2006. (See page 11 for resolution.)

City Clerk submitted the 2005 General Election canvass results from King County Records and Elections, as follows: Council Position No. 1, Randy Corman (8,999 - elected); Council Position No. 2, Dan Clawson (7,089 - elected) and Brett Kappenman (3,190); Council Position No. 6, Terri Briere (8,480 - elected); Municipal Court Judge, Terry L. Jurado (5,364 - elected) and Russ Wilson (5,132). Information.

Community Services Department recommended approval of a museum management agreement with the Renton Historical Society. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Community Services Department requested approval to equally share the transportation costs with the Renton Historical Society to bring three out-of-state Museum Supervisor position candidates to Renton for a second round of interviews. City's cost share is $1,000. Council concur.

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way in the vicinity of NE 19th St. and Queen Ave. NE to fulfill a requirement of the Sunset Crest Short Plat (SHP-04-119). Council concur.

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of the Renton Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommendation to allocate $119,500 of lodging tax collections to the Renton Visitors Connection for its 2006 tourism marketing efforts. Approval was also sought to execute a contract with the Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce for management of the tourism promotion campaign not to exceed the $119,500. Council concur.

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of the Renton Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommendation to allocate lodging tax collections as follows: $62,500 for an eighth year of the Renton Community Marketing Campaign, and $50,000 to produce a Renton marketing video. Approval was also sought for the contract with Hamilton/Saunderson Marketing Partnership not to exceed $112,500 to administer the campaign, and for the issuance of a request for proposals for video production firms. Council concur.

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department requested approval of a contract with Van Ness Feldman in an amount not to exceed $70,000 for federal lobbyist services. Council concur.

Fire Department recommended approval of an addendum to the operating
Fire Protection District #25 agreement with King County Fire Protection District #25 (CAG-95-087), to extend the term through 2007. Council concur.

Plat: Honey Brooke West, Hoquiam Ave NE, PP-05-055
Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Honey Brooke West Preliminary Plat; 51 single-family lots on 8.3 acres located on the 500-600 block of Hoquiam Ave. NE. Council concur.

Transportation: Wells Ave S & S 4th St Traffic Concerns
Transportation Systems Division requested briefing on traffic concerns at S. 4th St. and Wells Ave. S. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Utility: Utility Rates & System Development Charges Study, Financial Consulting Solutions Group
Utility Systems Division requested approval of a contract with Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc. in the amount of $97,940 to conduct a comprehensive study and analysis of utility rates and system development charges. Refer to Utilities Committee.

**Added Item 8.r.**
Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract with Alexa Milton Interior Design in the amount of $97,789.89 for contract management, procurement, and installation of carpet, paint, and wallpaper at the Maplewood Golf Course clubhouse and driving range. Council concur.

**MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 8.o. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION AND TO CORRECT THE AGENDA BILL DOCUMENT SUMMARY ON ITEM 8.f. TO STATE "2005" GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS INSTEAD OF "2003." CARRIED.**

**Separate Consideration Item 8.o.**
Human Resources: LEOFF 1 Members, Dental Care Funding
Human Resources and Risk Management Department recommended approval of limited preventative dental care for retired LEOFF 1 (Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters) members.

Council President Corman noted that the Finance Committee's authority is limited on this item, and he invited Mayor Keolker's comments on the matter. She explained that the LEOFF 1 Disability Board approved this item, and the City is obligated under State law to fund it since the Board has the authority to enhance benefits. However, the funding of this item is not in the budget; thus requiring Council action. She noted LEOFF 1 board members Nelson's and Law's efforts to reduce the impact of the benefit.

The Mayor shared her philosophical reluctance in placing this item in the budget, pointing out that LEOFF 1 Board members created the additional benefit for themselves, and LEOFF 1 members receive full medical benefits for life, paid for by the City, in addition to their State retirement benefit. She stated that this is a new benefit, and the costs, which are paid by the taxpayers, will continue to grow over time.

Pointing out that she chairs the LEOFF 1 Board, Councilwoman Nelson explained that dental coverage has been requested for the last four years, and the Board has discussed the issue at length. She stated that although a dental plan is not a requirement, an agreement was finally reached specifying that the City pay up to $250 per year per member (the benefit is limited to a maximum of $500 annually and requires 50% co-pay by the retiree receiving care). Ms. Nelson reported that the Board consists of five members, and Councilman Law and herself are the only board members that are not recipients of the benefits.

**MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL APPROVE THE LIMITED DENTAL BENEFIT FOR LEOFF 1 RETIREES. CARRIED.**
Councilman Persson noted for the record that he abstained from voting on the matter since he is a recipient of benefits from LEOFF 1.
CORRESPONDENCE
Citizen Comment: Hansen -
Noise Complaint, Arbor
Apartment Complex

The letter from John. A. Hansen, 1108 Anacortes Ave. NE, Renton, 98059, was
referred to the Administration during the audience comment portion of the
meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Utilities Committee
Utility: Water System Intertie,
Skyway Water and Sewer
District

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending
concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a utilities cooperation
agreement with Skyway Water and Sewer District for the design and
construction of a water system emergency intertie between Skyway Dimmitt
Booster Pump Station and the City's water system. The City's share of the
project is $154,494. The Committee further recommended that the resolution
regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY
CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE
COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 11 for resolution.)

Utilities Committee
Utility: Wastewater
Improvements Cost Sharing,
Wedgewood Lane Preliminary
Plats, LandTrust

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending
concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the LandTrust, Inc. request
for oversizing/cost sharing, utilizing the method of cost reimbursement
developed by staff and the developer, for additional work associated with
wastewater improvements at the plat of Wedgewood Lane. The Committee
further recommended that staff be authorized to reimburse LandTrust, Inc. for
actual costs not to exceed the requested $261,092.83. Costs in excess of the
requested amount shall be brought back to Council. MOVED BY CLAWSON,
SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE
REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of
Claim Vouchers 244181 - 244372 and one wire transfer totaling $1,700,875.69.
MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN
THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee
Finance: Information Services Management, GM2 Systems

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending
concurrence in the Administration's recommendation to approve the three-year
(2006-2008) consultant agreement for information services management with
GM2 Systems, George McBride, President. The Committee further
recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the
agreement. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL
CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services: Tiffany
Park Recreation Building,
Fund 316 Reallocation

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the reallocation
of Fund 316 project savings to the Tiffany Park Recreation Building. The
Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve
the reallocation of $95,220 derived by other 2005 CIP project savings in Fund
316 to the Tiffany Park Recreation Building replacement project for a new
budget total of $301,220. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW,
COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND
ORDINANCES

Resolution #3786
Utility: Water System Intertie,
Skyway Water and Sewer
District

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a
utilities cooperation agreement between the City of Renton and Skyway Water
and Sewer District for the design and construction of an emergency water
system intertie between Skyway Dimmitt Booster Pump Station and the City of
Renton water system. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON,
COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.
Resolution #3787
Vacation: Jericho Ave SE, Romano, VAC-05-005
A resolution was read setting a public hearing date on 2/6/2006 to vacate a portion of Jericho Ave. SE (Mike Romano, Centurion Development Services; VAC-05-005). MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 1/23/2006 for second and final reading:

Finance: Issaquah School District Impact Fee
An ordinance was read changing the impact fee collection on behalf of the Issaquah School District within the City of Renton from $2,937 per new single family home to $5,115 per new single family home. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/23/2006. CARRIED.

Vacation: NE 4th St, City of Renton, VAC-04-006
An ordinance was read vacating a portion of NE 4th St., east of Rosario Ave. NE (City of Renton; VAC-04-006). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/23/2006. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
WSDOT: SR-167 S 43rd & SW 41st Ramp Improvements Detour Plans
Councilman Persson asked that IKEA be invited to the Washington State Department of Transportation's presentation at the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 23rd regarding detour plans for the SR-167 South 43rd and Southwest 41st ramp improvements.

Legal: Advertisement Brochure Holders Located on Sidewalks
Councilman Persson inquired if anything can be done about the containers that hold advertisement booklets for items such as real estate that are located on sidewalks, which seem to multiply and are sometimes found overturned. Mayor Keolker stated that the Administration will look into the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT
MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR TEN MINUTES TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 8:37 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
January 9, 2006