CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS
TONI NELSON, Council President; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; RANDY CORMAN.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; SANDRA MEYER, Transportation Systems Director; NICK AFZALI, Transportation Planning & Programming Supervisor; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; JILL MASUNAGA, Finance Analyst; DAWNA TRUMAN, Accounting Assistant; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, COMMANDER ROBERT SEELYE, COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY and OFFICER ALAN EZEKIEL, Police Department.

PUBLIC HEARING
Transportation: Six-Year TIP (2003-2008)
This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Tanner opened the public hearing to consider the annual update of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 2003 - 2008.

Transportation Systems Director Sandra Meyer stated that one of the City's biggest successes has been to serve on the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) I-405 Corridor Program Steering Committee, and she announced that the Preferred Alternative has been identified for the project. She reported that the Final Environmental Impact Statement was released today, and that the majority of the funding for the project proposed under Referendum 51 is for the I-405/SR-167 interchange.

Nick Afzali, Transportation Planning & Programming Supervisor, explained the purpose of the TIP and reviewed the City's transportation goals which include developing a balanced multi-modal transportation system, maximizing the use of transit, improving freight mobility, obtaining project and program funding, and protecting the environment. He stated that transportation projects are placed in five categories within the TIP, and he detailed the transportation challenges and opportunities the City faces which include: SW 27th St./Strander Blvd. Extension, NE 3rd and 4th Streets Corridor Study, SR-169 (Maple Valley Hwy.) HOV and Queue Jump Improvements, and Duvall Ave. NE Improvements.

Continuing, Mr. Afzali described the various funding sources for the transportation projects, saying that the total expenditure plan over the next six years is $102,104,799 of which $76,104,439 is unfunded and $26,000,360 is funded. He detailed the six new projects added to the TIP which are as follows: Sunset Blvd./I-405 Interchange, Grady Way Approach at Rainier Ave., Houser Way S. – Main Ave. S. to Burnett Ave. S., Trans Valley ITS (Intelligent Transportation System), NE 4th St./Hoquiam Ave., and Transit Center Public Safety (install video surveillance). In conclusion, Mr. Afzali reviewed the
projects that were or will be completed this year, which are: Oakesdale Ave. SW Phase II, Strander Blvd. Project Definition, Transit Center, Benson Rd. S. Improvements, Transit Needs Assessment, East Valley Rd. & SW 43rd St., Walkway & Curb Ramps, and NE 44th St. Interchange 30% Design.

Audience comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 263 for Transportation Committee report.)

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 2002 and beyond. Items noted included:

- Picnic Pizzazz, a creative kids entertainment series, provides free entertainment at local parks. First in the series is *Rhinestone Roper*, which will be held in Liberty Park at noon on Thursday, July 11th.

- Seattle Public Utilities has informed the City that they are moving forward with the pre-design of electrically-operated water isolation valves to be installed at the west end of Renton (such valves could be closed in case of a pipeline failure and help prevent water damage in Renton). The project will take two years, and the valves are scheduled to be installed by December 2004. However, this assumes that Seattle City Council will pass the proposed water rate increase – if not, all Seattle Capital Improvement projects will be re-evaluated, including this one.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Various – Whitworth Ave S Vacation, St. Anthony Church (VAC-00-003)

The following people spoke in support of the Whitworth Ave. S. street vacation request by St. Anthony Parish (VAC-00-003): Mike Borte, 11254 SE 190th Ct., Renton, 98055; Nick Frisch, 15749 142nd Pl. SE, Renton, 98058; Lee Kranz, 10367 SE 187th Pl., Renton, 98055; Dwight Newell, 18816 SE 174th Way, Renton, 98058; Richard Buyce, 274 Thomas Ave. SW, Renton, 98055; and Arlen "Buzz" Johnson, 334 Wells Ave. S., #221, Renton, 98055. Speakers comments included: the street vacation and parish improvements is a good plan and compliments the downtown Renton improvements; the parish draws people to Renton and they patronize local businesses; and the vacation will create a safe environment for children and others who use St. Anthony's facilities. Additional comments indicated that the vacation will create a unified campus in downtown Renton which is beneficial to the City, will improve the neighborhood parking problems by removing cars from the streets, would not impact the entry and exit from the neighborhood, and would increase children's safety. Speakers also requested that Council make a decision on the matter as soon as possible.

Responding to Councilman Corman's inquiry regarding the project status, Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler explained that the Planning & Development Committee is waiting for a report from staff and then will determine if the issue will remain in Planning & Development Committee or be referred to Committee of the Whole.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk reported bid opening on 6/25/2002 for CAG-02-096, Sunnydale Downstream Storm System Replacement Project; six bids; engineer's estimate $144,986.88; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Harborside, Inc., in the amount of $116,416. Council concur.

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the McTighe Final Plat (also known as Honeybrooke); 25 single-family lots on 4.67 acres located in the vicinity of NE 4th Pl. and Ilwaco Ave. NE (FP-02-016). Council concur. (See page 264 for resolution.)


Councilman Parker conducted a presentation, prepared with the assistance of City staff and Councilman Corman, in support of the Public Safety Committee minority report presented at the June 10th Council meeting, recommending that Council authorize the addition of the crime analyst and evidence technician positions to the Police Department. He explained that this issue is being discussed tonight due to the Mayor's veto of the above stated ordinance submitted at the June 24th Council meeting. Stating that five positions have been added in 2002: two police officers, two school resource officers and an animal control officer, Mr. Parker detailed the staffing history of the Police Department as well as commissioned officer growth since 1998.

Mr. Parker reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the Police Chief. He stated that the remaining 2002 staffing priorities are the addition of the evidence technician and crime analyst positions, and explained why these positions are important and how they will benefit the Police Department. Mr. Parker discussed the response times for calls for police service, class one crimes, the number of officers per 1,000 of population, minimum and maximum patrol staffing, and how Renton compares with other jurisdictions in these categories. In addition, he listed the types of calls that merit an emergency or priority-one response, pointing out that emergency response calls, which are a part of priority-one calls, are responded to in less than one minute.

Continuing, Mr. Parker reviewed Renton's financial situation, and noted that it is not a good time to add more positions in addition to the analyst and technician positions, due to the slowing economy and declining revenues. Stating that public safety is important, he pointed out that facilities and amenities such as the Farmers Market, Performing Arts Center, Skate Park and swimming pool all contribute towards public safety. In addition, Mr. Parker indicated that the City's budget policies which state that: ongoing operations shall be funded from ongoing revenue, operating revenue and expenditures shall be monitored and adjusted if necessary to ensure expenditures do not exceed revenues over time, and revenue shall be conservatively projected, are a guideline that the City should adhere to.
Mr. Parker stated that everyone agrees that public safety is the number one ongoing priority, and he reiterated that public safety is more than police on the streets; it includes developing an infrastructure than enables them to do their work. Public safety also includes code enforcement, nuisance abatement, zoning, police support staff, tools, training and technology. He commented that in this economy the City must remain true to its priorities and budget policies, and the additional police positions will strengthen the support system for the officers to help them become even more efficient and effective. In conclusion, Mr. Parker urged Council to strengthen the Police Department at its foundation and follow the recommendation of the Police Chief by adding the evidence technician and crime analyst positions.

Councilman Corman emphasized that a holistic approach to public safety is important.

Responding to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's question regarding the electronic home detention program, Finance & Information Systems Administrator Victoria Runkle stated that revenue generated by the program is approximately $150,000 per year and the cost of the electronic home detention coordinator is $65,000 to $70,000 annually.

Responding to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's questions regarding the patrol officers and school resource officers, Police Chief Garry Anderson stated that eight commissioned officers had been added to the Police Department since 1998, not all of them to the patrol division. He discussed the staffing level figures and determined that there are currently 53 patrol officers assigned to the patrol operation division. Chief Anderson noted that school resource officers are assigned to administrative services and not to patrol operations.

Chief Anderson explained that of the Police Department's four school resource officers, two are employed by the City of Renton and two are funded by a three-year grant from the Department of Justice (75%) and from the Renton School District (25%). Stating that the school resource officers are not restricted from responding to non-school related calls, he described the types of calls they respond to. Chief Anderson indicated that they serve a school population of approximately 13,000 students and play an important role in crime prevention. He noted that the school resource officer's calls for service are included along with patrol officer's calls for service in the International City Managers Association (ICMA) calls for service formula.

In regards to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's inquiries about crime statistics and how Renton compares with other cities, Police Chief Anderson reviewed the statistics and explained that if a crime analyst were hired, that person would analyze the crime statistics to determine how present resources can be used in the most effective way possible. He said that the City would be proactive, instead of reactive, and use the information already gathered to better patrol the streets of Renton. Chief Anderson agreed that more patrol officers are needed, as well as other City positions, and stated that there is a plan in place that prioritizes the needs of the Police Department with current priority being the hiring of the evidence technician and crime analyst.

Responding to Councilman Clawson's inquiry regarding the cost of a Fire Department Secretary 1 position, Ms. Runkle stated that it would cost approximately $43,000 annually, and pointed out that the cost could be
absorbed in 2002 through department savings; however, the position would probably need to be funded by new money in 2003.

Responding to Councilman Clawson's question regarding the budget surplus forecast, Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington stated that a surplus was predicted for 2003, and budget deficits predicted for 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Councilman Clawson commented that more discussion is needed regarding one-time money and why it cannot be used for essential services. Councilman Parker said that investing one-time money into capital projects does return the money to the community in some form of services.

Discussion ensued regarding one-time revenues, the use of five-year averages in budget planning, and Council budget policies.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler brought up the subject of the proposed fund balance recommendations made in March and the proposal that money be borrowed to finance the Pavilion Building, Parks Maintenance Facility, Veterans Memorial Park and swimming pool resulting in debt service over a period of twenty years. She questioned why money was available to pay for debt service at that time, and now is unavailable to fund the requested positions.

Council discussion ensued concerning the debt service, operational costs for the facilities, the need for a Parks Maintenance Facility, and additional funding options available to fund the requested positions.

Moved by Corman, seconded by Nelson, Council call for the question on the motion to reconsider adoption of the ordinance adding the positions of Crime Analyst, Evidence Technician and a Commissioned Officer to the Police Department and a Secretary 1 to the Fire Department.*

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler suggested waiting to see if there are comments from citizens regarding staffing at the upcoming 2003 Budget public hearing scheduled for July 8th. Stating that Committee of the Whole will be presented with revenue figures for the first half of 2002 at its July 22nd meeting, Ms. Keolker-Wheeler indicated that she would also like to know how many non-school related calls the school resource officers respond to, and the costs of the four proposed positions. She recommended delaying a decision on this item until more information is provided.

Council President Nelson stated that the call for the question should be enforced, and the matter should be discussed again during budget deliberations.

*Motion and second withdrawn.

RECESS

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELE, COUNCIL RECESS FOR FIVE MINUTES FOR LEGAL RESEARCH. CARRIED. Time: 10:00 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:10 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

Budget: 2002 Amendment, Additional Police & Fire Department Positions (continued)

Moved by Clawson, seconded by Persson, Council amend the motion to approve the ordinance by amending the ordinance to state Evidence Technician and Fire Department Secretary 1 positions.*

*Motion determined to be out of order by City Attorney Larry Warren, and the motion and second were withdrawn.
MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CALL FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE ADDING THE POSITIONS OF CRIME ANALYST, EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN AND A COMMISSIONED OFFICER TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND A SECRETARY 1 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. CARRIED.

Roll call vote requested: four ayes: Clawson, Keolker-Wheeler, Briere, Persson; three nays: Nelson, Parker, Corman.

Mayor Tanner stated that his veto submitted at the June 24th Council meeting was sustained.

Moved by Parker, seconded by Corman, Council suspend the rules and proceed to the reading of the Public Safety Committee minority report regarding the addition of the crime analyst and evidence technician positions. Motion failed.

CORRESPONDENCE
Citizen Comment: Various – Whitworth Ave S Vacation, St. Anthony Church (VAC-00-003)

The following correspondence was entered into the record in support of the Whitworth Ave. S. street vacation request by St. Anthony Parish (VAC-00-003): Diane A. Timmons, 14404 157th Pl. SE, Renton, 98059; Pat & Valeria Hurlocker, 1622 Davis Ave. S., Renton, 98055; Grace Magbaleta, 4603 NE 22nd Pl., Renton, 98059; Mary Ann Smith, 107 Main Ave. S., #405, Renton, 98055; Nick & Marsha Frisch, 15749 142nd Pl. SE, Renton, 98058; Rich & Pat Buyce, 274 Thomas Ave. SW, Renton, 98055; Connie M. Thilmony, 4440 NE 23rd Ct., Renton, 98059; Harry Duex, 4627 NE 7th Pl., Renton, 98059; Linda DeCample, 111 Capri Ave. NE, Renton, 98056; Patty Merrill Struck, 2312 SE 21st St., Renton, 98055; two letters from Fred Struck, 2312 SE 21st St., Renton, 98055; Kevin Masterson, 18800 SE 134th St., Renton, 98059; Eva M. Poland, 3306 NE 7th Pl., Renton, 98056; Louis Borges and Family, 4123 NE 19th St., Renton, 98059; Jerry & Barbara Heaton, 2223 Benson Rd. S., #11203, Renton, 98059; Steve & Lydia Delmore, 823 S. 28th Ct., Renton, 98055; Pat Dickinson, 4522 NE 24th St., Renton, 98059; Mary Jo & Paul Foseid, 4319 NE 9th Pl., Renton, 98059; Karen Kranz, 10367 SE 187th Pl., Renton, 98055; Arland "Buzz" Johnson, 334 Wells Ave. S., #221, Renton, 98055; and 13 form letters received from parents of students at St. Anthony School and parishioners at St. Anthony Parish.

Added
Citizen Comment: Fluter/Whitley - Cedar River Spawning Channel Replacement Site

At the request of Councilman Corman, a letter was read from Janice E. Fluter, 1005 Shelton Ave. SE, Renton, 98058, and Marilyn Whitley, 969 Shelton Ave. SE, Renton, 98058, regarding construction of the Cedar River spawning channel at the Rolling Hills A site. The correspondents listed the additions to the proposal as agreed upon by the City and the neighboring community, and requested that the following considerations pertaining to construction also be included in the proposal:

- Construction will not begin before 7:00 a.m. and will end by 5:00 p.m. each day.
- Construction equipment will be parked 200 feet away from the river, providing safety for the river and protecting neighbors from unsightly equipment.
- If construction requires security personnel, any trailers would also be placed away from the river, and fires and parties would be prohibited.
If construction must be interrupted due to spawning requirements, construction equipment will not be left on the site for long periods, such as from one year to the next.

Praising Ms. Fluter and Ms. Whitley for accurately capturing the agreement reached by staff and Council and adding the additional considerations, it was moved by Corman, seconded by Briere, Council refer this letter to the Administration. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Citizen Comment: Clawson – Renton Police Officers' Guild, Retaliation Against Members

At the request of Councilman Clawson, his letter to Mayor Tanner was read regarding his request that members of the Renton Police Officers' Guild not be subject to retaliation for coming forward to state their positions on adding staff to the Police Department. In his letter he clarified his reasons for this request, discussed grievances and complaints filed by members of the Guild, and expressed concern about retaliation towards Guild members for expressing opinions that may be different than that of the Police Chief.

Citizen Comment: Tanner – Renton Police Officers' Guild, Retaliation Against Members

At the request of Mayor Tanner, his response to Councilman Clawson's letter was read stating that the City has policies and procedures in place that prohibit retaliation and harassment, and retaliation for differing opinions will not be tolerated by him or the Police Chief. In his letter, Mayor Tanner discussed the grievances and complaints filed by members of the Renton Police Officers' Guild, and expressed concern that Mr. Clawson's insinuations are an attempt to drive a wedge between the Guild members and the Police Chief.

Councilman Clawson thanked Mayor Tanner for his strong response to his letter.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 205300 - 205689 and two wire transfers totaling $1,462,767.84; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 38505 - 38796, one wire transfer and 557 direct deposits totaling $1,701,012.87. Moved by Parker, seconded by Persson, Council concur in the committee report. Carried.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee

Transportation: Six-Year TIP (2003-2008)

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the annual update of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Committee has reviewed the proposed 2003 – 2008 Six-Year TIP and Arterial Street Plan and recommended adoption of the resolution, Arterial Street Plan and the TIP upon completion of the public hearing on July 1, 2002. Moved by Persson, seconded by Keolker-Wheeler, Council concur in the committee report. Carried. (See page 264 for resolution.)

Community Services Committee

Community Services: 1% for Art Program, Mosaic Tiles & Two Statues

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report concurring with the recommendation of the Municipal Arts Commission to purchase hand-painted mosaic tiles depicting themes from Renton for display at the new Downtown Parking Garage. The tiles will be purchased with funds from the 1% for Art Fund (Fund 125) and the total price will not exceed $3,000 plus tax.

The Committee further concurred with the recommendation of the Municipal Arts Commission, the Board of Park Commissioners and the Library Board to purchase two statues entitled "Summer Breeze" and "Homework Comes First" to be placed in appropriate City parks. The statues will be purchased with funds from the 1% for Art Fund (Fund 125) and the total price of the two statues will not exceed $29,000 plus tax. Moved by Corman,
Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler requested that pictures of the art be displayed at the July 8th Council meeting.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3577
Plat: McTighe (Honeybrooke), NE 4th Pl & Ilwaco Ave NE (FP-02-016)
A resolution was read approving the McTighe (also known as Honeybrooke) Final Plat consisting of approximately 4.67 acres located in the vicinity of NE 4th Pl. and Ilwaco Ave. NE (FP-02-016). MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELEER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3578
Transportation: Six-Year TIP (2003-2008)
A resolution was read updating the City’s Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 2003 – 2008. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3579
Development Services: Boeing Longacres Office Park Development Agreement
A resolution was read rescinding a development agreement dated January 4, 2001, between The Boeing Company and the City of Renton, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an updated development agreement with The Boeing Company for future development of Longacres Office Park. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELEER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

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

Ordinance #4975
Planning: Title IV Development Regulation Revision Process
An ordinance was read amending Chapters 4-8 and 4-9 of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code to implement RCW (Revised Code of Washington) 36.70A.470 governing development regulation amendment cycles. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELEER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #4976
Finance: Bond Issuance, Water & Sewer Projects
An ordinance was read relating to the waterworks utility of the City, including the sewerage system as a part thereof; providing for the issuance of $11,980,000 aggregate principal amount of Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, 2002, of the City for the purpose of obtaining the funds with which to pay the costs of carrying out certain capital improvements of the waterworks utility; fixing the date, form, denominations, maturities, interest rates, terms and covenants of the bonds; providing for bond insurance; and approving the sale and providing for the delivery of the bonds to D.A. Davidson & Co., Seattle, Washington. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget: 2002 Amendment, Additional Police & Fire Department Positions
MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELEER, COUNCIL INSTRUCT ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING AT THE JULY 8, 2002, COUNCIL MEETING ADDING TWO STAFF POSITIONS: AN EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND A SECRETARY 1 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.*

Councilman Parker expressed his preference for adding the evidence technician and crime analyst positions as those positions are part of the long-range forecast.
for the Police Department. He commented that the Fire Department Secretary 1 position, although needed, should not replace the crime analyst position. Mr. Parker requested that the Secretary 1 position be reviewed during budget deliberations.

Councilman Corman agreed that the crime analyst position should also be added.

*MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ALSO ADD THE CRIME ANALYST POSITION TO THE ORDINANCE. CARRIED.

Budget: Public Hearing

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 19, 2002, ON THE PROPOSED 2003 BUDGET. CARRIED.

WSDOT: I-405 Corridor Program

Councilman Persson announced that a briefing will be held on the I-405 Corridor Program on July 9, 2002, from 11:30 to 1:00 in the Council Conference Room, and he encouraged all Councilmembers to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 10:53 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
July 1, 2002