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

**CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**
JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SUE CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Director; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; VICTORIA RUNKLE, Finance & Information Services Administrator; REBECCA LIND, Principal Planner; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; JULIE BREWER, Community Relations Manager; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Community Relations Specialist; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, COMMANDER CURTIS SMALLING, COMMANDER KEVIN MILOSEVICH, SERGEANT CHARLES MARSALISI and COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

**PROCLAMATION**
National Mentoring Month - January, 2002

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the month of January, 2002, to be "National Mentoring Month" in the City of Renton, in tribute to the many mentors in Renton who contribute their time, compassion, and talents to help young people in our community succeed. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

Amy Bresslour, Mentor Program Coordinator, accepted the proclamation on behalf of Communities in Schools.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
Police: CALEA Accreditation to Valley Communications Center & Renton Police Dept

Chief of Police Garry Anderson explained that the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) adopted national standards that law enforcement agencies measure their performance against, and CALEA recently expanded their responsibilities to include communication center accreditation. He announced that the Valley Communications Center, which is the City's emergency communications provider, has received accreditation status from CALEA, and is the only center on the west coast to receive this award.

Chief Anderson introduced Valley Communications Center Director, Chris Fischer, Assistant Director Mark Morgan and Administrative Assistant to the Director Mary Sue Robey and presented them with a plaque. Ms. Fischer commented that Valley Communications has set the bar for communications centers in the State of Washington and the west coast, and it will continue to serve the citizens of Renton very well.

Additionally, Chief Anderson announced that the Renton Police Department was accredited once again by CALEA, and he recognized Commander Floyd...
Executive: Centennial Celebration Wrap-Up, Sealing of Time Capsule

Don Custer, Centennial Task Force Advisory Committee Co-Chair and former Mayor of Renton, recapped the events that occurred during the year in celebration of Renton's Centennial, and he thanked all those involved in making the celebration so successful. He introduced Diana Hagen, Chair of Renton Arts Plan Together, who presented the Centennial project final report which will be stored permanently at the Renton Historical Museum.

Mr. Custer announced that in cooperation with the Renton Municipal Arts Commission, an original sculpture was commissioned commemorating Renton's history and its future. The sculpture will be installed near Carco Theater. He introduced Centennial Task Force Advisory Committee Co-Chair and Boeing employee, Greg Wilson. Mr. Wilson reported that there was a minimum of one special event per month over the course of the year pertaining to the Centennial celebration. Expressing his appreciation to City staff, the Centennial Committee, and to the community for assisting and supporting this tremendous effort, Mr. Wilson acknowledged the sense of pride that the Renton community has.

Continuing, Mr. Custer stated that a time capsule will be buried near the new sculpture at Carco Theater and a plaque will be displayed indicating that the time capsule should be opened in the year 2101. At the request of Mayor Tanner, his letter, addressed to the residents of Renton in 2101, was read and he added it to the contents of the time capsule. The Mayor and Councilmembers then sealed the time capsule, and Mayor Tanner thanked City staff and the Centennial Committee for all of their hard work.

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 2001 and beyond. Items noted included:

- The annual winter fitness extravaganza will be held at the Community Center on January 3, 2002, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This free event will have aerobic class demonstrations, blood pressure checks and refreshments.

- The U.S. Senate Transportation Appropriations Committee, chaired by Senator Patty Murray, has participated in a Congressional conference agreement that resulted in appropriations for transportation projects in the State of Washington in the amount of $157 million which includes $5 million for improvements to the NE 44th St./I-405 interchange. Passed by the House of Representatives, it is expected that it will soon be passed by the Senate and signed by the President.

- The Police Department's CPR Team, in coordination with the Crime Prevention Unit, visited Espresso stands throughout Renton, in response to recent robberies in Kent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilwoman Keoler-Wheeler, item 7.1 was removed for separate consideration.

City Clerk reported bid opening on 12/12/2001 for CAG-01-183, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center tenant improvements at 200 Mill Building; 15 bids; project estimate $370,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Mike Werlech Construction, Inc., in the amount of $361,603.32. Council concur.

City Clerk submitted the 2001 General Election certification from King County Records & Elections, as follows: Council Position No. 1 – Randy Corman (6233 votes – elected); Council Position No. 2 – Dan Clawson (4521 – elected), Rosemary Quesenberry (3591); Council Position No. 6 – Terri Briere (4632 – elected), Chris Clifford (3086); Municipal Court Judge – Terry L. Jurado (5831 – elected). Information.

Community Services Department submitted CAG-00-167, Carco Theater Renovation; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $6,921.72 to Radosevich Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Development Services recommended approval, with conditions, of the Morgan Place final plat; 45 single-family lots on 15.89 acres located at Lyons Ave. NE and NE 4th St. (FP-01-143). Council concur. (See page 457 for resolution.)

Development Services recommended approval, with conditions, of the Dykeman final plat; 11 single-family lots on 7.68 acres located at Union Ave. NE and NE 25th St. (FP-01-151). Council concur. (See page 457 for resolution.)

Hearing Examiner recommended approval of a rezone of a 9,681 square foot site located at 21 Logan Ave. S. from P-1 (Public Use) to CD (Center Downtown) zone; R-01-132 (Rajaratnam property). Council concur. (See page 458 for ordinance.)

Hearing Examiner recommended approval of a rezone of a 3.79 acre City-owned site located at 250 Bronson Way NE from P-1 (Public Use) to RM-I (Residential Multi-Family Infill) zone with P-suffix designation; R-01-101 (Mt. Olivet Reservoir). Council concur. (See page 458 for ordinance.)

Technical Services Division submitted the appraisal performed for the NW 5th St. vacation (VAC-01-005; Petitioners, Change Brothers and Miller) and requested that Council accept the appraisal determination of $126,000 and set compensation at $63,000 (one-half the fair market value of the property as approved by Council on 12/3/2001). Council concur.

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-01-132, ADA Compliant Curb Ramps project; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $22,833.84, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $1,201.79 to APUS Services, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
Utility: Highlands & Rolling Hills Elevated Reservoirs Seismic Upgrades Contract, GeoEngineers

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a consultant agreement in the amount of $132,900 with GeoEngineers, Inc. to design seismic upgrades to the Highlands and Rolling Hills Elevated Reservoirs. Council concur.

CAG: 01-158, Maplewood Well Water Main Replacement Phase III, Shoreline Const Co

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-01-158, Maplewood Well Water Main Replacement Phase III; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $133,622.93, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $9,596.86 to Shoreline Construction Company, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

CAG: 01-008, South Downtown Water Main & Storm Sewer Replacement, Katspan

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-01-008, South Downtown Water Main and Storm Sewer Replacement; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $89,250.48, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $59,759.29 to Katspan, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 7.1. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration

Item 7.1.
Transportation: Fund Reallocation, Recruitment Expenses for Planner Position

Transportation Systems Division requested authorization to reallocate funds in the amount of $7,000 for recruitment expenses to fill the second transportation planner position. The funds were originally allocated to reimburse airport supervisor moving expenses.

At the request of Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler, Gregg Zimmerman, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator, explained that Council authorized the expenditure of $20,000 on November 19, 2001, to hire a recruiting firm to fill a vacant transportation planner position. Since then, a second transportation planner position has opened up, and staff is requesting that funds, allocated on November 5th for reimbursement of moving expenses for the airport manager position, be reallocated to help cover the cost for recruitment for both open positions. Mr. Zimmerman pointed out that the airport manager position was filled by an in-house candidate; therefore, the moving expenses did not need to be reimbursed.

Responding to Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler’s inquiry regarding the necessity for this recruitment effort considering the current state of the economy, Mr. Zimmerman stated that the availability of professional qualified transportation planners is scarce and the City is having difficulty filling those positions. Explaining that Sound Transit and private consulting firms have put a great demand on transportation planners over the past couple years, he noted that the private sector pays well and it is difficult for the public sector to match those salary levels.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 7.1. AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

A letter was read from Fr. Gary Zender, Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, 314 S. 4th St., Renton, 98055, requesting that the street vacation request for Whitworth Ave. S. (VAC-00-003) be placed on the Council meeting agenda for prompt consideration and approval now that the parish has addressed the concerns of the affected neighbors.
At the request of Mayor Tanner, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman reported on the status of the Whitworth Ave. S. vacation request. He said that the administration was asked to investigate revising the street vacation portion of the City Code to allow land use actions to move forward prior to approval of the vacation. Currently, City Code requires that a vacation request has to be finalized before the first public hearing is held on the land use action. On September 17th, Council approved the street vacation revisions to the City Code, and the ordinance is scheduled for first reading on January 7, 2002.

Continuing, Mr. Zimmerman stated that Council had advised the parish to conduct more public outreach with the neighboring residents, and had also requested that the parish submit a site plan. He reported that the City has not yet received a site plan or construction schedule from the parish. Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington suggested that the administration write a letter to the parish to inform them that the City is still waiting for the additional information.

Citizen Comment: McNelly – Comp Plan Update of Property at 3001 NE 4th St

A letter was read from Harold McNelly, Acting Manager for King County Property Services Division, 500 4th Ave., Room 500, Seattle, 98104, requesting that King County property located at 3001 NE 4th St. be included in the City's overall review as part of its Comprehensive Plan update.

Economic Development Administrator Sue Carlson explained that King County is asking for a City-initiated Comprehensive Plan amendment so that the $1000 Comprehensive Plan process fee will be waived. Stating that today is the last day for submitting requests for the 2002 Comprehensive Plan cycle, she indicated that the question before Council is whether the City should waive the fee. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL WAIVE THE $1,000 FEE FOR KING COUNTY. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Larson – St. Claire Appeal, Karen Dobson (PP-01-055)

A letter was read from Rosemary A. Larson of Inseel, Best, Doezi & Ryder, P.S., PO Box C-90016, Bellevue, 98009, who represents Lazarus Land Corporation, the applicant for the St. Claire preliminary plat (PP-01-055). Ms. Larson responds to Karen Dobson's appeal of the Hearing Examiner's recommendation on the matter, saying that the appellant does not meet the burden to establish that the record contains a substantial error of fact or law. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Council: Special Meeting, December 21, 2001

Mayor Tanner announced that a special Council meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on December 21, 2001, in the Council Chambers, for consideration of the St. Claire appeal committee report.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee on Committees

Council: 2002 Committee Assignments

Council President Clawson presented a Committee on Committees report recommending the following committee chairmanships and committee assignments for Council for 2002:

Community Services Committee: Randy Corman, Chair; Dan Clawson, Vice-Chair; Don Persson, Member.

Finance Committee: King Parker, Chair; Don Persson, Vice-Chair; Dan Clawson, Member.

Planning and Development Committee: Kathy Keolker-Wheeler, Chair; Terri Briere, Vice-Chair; King Parker, Member.
Public Safety Committee: Dan Clawson, Chair; King Parker, Vice-Chair; Terri Briere, Member.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee: Don Persson, Chair; Randy Corman, Vice-Chair; Kathy Keolker-Wheeler, Member.

Utilities Committee: Terri Briere, Chair; Kathy Keolker-Wheeler, Vice-Chair; Randy Corman, Member.

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

Public Safety Committee
Police: Temporary Custody of Inmates Prior to Transfer to Yakima County Jail, Interlocal Agreement

Public Safety Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the interlocal agreement for temporary custody of inmates before transfer to Yakima County Jail. The Committee recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the interlocal agreement. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 457 for resolution.)

Finance Committee
Community Services: Fire Station #12 Design Contract, Rice Fergus Architects

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the consultant selection for the design of Fire Station #12. The Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a consultant agreement with Rice Fergus Architects to design, bid and oversee construction of the new Fire Station #12, which will be located at 1209 Kirkland Ave. NE. The fee for lump sum services and sub-consultant lump sum services contained in the draft agreement is $426,000. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Special Assessment District: Interest Rate Calculation for Time Payments Amendment

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the interest payments on special assessment district fees. The Committee recommended adoption of an ordinance that amends Ordinance 4923 by changing the method used to calculate the interest rate on time payments. The new calculation will be based upon the previous quarter’s ending three-month treasury bill rate, obtained from the Federal Reserve, plus one percent for administration of the contract. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding the matter be placed on first and second reading on December 17, 2001, to accommodate citizens waiting to participate in this program. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 458 for ordinance.)

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 199237 – 199742 and two wire transfers totaling $3,361,732.01; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 35336 – 35567, 538 direct deposits and one wire transfer totaling $1,638,775.99. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development Committee
Planning: Year-End Housekeeping (Various Items)

Planning and Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a year-end housekeeping report and recommended that the following referrals to the Committee be closed out as follows:

- Referral 870, City area identification effort (referred 5/4/1998), is to be incorporated into the 2002 Comprehensive Plan Amendment work program.
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- Referral 896, zoning changes regarding ground floor and streetfront uses (referred 6/15/1998), are to be included in the Title IV work program.

- Referral 1163, Centers Residential Demonstration District Overlay regulations (referred 1/24/2000), are to be moved to the Comprehensive Plan process.

- Referral 1247, creation of a new use category in the Zoning Code related to assisted living facilities (referred 6/12/2000), is to be included in the Title IV work program.

- Referral 1470, annexation review process revision (referred 8/13/2001), has been completed. The Committee recommended that the process remain before the City Council at the present time.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Development Services: Informational Bulletins

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler pointed out that the Development Services Division has prepared information sheets on issues such as Commenting on Proposed Developments, What Concerned Neighbors Should Know About the Land Use Process, Family Day Care Home, and Day Care Center. She said that the information will assist citizens in obtaining a better understanding of City processes and answer questions citizens may have about these issues.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3546
 Plat: Morgan Place, Lyons Ave NE (FP-01-143)

A resolution was read approving the Morgan Place final plat; 15.89 acres of property located in the vicinity of Lyons Ave. NE and NE 4th St. (FP-01-143).

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3547
 Plat: Dykeman, Union Ave NE (FP-01-151)

A resolution was read approving the Dykeman final plat; 7.68 acres of property located in the vicinity of Union Ave. NE and NE 25th Pl. (FP-01-151).

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3548
 Police: Temporary Custody of Inmates Prior to Transfer to Yakima County Jail, Interlocal Agreement

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into interlocal agreements between the City of Renton, and the cities of Tukwila, Des Moines, and other King County cities, for temporary custody of inmates before their transfer to the Yakima County Jail.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, 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 1/7/2002 for second and final reading:

Rezone: Washington State Property, P-1 to RC (R-01-139)

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of property consisting of a remnant 20,625 square foot site located on the south side of the Cedar River between the eastern edge of the I-405 right-of-way on the west and the Cedar River Trail on the east from P-1 (Public Use) zone to RC (Resource Conservation) zone with a P-suffix designation; R-01-139 (State of Washington property).

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/7/2002. CARRIED.
Rezone: Rajaratnam Property, Logan Ave S, P-1 to CD (R-01-132)

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of a 9,681 square foot site at 21 Logan Ave. S., located at the intersection of Logan Ave. S. and N. Airport Way and abutting the Renton Airport to the west from P-1 (Public Use) zone to CD (Center Downtown) zone; R-01-132 (Rajaratnam property). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/7/2002. CARRIED.

Rezone: Mt Olivet Reservoir, Bronson Way NE, P-1 to RM-I (R-01-101)

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of a 3.79 acre site located at 250 Bronson Way NE at the intersection of Bronson Way NE and NE 3rd St. from P-1 (Public Use) zone to RM-I (Residential Multi-Family Infill) zone with a P-suffix designation; R-01-101 (Mt. Olivet Reservoir). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/7/2002. CARRIED.

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

Special Assessment District: Interest Rate Calculation for Time Payments Amendment

An ordinance was read amending Section 9-16-10, Payment of Special Assessment District Fee, of Chapter 16, Special Assessment Districts, of Title 9 (Public Ways) of City Code by revising policies pertaining to interest payments on special assessment charges. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4936**
Special Assessment District: Interest Rate Calculation for Time Payments Amendment

Following second and final reading of the above ordinance, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

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

**Ordinance #4937**
Vacation: SE 2nd Pl between Lyons Ave SE & Nile Ave SE, Harbour Homes (VAC-01-001)

An ordinance was read vacating that portion of SE 2nd Pl. between Lyons Ave. SE and Nile Ave. SE, and that portion of Nile Ave. SE 312.94 feet north of SE 2nd Pl. (Petitioner, Harbour Homes by Geonerco, Inc.; VAC-01-001). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4938**
Budget: 2002 Annual City of Renton

An ordinance was read adopting the City of Renton annual budget for the year 2002 in the total amount of $148,879,500. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Airport: Restrooms

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE MATTER OF RESTROOMS AT THE AIRPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Council: Outgoing Council President Comments (Dan Clawson)

Council President Clawson thanked the Council for allowing him to be Council President this year, and he said that it has been a pleasure working with such dedicated, intelligent and talented people.
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:13 p.m.

Marilyn Petersen, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
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