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; KEOLKER-WHEELER, TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER DON PERSson. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SUE CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; NEIL WATTS, Development Services Director; OWEN DENNISON, Senior Planner; REBECCA LIND, Principal Planner; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, Police Department.

PRESS

Michelle Gisi, Renton Reporter

PUBLIC MEETING

Annexation: Johnson, Jericho Ave NE, NE 6th & NE 9th Sts

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 meeting to consider the 10% Notice of Intent Petition to Annex for the Johnson Annexation for approximately 121 acres bounded on the east by Jericho Ave. NE, if extended, between NE 6th St., if extended, and NE 9th St., if extended, and extends west and northwest to the city limits.

Owen Dennison, Senior Planner, explained that the proposed annexation area is comprised of 130 single-family homes and three churches. Existing King County zoning is R-4, R-6, and R-8. Renton's Comprehensive Plan designates the majority of this area as RS (Residential Single Family), for which potential zoning is R-8 (Residential Single Family; eight dwelling units per acre) and RMH (Residential Manufactured Home Park).

Continuing, Mr. Denison stated that the area is within the Water District 90 service area except for an area west of Duvall Ave. NE; Renton can provide access to sewers; and Fire District #25 currently provides fire protection. He noted a shortfall of parks in the area and said that street, surface water and storm water improvements are needed. Mr. Dennison described how the proposed annexation furthers the City's business goals. Concluding, he indicated that the proposed annexation is generally consistent with City policies for annexation and pointed out that the cost issues will be addressed in the fiscal impact analysis.

Correspondence was read from Alan and Vana Burk, 14106 SE 124th St., Renton, 98059; and Kerry and Debra Froemke, 14044 SE 121st St., Renton, 98059; opposing the proposed annexation. Objections included the potential public use of a private drive, sight distance problems at Hoquiam Ave. NE and NE 4th St., shortage of open space and parks, and the increase in density.
Public comment was invited.

Alan Burk, 14106 SE 124th St., Renton, 98059, read from a letter he submitted to Council opposing the proposed annexation. He objected to the increase in property taxes if his property is annexed to the City, payment of additional 6% utility tax on phone, cable, gas, and electricity bills, and payment for the City's special bond levies. In addition, he objected to the proposed annexation because it will encourage over-development in the area.

Mayor Tanner said that the City's bonds for Gene Coulon Park and senior housing will be retired in 2009, and he pointed out that if the area is annexed to Renton, density will be no higher, and perhaps less, than if it remains in King County.

Launi Everett, 14057 SE 121st St., Renton, 98059, objected to the proposed annexation because it will cause an increase in traffic in the area. Ms. Everett also expressed concern about the cost to connect to the City's sewer system. Mayor Tanner stated that citizens are not required to connect unless they redevelop their property or incur a septic tank failure.

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

Councilman Parker stated that citizens will have the opportunity to approve or not approve the annexation with the circulation of the 60% Petition to Annex. Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler suggested that a neighborhood meeting be held regarding the potential annexation to provide information and to answer any questions citizens may have. Mayor Tanner asked interested citizens to submit their names and addresses so they can be notified of the meeting.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL: ACCEPT THE 10% NOTICE OF INTENT PETITION TO ANNEX; AUTHORIZE CIRCULATION OF THE 60% PETITION TO ANNEX; REQUIRE ADOPTION OF CITY ZONING ON THE PROPERTY CONSISTENT WITH RENTON'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND REQUIRE THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSUME A PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF THE CITY'S BONDED INDEBTEDNESS. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING
Planning: Boat & Recreational Vehicle Storage Zoning Text Amend (CA Zone)

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 recreational vehicle (RV) and boat storage zoning code amendment to the Commercial Arterial (CA) zone in the Employment Area-Valley Land Use Designation. Principal Planner Rebecca Lind explained that in addition to including new screening standards for this new use, a new definition would be created for vehicle storage to include RV and boat storage.

Ms. Lind stated that a property owner requested this amendment upon discovering that there is a market demand for long term RV and boat storage, and residents have also been looking for longer term storage within Renton. The Planning and Development Committee has considered this proposal and made the following recommendations:

- Vehicle storage be defined as a paved, and enclosed or partially enclosed area that holds operable motor vehicles and boats or wheeled equipment for more than 72 hours.
• The reviewing official shall determine the level of visual and acoustical screening for these facilities.

• An administrative conditional use permit be required.

In conclusion, Ms. Lind said that the recommendation is to amend several sections of the City Code relating to storage, development standards and definitions.

Audience comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 311 for ordinance.)

APPEAL
Committee of the Whole
Appeal: Heritage Renton Hill, Renton Hill Community Assoc (PP-00-053 & AAD-00-149)

Council President Clawson presented a report regarding the Heritage Renton Hill preliminary plat appeal (PP-00-053 & AAD-00-149). The Committee of the Whole recommended that the Heritage Renton Hill preliminary plat be denied. Although several Councilmembers expressed personal knowledge concerning the traffic situation on Renton Hill, that testimony cannot, by rule, be considered. Therefore, the Council Committee has limited its recommendation to the record before the Hearing Examiner.

In support of its recommendation, the Committee of the Whole recommended that the full Council adopt the following changes to the Hearing Examiner's report and recommendation dated January 25, 2001. The last sentence of conclusion number one should be modified to read "reducing the density of this plat to fifty lots will not adequately reduce the untoward impacts on the existing residents."

The Committee of the Whole recommended that Council make the following additional conclusions:

• FINDING NUMBER 15 – The plat as proposed would not further public safety. The narrow streets combined with permitted on street parking reduce several of the streets on Renton Hill to one-way streets. Adding twenty-five percent more traffic to this already unacceptable situation will create a safety hazard.

• FINDING NUMBER 16 – The intersection of S. 7th St. and Renton Ave. S. already presents a dangerous situation. Visibility at that intersection is poor and in some instances nonexistent. Adding an additional twenty-five percent of traffic to that intersection creates an unwarranted safety problem.

• FINDING NUMBER 17 – The exit from this plat is unusual. The plat exit is only 110 feet from the intersection of S. 7th Ct. with Beacon Way SE. Normally, 150 feet of distance is necessary. Even though the Transportation Division found this intersection adequate, the fact that the intersection is now a five-way intersection that would, with the addition of the exit road from this plat, become, in essence, a six-way intersection creates an unacceptably dangerous intersection.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that the Hearing Examiner's conclusion number 15 be renumbered 17 and be modified to read "in conclusion the proposed preliminary plat should be denied by the City Council." The Committee of the Whole recommended that the recommendation be changed to read "the City Council should deny the preliminary plat."
MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Councilman Parker stated that he is against the committee report and upholds the recommendation of the hearing examiner for the following reasons:

- The transportation engineer and the City's transportation staff have determined that there is adequate street capacity with the development in place.
- He can find no error in judgment with the hearing examiner's recommendations.
- If the plat is denied, the City will be put in a position to be sued in Superior Court; the City cannot prevail, and will be liable for damages.

Mr. Parker said that although he is sympathetic with the Renton Hill residents, he is equally sympathetic with citizens who live in other areas of Renton and are also affected by traffic problems.

Council President Clawson agreed with Councilman Parker and stated that he is against denying the preliminary plat. He expressed concern about defending the denial of the plat in Superior Court, and emphasized that he represents all Renton residents, not just a single neighborhood, and cannot subject the City to a lawsuit that may cost well over $100,000 in attorney's fees.

Councilman Corman also expressed his concerns regarding the committee report, saying that he spent many hours looking through the record trying to find an error that would allow the City to deny the plat. He stated that the City is not in a position to stop this, and denying the plat would only delay the process; therefore, he upholds the decision of the hearing examiner.

*MOTION FAILED. (Mayor Tanner voted "no" to break the tie vote.)

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL DENY THE APPEAL OF THE HERITAGE RENTON HILL PRELIMINARY PLAT AND ADOPT THE PRELIMINARY PLAT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HEARING EXAMINER.*

Councilman Corman asked if there was any procedural way to have a safety study performed on intersections that will be affected by this development, even if the City cannot require the developer to make outside improvements. Councilman Parker added that it would be appropriate to look into this issue to see what could be done in the normal course of business.

Council President Clawson and Councilman Corman discussed the possibility of amending the motion to require the developer to conduct a study of the traffic issues. Mayor Tanner pointed out that the Council can always address the improvements to the intersection in the future.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler stated for the record that all neighborhoods in the City are not exactly the same. They have unique characteristics, some more than others. In this instance, the Renton Hill neighborhood is on a very steep hill and has some constraints due to the topography and the location of the houses which are very close to the street. Pointing out that improvements to the neighborhood have been considered and conducted in the past, Ms. Keolker-Wheeler said that more than likely those improvements have already be done.
For the record, Council President Clawson acknowledged that there are visibility problems at the intersection of S. 7th St. and Renton Ave. S. and recommended that City funds be expended to fix the problem.

*MOTION CARRIED TO UPHOLD THE HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION AND APPROVE THE HERITAGE RENTON HILL PRELIMINARY PLAT. (Mayor Tanner voted "aye" to break the tie vote.)

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HERITAGE RENTON HILL PRELIMINARY PLAT.*

Resolution #3526
Appeal: Heritage Renton Hill, Renton Hill Community Assoc (PP-00-053 & AAD-00-149)

A resolution was read approving the Heritage Renton Hill preliminary plat located southeast of the intersection of Beacon Way S. with SE 7th Ct., Jones Ave. S., and S. 7th St on Renton Hill. File No. PP-00-053 and AAD-00-149.

*MOTION CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION. (Mayor Tanner voted "aye" to break the tie vote.)

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:

- WSDOT awarded the construction contract for the I-405/SR-167 flyover ramp project to Max J. Kuney from Spokane and construction began on September 4th.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the downtown transit center located north of S. 3rd St., between Burnett Ave. S. and Logan Ave. S., will be held on Saturday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m.
- The Renton Senior Activity Center will be closed September 10th through 14th for annual maintenance and repairs.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Chesnes – Directional Parking Violations

David Chesnes, 1105 N. 29th St., Renton, 98056, reported that he received a parking ticket in June for parking in the wrong direction on his street. A Renton resident for 23 years, Mr. Chesnes commented that never before has this violation been enforced in his area. He said he knows that there is a reason for the law and understands its application to arterials and busy streets, but not to residential streets. Mr. Chesnes recommended that the law be amended. On another subject, Mr. Chesnes expressed his concerns regarding the lack of parking at Gene Coulon Park.

Citizen Comment: Buss – Directional Parking Violations

Christopher Buss, 362 Earlington Ave. SW, Renton, 98055, commented on directional parking violations, saying that the issue entails not only the directional parking law but the traffic controller's enforcement of the law. Mr. Buss stated that, compared to surrounding areas, Renton's issuance of parking infraction citations is high. He questioned the City's inconsistent and unfriendly enforcement of the violations and asked Council to amend the law.

Citizen Comment: Pillo – Johnson Annexation, Jericho Ave NE, NE 6th & NE 9th Sts

Ben Pillo, 860 Chelan Ave. NE, Renton, 98059, spoke in support of the Johnson Annexation and relayed problems he has had with King County relating to storm water drainage issues.

Citizen Comment: Shelton – Neighbor Noise Disturbances

Ida Shelton, 2020 Grant Ave. S., A-103, Renton, 98055, complained about vibrating noises emanating from a neighbor's apartment which has been occurring since 1991. Ms. Shelton said she is unable to sleep and experiences
Citizen Comment: Burk – Directional Parking Violations

Alan Burk, 14106 SE 124th St., Renton, 98059, suggested that the City amend the directional parking law, saying that it is a law of convenience and violation of this law does not create a hazardous situation in most residential areas.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler's request, item 8.c. was removed for separate consideration.

City Clerk: Paperless Technology Planning Consultant Contract, CRE8

City Clerk requested approval of a consultant agreement with CRE8, Inc. to commence planning for conversion to paperless technology in the Municipal Court, City Clerk Division, Police Department, Development Services Division and Fire Department, in the amount of $65,000. Refer to Finance Committee.

Vacation: SE 2nd Pl between Lyons Ave SE & Nile Ave SE & Portion of Nile (VAC-01-001)

Technical Services Division submitted the appraisal performed for the SE 2nd Pl. and Nile Ave. SE street vacation (VAC-01-001; Harbour Homes, Petitioner) and requested that Council accept the appraisal determination of $50,000 and set compensation for the right-of-way at $50,000. Council concur.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 8.c. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration

Item 8.c.

CAG: 01-142, Pavilion Building Parapet Repair, Celtic Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 9/5/2001 for CAG-01-142, Pavilion Building Parapet Repair; seven bids; engineer's estimate $30,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Celtic Construction, Inc., in the amount of $20,563.20.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler objected to spending any more money on the Pavilion Building. Stating that although she understands that the repairs are safety related as a result of the earthquake, she emphasized that until a decision is made regarding the fate of the building, she does not want to spend any more money on it. She pointed out that the building is fenced off to prevent people from walking next to it. Councilwoman Briere also agreed that no additional money should be spent on the building.

Council President Clawson indicated that although he also does not want to spend any more money, he felt that if other businesses must comply with safety standards, so must the City. Mayor Tanner urged Council to approve the item, emphasizing that this is a red-tagged building and not fully barricaded.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR WITH ITEM 8.c. TO SPEND $20,563.20 TO REPAIR THE PAVILION BUILDING.*

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler requested an estimate of the money already spent to date on the building. Stating that he considers the building an asset, Councilman Parker, although hesitant to spend money on it, agreed that the building must be made safe.

*MOTION CARRIED.
CORRESPONDENCE
Citizen Comment: Buss – Directional Parking Violations
Correspondence was read from Christopher Buss, 362 Earlington Ave. SW, Renton, 98055, stating his concern regarding the inconsistent enforcement of directional parking violations.

Citizen Comment: Hooks – Directional Parking Violations
Correspondence was read from April Hooks, 221 Powell Ave. SW, Renton, 98055, expressing her concern regarding the arbitrary and inconsistent enforcement of directional parking violations.

Citizen Comment: Swenson – Directional Parking Violations
Correspondence was read from Brian Swenson, 17334 Densmore Ave. N., Shoreline, 98133, questioning why Renton enforces directional parking violations when surrounding cities do not. Mr. Swenson suggested the issuance of warnings, and objected to Renton's pursuit of enforcing these violations when it has not done so diligently in the past.

OLD BUSINESS
Planning & Development Committee
Planning: WEDFA Request for Bond Issuance Resolution for Vectra LLC (Monster Rd SW Construction Project)
Planning and Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report recommending approval of the resolution approving the action of the State of Washington Economic Development Finance Authority (WEDFA) and the issuance of non-recourse revenue bonds to finance an economic development facility for Vectra, LLC. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 311 for resolution.)

Utilities Committee
Solid Waste: Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant Program, King County Contract
Utilities Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the recommendation of the Planning/Building/Public Works Department that Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Contract Amendment No. 1 for the 2000-2001 City Optional Program and Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program interlocal agreement (CAG-00-182) which authorizes the City to receive $56,388 in funding from King County.

Additionally, the Committee recommended that the Council approve an appropriation of $44,698 to the Solid Waste budget to cover expenditures associated with the Business Recycling Program and the Waste Reduction and Recycling component of the grant amendment. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 311 for resolution.)

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler reported that the Suburban Cities Association and recycling coordinators from various cities have been working with the King County Solid Waste Division to revise the grant program to make it easier for cities to contract with the county to receive these grant funds. King County Council's UTEC Committee will be considering the matter on September 13, 2001.

Finance Committee
City Clerk: Scala InfoChannel Computer Purchase
Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending that the City Council authorize the allocation of $26,600 from the Fund 127 Cable Communications Development Fund to replace the existing Channel 21 text generation computer with a PC-based Scala InfoChannel computer, including software and work station. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Vouchers
Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 196173 – 196571, and two wire transfers totaling
Public Safety Committee

Police: Directional Parking Violations

Public Safety Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending continued enforcement of directional parking violations in residential neighborhoods and refers to the Administration possible public information methods to better inform residents of the parking ordinances.

Commenting that Council was sent a lot of information regarding this matter, and indicating that the City should remain compliant with State law, it was MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Council President Clawson expressed his disagreement with the law as applied to residential streets, and recommended that this matter remain in Committee so that the usage of the law on residential streets versus major arterials can be reviewed. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons for the directional parking law and whether the matter should remain in Committee.

*ROLL CALL: THREE AYES: PARKER, CORMAN, NELSON; THREE NAYS: CLAWSON, KEOLKER-WHEELER, BRIERE. MOTION CARRIED. (Mayor Tanner voted "aye" to break the tie vote.)

Citizen Comment: Master Builders Assoc – Downtown Owner Occupied Housing Incentive District

A letter was read from Tim Attebery, King County Manager of the Master Builders Association, congratulating the Council on its decision to waive mitigation and building permit fees on multi-family, owner-occupied housing in the downtown area. (Ordinance 4913, adopted on August 27, 2001.)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3527
Planning: WEDFA Request for Bond Issuance Resolution for Vectra LLC (Monster Rd SW Construction Project)

A resolution was read approving the action of the State of Washington Economic Development Finance Authority (WEDFA) and the issuance of non-recourse revenue bonds to finance an economic development facility for Vectra, LLC, and providing for other matters properly relating thereto. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3528
Solid Waste: Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant Program, King County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the amended interlocal agreement between King County and the City of Renton for the Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Program and City Optional Program. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 9/17/2001 for second and final reading:

Planning: Boat & Recreational Vehicle Storage Zoning Text Amend (CA Zone)

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-2-060.I, 4-2-070.L, and 4-2-120.A, of Chapter 2, Land Use Districts, and Section 4-11-190 of Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by amending the Commercial Arterial (CA) zone to allow boat and recreational vehicle storage. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 9/17/2001. CARRIED.
The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #4916**  
**Police: Vicious Dogs, Dog Regulations**

An ordinance was read amending Section 5-4-1 of Chapter 4, Animal Licenses, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations); and Sections 6-6-1, 6-6-3, 6-6-4, 6-6-5, and 6-6-9, of Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl at Large, of Title VI (Police Regulations) of City Code by making the violation of some statutes an infraction, adding a definition, and clarifying the confiscation procedure for dangerous dogs. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council met in executive session for 33 minutes prior to Committee of the Whole from 5:42 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. All Councilmembers were present except Persson.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 25 MINUTES TO DISCUSS A PROPERTY TRANSACTION. CARRIED. Time: 9:50 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:15 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present except Persson, previously excused.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 10:15 p.m.

Marilyn Petersen, CMC, City Clerk