CALL TO ORDER
Council President Randy Corman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council Committee of the Whole to order.

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

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; SUE CARLSON, Economic Development Director; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO.

PRESS
Denis Law and Oscar Halpert, Renton Reporter

INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL POSITION #6
Council President Randy Corman explained that after City Council Position #6 was officially vacated by Tim Schlitzer on September 30, 2000, the City Council solicited applications for qualified candidates. Eight individuals submitted letters of interest and associated materials by the deadline of 5:00 p.m., October 12, 2000. The eight persons expressing a desire to be appointed to the vacant Council position were:

2. Milton Snyder, Ph.D, 653 Bremerton Pl. NE, Renton, 98059
3. Eric Cameron, 4834 NE 5th Ct., Renton, 98059
4. Rosemary Quesenberry, 3609 SE 18th Ct., Renton, 98058
5. Terri Briere, 1944 Duvall Ave. NE, Renton, 98059
6. Carol Chappelle, 2220 SE 8th Pl., Renton, 98055
7. Steve Dobson, 420 S. 15th St., Renton, 98055, and
8. Christopher Clifford, 2721 Talbot Rd. S., Renton, 98055.

A drawing was held to determine the sequence of the evening’s interviews, with the following order resulting:

1. Steve Dobson
2. Rosemary Quesenberry
3. Milton Snyder, Ph.d
4. Terri Briere
5. Carol Chappelle
6. Eric Cameron
7. Christopher Clifford
8. Gerry Marsh

The candidates were each allotted five minutes in which to present their credentials to the Council. Following these presentations, the Council asked 13 pre-determined questions of each candidate, with the respondent given two minutes to answer each question. The questions were as follows:

1. Please describe your involvement in serving the citizens of Renton so far.
2. In what areas do you think Renton should provide more or better services than are being provided now, and how should added services be funded?
3. You were each given a copy of the City of Renton Business Plan earlier this evening. Please tell us what portions of the Plan you agree with, what portions
you disagree with and why.
4. One of the opportunities a Council member has is participating in regional groups that attempt to influence public policy, spending, and legislation in areas such as water, road construction, transit, human services, and solid waste. Are there areas in which you would like to participate at a regional level and do you bring any special expertise that might benefit Renton?
5. The state Growth Management Act (GMA) requires cities like Renton to allow more residential development at higher densities which may mean that a single family neighborhood becomes multi-family. People in these neighborhoods often feel that there is not enough road and freeway capacity to handle added traffic, and resist zoning changes that increase density and change their neighborhoods. How should the City balance the problems caused by more density with the requirements of the GMA?
6. What is your perception of the time commitment required to be a City Councilmember and, if selected, how will it affect you?
7. If you were a Councilmember, how would you handle the following situation? A citizen calls and complains that there is a lot of tall grass on a city right-of-way next to their house. The city used to cut the grass more often and now it seems like they never do. How would you handle this complaint?
8. Please describe your understanding of the differences in the roles of the City Council, the Mayor and the city staff.
9. If selected, will you run for election next fall?
10. Describe yourself in one word.
11. If someone referred to you as a “one-issue” candidate, what would that issue be?
12. Are you aware of the state Public Disclosure Laws and what you must do to comply?
13. Why do you want to do this?

RECESS

The Council recessed from 7:30 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. in order to conduct the regularly scheduled Council meeting. The Council also recessed from 8:25 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for Executive Session. At the conclusion of the recess, roll was called, all Councilmembers were present, and the meeting was resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Present Corman announced that discussion of the Councilmember appointment will be held Monday, October 23. Council will begin the voting process during the regular Council meeting the same evening starting at 7:30 p.m. He explained that if there is no majority vote for one candidate by the end of the meeting, Council will announce a Special Committee of the Whole meeting later in the week after discussing availability of all Councilmembers.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. 9:20 p.m.

Marilyn Petersen, CMC, City Clerk