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

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DON PERSSON; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER.

MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN KING PARKER. 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; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; PAUL BAKER, Land Use Compliance Inspector; BONNIE RERECICH, Recreation Supervisor; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Special Events & Volunteer Coordinator; DERICK TODD, Finance Analyst; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department; COMMANDER KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department.

PRESS

Robert Teodosio, Renton Reporter

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2000 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

City of Renton Park Boardmember and Renton River Days Festival Chairman Tim Searing announced that Renton River Days was named “1999 Best Special Event” for the budget category of $25,000 to $125,000 at last week’s 5th Annual King County Event Producers Awards (KEPA) event. He then introduced fellow River Days boardmembers Sonja Mejlaender, Dan Kellogg, Don Persson, Toni Nelson, Jim Shepherd, Bonnie Rerечich and Mark Kotlan, emphasizing that River Days’ success owes a great deal to the thousand of work hours by volunteers and to corporate sponsors IKEA, Renton Rotary, McLendons Hardware, Waste Management and U.S. Bank.

Police: Employee Recognitions

Chief of Police Garry Anderson presented awards to the following Police Department employees for outstanding service in 1999:

Commander Dennis Gerber, Employee of the Second Quarter;
Officer Jeff Hardin, Employee of the Third Quarter; and
Officer Jeff Reynolds, Employee of the Fourth Quarter.

Chief Anderson then announced that Police Services Specialist Terri Vickers was chosen as the Employee of the First Quarter and the Employee of the Year, noting that Ms. Vickers is the department’s only non-commissioned employee who has been selected to be a hostage negotiator.

Chief Anderson then announced the Renton Police Department’s second Meritorious Service Medal award, to retired Deputy Chief Don Persson. Saying that Councilman Persson justly earned this award for his 33 years of service to the department, Chief Anderson said during his tenure, Mr. Persson made many lasting and significant contributions to the department while
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 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- Mayor Tanner has been invited by Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, to provide testimony on the Olympic Pipeline at a committee hearing scheduled on March 13th in Bellingham. Senator Slade Gordon will preside at the hearing.

- The Parks and Recreation Division’s Sixth Grade Select basketball team took first place in their division this year, winning fifteen league games and three playoff games.

- Twenty-two Renton School District fifth graders participated in last week’s Second Annual Renton Police D.A.R.E Basketball Hoop Shoot.

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

**Appointment: Municipal Arts Commission**

Mayor Tanner appointed Nancy Clendaniel, 11545 SE 175th St., Renton, 98055, to the Municipal Arts Commission to fill the vacancy created by Ned Mueller’s resignation; term to expire 12/31/00. Refer to Community Services Committee.

**Vacation: Lake View Blvd (104th Ave SE), Legacy Partners/Martindale et al., VAC-98-0004**

City Clerk recommended approval of an ordinance vacating a portion of Lake View Blvd. (104th Ave. SE); the required compensation of $61,000 was received on 2/10/00 (VAC-98-004). Council concur. (See page 77 for ordinance.)

**Parks: Golf Cart Lease Purchase Program**

Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract continuing the lease purchase program for golf car acquisitions; the new three-year contract will include 40 new cars and trade-in value on 30 cars from the current fleet. Refer to Community Services Committee.

**Lease: iCopyright, Inc., 1st Flr of 200 Mill Building**

Community Services Department recommended amending the lease agreement with iCopyright, Inc. to expand into the first floor of the 200 Mill Ave. building in addition to occupying floors four through six. Refer to Finance Committee.

**Lease: Iron Mountain (Arcus Data Security), Renton City Hall 4th Floor**

Community Services Department recommended approval of a lease with Iron Mountain, Inc. (Arcus Data Security) for the fourth floor of Renton City Hall for five years; the agreement includes authorized tenant improvements in the amount of $333,200. Refer to Finance Committee.

**Streets: Trench Restoration Standards**

Development Services Division recommended approval of policy changes for trench restoration standards, including a five-year moratorium on pavement cuts for new streets and overlays. Refer to Transportation Committee.

**EDNSP: Automall Map Adjustments and City Code Updates**

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of a map adjustment to Areas “A” and “B” of the Automall Overlay District to reduce Area “A” by a block and one-half and to increase Area “B” by the same dimension to allow a greater array of uses, and a text amendment to Section 9-12-11 of City Code to reflect 1998 updates and current changes. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

**Airport: FAA Grant for Seaplane Base Rehabilitation**

Transportation Systems Division recommended application for and acceptance of an FAA Airport Improvement Program Grant in the estimated amount of...
Transportation: 2000 Commute Trip Reduction Program, King County Services

Transportation Division recommended approval of a contract with King County to provide Commute Trip Reduction services to 27 affected employers in the City of Renton in 2000. Refer to Transportation Committee.

Streets: Oakesdale Ave SW (27th to 31st), King County Funding

Transportation Division recommended approval of a contract with King County to accept $200,000 in funding for construction of Oakesdale Ave. SW between SW 27th and 31st Streets. Council concur. (See page 77 for resolution.)

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Horton – I-695 Lawsuit (Various Jurisdictions)

Correspondence was read from Bremerton Mayor Lynn S. Horton, requesting that Renton contribute financially to the effort by some Washington cities to challenge I-695, the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Reduction initiative which was approved by voters last November.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Committee

CAG: 98-089, Renton Boathouse Remodel

Finance Committee Vice Chair Nelson presented a report recommending that Council concur in the recommendation to approve change order #27 and the final pay application submitted by Quinn Construction for the Renton Boathouse Remodel project. Change order #27 will put the project $40,959.89 over budget. The Community Services Department anticipates that the project overrun will be offset with project savings or deferrals of current year projects within the 316 fund.

The Committee further recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $84,265.52, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $22,776.74 to Quinn Construction, Inc., contractor, after any liens filed against the retainage have been resolved or all required releases have been received.

Final payment shall be accompanied by an agreement signed by the contractor releasing the City from all further claims related to this contract. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Vice Chair Nelson presented a report recommending approval of Payroll Vouchers 24306 – 24533 and 524 direct deposits totaling $981,670.97. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Resources:

Engineering Specialist Hire at Step E (Utility Systems)

Finance Committee Vice Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in staff’s recommendation that the new Engineering Specialist I position in Utility Systems Division be offered to the selected candidate at the Step E level, retroactive to March 1, 2000. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Resources:

Office Assistant Hire at Step D (Utility Systems)

Finance Committee Vice Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that the new half-time regular Office Assistant II position in the Utility Systems Division be offered to the selected candidate at the Step D level, retroactive to February 16, 2000. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY , COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
Board/Commission: Planning Commission Appointments (Process)

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler read a memo into the record regarding the appointments process for the Planning Commission. Noting that the Mayor has the authority to make appointments, which the City Council can then confirm or deny, she said although there is no required process for interviewing or considering qualifications of applicants, five of the six most recent appointees participated in an interview process with staff and current Planning Commission members. Additionally, press releases were issued on several occasions asking for interested persons to apply.

In the interest of encouraging citizen participation and involvement, Ms. Keolker-Wheeler made several suggestions for how the City could be more proactive in letting people know how they could get involved. For example, the City’s web site could include downloadable application forms and notices of any board or commission vacancies. She believed that with ongoing, active recruitment, the City would have a much better chance of attracting qualified candidates for future openings.

Ms. Keolker-Wheeler concluded that although there is no legal requirement to do so, she hoped that the mayor would follow past practice and encourage input from staff and current board and commission members when vacancies occur.

Replying that he did not object to advertising for applications to boards and commissions, Mayor Tanner emphasized that it is his prerogative to make these appointments. As such, it is not a collaborative process and he would not seek assistance from councilmembers. He did, however, welcome input from chairs of the boards and commissions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3443
Streets: Oakesdale Ave SW, King County Funding

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with King County for the County’s contribution for the design and construction of Oakesdale Avenue SW. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 3/13/00 for second and final reading:

Boards/Commissions: Human Services Advisory Committee
Addition to City Code

An ordinance was read amending Title II (Commissions and Boards) of City Code by adding Chapter 12, creating the Human Services Advisory Committee, establishing the requirements and terms of its members, and providing for rules and procedures for its operation. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 3/13/00. CARRIED.

Vacation: Lake View Blvd (104th Ave SE), Legacy Partners/Martinidae et al., VAC-98-004

An ordinance was read vacating a portion of Lake View Boulevard (104th Avenue SE) for Legacy Partners/Mardinale, et al. (VAC-98-004). MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 3/13/00. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:

Ordinance #4832
Development Services: A-Frame Signs

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-4-070 and 4-4-100.B, C, J, K and L of Chapter 4, Property Development Standards, Section 4-11-160 and 4-11-190 of Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City
Code by permitting A-frame signs in the City of Renton. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler noted that this matter will be reviewed in one year, at which time Council will evaluate the effects of A-frame signs and determine if any changes are warranted.

NEW BUSINESS
Public Works: Olympic Pipeline Hydrostatic Testing, Jennifer Dunn’s Request to Office of Pipeline Safety

Councilman Clawson suggested that the mayor and council president send a letter to Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn to thank her for her request that the Office of Pipeline Safety require hydrostatic testing of Olympic Pipeline Company’s facilities in Renton.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:10 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
March 6, 2000