CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro tem King Parker 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 Pro tem; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; TONI NELSON; BOB EDWARDS; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAUSON.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

KING PARKER, Mayor Pro tem; JAY COVINGTON, Executive Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; SUSAN CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; BETTY NOKES, Economic Development Director; DON ERICKSON, Senior Planner; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; COMMANDER KEVIN MILOSEVICH, Police Department.

PRESS

Robert Teodosio, Renton Reporter

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 1999 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING

Legal: Adult Retail Use Moratorium

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Pro tem Parker opened the public hearing to consider extension of the existing moratorium on adult retail uses.

Don Erickson, Senior Planner, said the City adopted its first moratorium on adult retail uses in July of 1997, and it has since been extended four times. The proposed conditions of the moratorium remain the same. Substantial progress has occurred on this subject as staff has coordinated with other local jurisdictions and researched the experiences which various cities have had with adult entertainment uses. Environmental review has been completed, and a public hearing on the proposed ordinances has been held. Mr. Erickson concluded that extending the moratorium for the requested three months would allow for certain necessary changes to be made to the proposed legislation.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler added that the Planning & Development Committee will present a report on this subject later this evening. (See page 443.)

Noting that an adult retail use could theoretically locate at Duvall Ave. NE and NE 27th St., Councilman Schlitzer asked what would happen if such a business were established at this location prior to the construction of a nearby school or church, since after the new construction the existing retail use would then be in violation of an adopted setback. Mr. Erickson replied that the legislation provides for a one-year amortization period with a possible one-time extension of 12 months for economic hardship.

Mr. Schlitzer asked for clarification that numerous sites in Renton’s Valley area would be available for these types of uses. Mr. Erickson confirmed this, adding that when staff surveyed this area last year, it determined that five sites of...
approximately 25 acres are vacant and available for commercial use, including retail.

Audience comment was invited.

Correspondence was read from Richard Walsh, Magic Video, 3560 NE 4th St., Renton, 98056, asking that the moratorium be allowed to expire without renewal as he felt that it was time to adopt whatever legislation the City has been moving toward for the last two years. He did not feel that most citizens were bothered by adult retail businesses, and worried that allowing these only in the Valley area could create an adult retail use district which would lead to increased crime. He suggested that the setback distance be 500 feet rather than 1,000 feet, and said that supply and demand should be allowed to determine a business’s value to the community.

Ralph Evans, 3306 NE 11th Pl., Renton, 98056, requested clarification on the length of time of tonight’s proposed moratorium extension. Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington replied that it would be for three months.

There being no further audience comment, it was MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 444 for legislation.)

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 1999 and beyond. Items noted included:

- Utility Systems Division staff and a representative from Olympic Pipeline Company gave a presentation on the Olympic Pipeline at a recent Highlands Community Association meeting for the information of community members.

- Test results of water tap samples prove that Renton’s water is below the action level for both copper and lead, which means that the new corrosion control facility is working as designed.

- Renton’s Dive Team recently participated in Surface Water Rescue and River Diving training activities, thereby accomplishing its 1999 training-related goals.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Claudia Donnelly, 10415 – 147th Ave. SE, Renton, asked that Renton impose full impact fees for the Issaquah School District before January 1st. She quoted portions of an editorial which was printed in the Issaquah Press on this subject.

Bill Elder, 14005 – 252nd Pl. SE, Issaquah, 98027, echoed the comments in the editorial which were relayed by Ms. Donnelly. Mr. Elder then explained that the Issaquah School District has calculated that providing the needed school capacity for the students it serves costs over $18,000 per each single family dwelling. This figure has been split three ways, to be shared between future property tax revenues, bonds and levy issues, and impact fees. Saying that adding a $6,000 impact fee to the cost of a $300,000 to $400,000 home is reasonable and does not affect affordability, Mr. Elder encouraged Renton to increase the fee it charges on behalf of the Issaquah School District (ISD).

Agreeing that Renton should continue the dialogue with the ISD on this subject, Councilman Corman noted that when the school district initially asked for an
impact fee, it had requested a much lesser amount which Renton eventually approved. Only later did the requested fee more than double.

Councilman Edwards added that while Renton had already pledged to revisit this subject next year, in the meantime I-695 was approved which has greatly complicated matters. He noted that the question remains as to which population of voters would vote on a proposed increase in ISD impact fees which would affect only a small portion of Renton residents. City Attorney Lawrence J. Warren concurred that the answer to this question is yet to be determined.

**Citizen Comment: Wilcock – Issaquah School District Impact Fees**

Everett Wilcock, 11831 – 164th Ave. SE, Renton, said that Renton should not be able to allow growth without ensuring that the necessary infrastructure is financially provided for. He said the impact fee adopted by Renton is not sufficient to meet ISD’s six-year capital facilities plan, although Renton adopted this plan by reference in its own Comprehensive Plan.

City Attorney Warren explained that although this is true, according to the Growth Management Act the only program which requires concurrency between jurisdictions is transportation planning. He added that the subject of school capital needs and how these are planned for could be taken up as an inter-governmental rather than a concurrency issue.

Councilman Schlitzer spoke to the problem of boundary conflicts between the Issaquah and Renton school districts, which differs from the boundary between the cities of Renton and Issaquah. Saying that Renton School District has indicated that it does not cost $18,000 to ensure school capacity for each single family dwelling, he emphasized that Renton is able to handle its growth without imposing any school impact fees at all.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At Councilman Edwards’ request, item 7.d. was removed for separate consideration.

**Appeal: RPI Retail Building at Renton Center, Ted Abernethy (SA-99-082)**

City Clerk reported appeal of Hearing Examiner’s decision affirming the ERC’s approval of the site plan for the RPI retail building at Renton Center; appeal filed on 11/29/99 by Matthew D. O’Conner, representing Ted Abernethy (SA-99-082). Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

**Appeal: Renton High School Modernization (Site Plan and Variance), Renton School District (SA-99-120)**

City Clerk reported appeal of Hearing Examiner’s decision regarding the site plan and variance application for the modernization of Renton High School; appeal filed on 12/02/99 by Richard E. McCann and Wayt T. Watterson, representing Renton School District (SA-99-120). Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

**City Clerk: 1999 General Election Canvass Results**

City Clerk submitted the 1999 General Election canvass results from King County Records & Elections, as follows: Mayor, Jesse Tanner (8,340 - elected); Council Position No. 3, Kathy Keolker-Wheeler (7,875 - elected); Council Position No. 4, King Parker (8,175 - elected); Council Position No. 5, Toni Nelson (5,287 - elected) and Heidi Carlson (4,567); Council Position No. 7, Dan Clawson (4,403) and Don Persson (5,289 - elected). Information.

**CAG: 99-068, SW 27th St Culvert Replacement, Scoccolo Const**

Surface Water Utility Division submitted CAG-99-068, SW 27th St. Culvert Replacement; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $4,817.40, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $29,593.20 to Scoccolo Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
| Comprehensive Plan: Transportation Element Updates | Transportation Systems Division recommended review of updates to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Refer to Transportation Committee. |
| Transportation: Eastside Transportation Partnership Continuation (Interlocal Agreement) | Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of the Eastside Transportation Partnership interlocal agreement to continue construction planning and project coordination efforts of Renton with other Eastside jurisdictions and related regional agencies. Council concur. (See page 444 for resolution.) |

**MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 7.d. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.**

**Separate Consideration Item 7.d.**
Plat: La Colina, Preliminary, 200 Edmonds Ave SE

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the La Colina Preliminary Plat major amendment to the original application to develop the project in three separate phases (PP-95-167; property located at 200 Edmonds Ave. SE). The Hearing Examiner’s recommendation for approval is accompanied by a letter from David L. Halinen, the applicant’s representative, 10500 NE 8th St., Suite 1900, Bellevue, 98004, requesting that action on this matter be tabled and this item be referred to Council’s Planning & Development Committee.

Responding to Councilman Edwards, City Clerk Marilyn Petersen explained that Mr. Halinen is asking that action on the preliminary plat’s major amendment not be taken at this time since the property owner anticipates that the final plat will be ready for approval in a few weeks. At that time, the request to phase the project would be rendered moot.

**MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AS REQUESTED. CARRIED.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee of the Whole**
EDNSP: Highlands Urban Design Masterplan

Council President Parker presented a Committee of the Whole report approving the Highlands Sub-Area Urban Design Master Plan concepts, and recommended that Council authorize the Administration to:

1. Take these concepts to the community in January;
2. Identify Comprehensive Plan changes necessary to create this revitalization;
3. Develop a plan to finance infrastructure improvements;
4. Explore public/private partnerships and grant funding opportunities as part of this plan;
5. Develop a public benefits report highlighting both the tangible and intangible economic benefits; and
6. Keep Council informed as the process proceeds.

**MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**Public Safety Committee**
Police: Advertising “For Sale” of Vehicles on Public ROW

Public Safety Committee Chair Schlitzer presented a report recommending that no changes be made to the ordinance prohibiting advertising “For Sale” on vehicles parked in the public right-of-way at this time. **MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Responding to Councilman Clawson, Mr. Schlitzer explained that residents complain when they see cars and other vehicles parked on the street with signs
depicting them to be for sale, particularly in the neighborhood areas. The City has decided this should be allowed on private property only; for example, in a private driveway. Mr. Edwards added that residents can also drive around on City streets with signs in the vehicle advertising it to be for sale.

Mr. Clawson felt that prohibiting this could possibly be construed as restricting commercial speech. He suggested it would be acceptable to allow advertising vehicles for sale with small signs. Mr. Schlitzer replied that changing the law to make it less clear would only put greater pressure on police officers who must enforce it.

Mayor Pro tem Parker noted that some laws are restrictive of individual rights for the betterment of the entire community. He felt that some people might take advantage of this if it were allowed.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Corman again encouraged the City to publicize this law with detailed information in an effort to make more people aware of it.

Legal: Adult Supervision of Children in Vehicles

Public Safety Committee Chair Schlitzer presented a report recommending that the ordinance relating to adult supervision of children in vehicles be adopted with the modification that the definition of a person of responsible age means a person over eleven years of age. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Responding to Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler, Mr. Edwards explained that the age designating a responsible person was reduced from “over 15 years of age” to “over eleven years of age” since persons who are 12 years old are often appropriately entrusted to babysit younger children in private homes in the absence of any adults.

*MOTION CARRIED. (See page 444 for ordinance.)

Committee on Committees

Council: 2000 Committee Assignments

2000 Council President Corman presented a Committee on Committees report recommending the following committee chairmanships and committee assignments for the Council for 2000:

Community Services Committee: Toni Nelson, Chair; Don Persson, Vice-Chair; King Parker, Member.

Finance Committee: King Parker, Chair; Toni Nelson, Vice-Chair; Don Persson, Member.

Planning & Development Committee: Kathy Keolker-Wheeler, Chair; Tim Schlitzer, Vice-Chair; Bob Edwards, Member.

Public Safety Committee: Tim Schlitzer, Chair; King Parker, Vice-Chair; Toni Nelson, Member.

Transportation/Aviation Committee: Don Persson, Chair; Bob Edwards, Vice-Chair; Kathy Keolker-Wheeler, Member.

Utilities Committee: Bob Edwards, Chair; Kathy Keolker-Wheeler, Vice-Chair; Tim Schlitzer, Member.

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

Transportation/Aviation Committee

Transportation Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the petition for vacation of an alley between SW 12th and 13th Streets from Lind to
Vacation: Alley Between SW 12th & 13th, and Lind & Seneca (VAC-99-001)  

Seneca Avenues SW. The petitioner requests vacation of a portion of alley right-of-way to assemble contiguous parcels for an automobile dealership. The petitioner requests that the provisions in the Auto Mall “A” Zone be applied so that the City would waive all fees.

By Ord. No. 4749, Auto Mall Area “A” was extended in Title IV of the City Code to include this alley area. There are three provisions which must be met to qualify for the fee waiver, as follows:

1. The properties are designated to be vacated on the Auto Mall Improvement Plan Map;
2. The application for street vacation conforms to RMC 9-14-11, Administrative Procedure for Right-of-Way Vacations; and
3. The uses proposed conform to subsection C of this Section.

The assembly of parcels has not been completed and the proposed use has not been confirmed by an application for development to conform to provision number three above. Staff has determined the value of the alley to be $100,000 and the compensation to the City would be $50,000 if the authorized waiver were not applied. The Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department is in the process of updating the Auto Mall Improvement Plan Map and RMC 9-14-11, Administrative Procedures for Right-of-Way Vacations, to comport with the intent of Ord. No. 4749.

The Committee recommended concurrence in the Planning/Building/Public Works Department’s recommendation that Council approve the request to waive all fees in this matter, accept the staff determination of the value of the alley, hold further action until a development application has been received by the City which meets the approved uses provision in City Code, and require documentation that a private easement has been granted sufficient to provide continued access to the property at 516 SW 13th Street.

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

Streets: Talbot Crest Drive, Temporary Closure for Talbot Lift Station Construction  

Transportation Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the Administration’s recommendation that Council approve the closure of approximately 90 feet of Talbot Crest Drive for up to eight weeks in the winter/spring of 2000 during the Talbot Crest Lift Station Replacement construction project. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

EDNSP: Auto Mall Area “A” Expansion & Exemption  

Transportation Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the expanded Auto Mall Area “A” exemption. The Committee recommended that Council authorize the Administration to:

1. Amend Section 9-14-11, Administrative Procedures for Right-of-Way Vacations, Exemptions, to include the expanded area of Area “A” between I-405 on the south, Lind Ave. SW on the east, Raymond Ave. SW on the west, and SW Grady Way on the north;

2. Amend the area depicted in Exhibit A of the Auto Mall Improvement Plan to include the area between I-405 on the south, Lind Ave. SW on the east, Raymond Ave. SW on the west, and SW Grady Way on the north; and

3. Adopt the revised Auto Mall Improvement Plan, which includes the expanded area “A” between I-405 on the south, Lind Ave. SW on the east, Raymond Ave. SW on the west, and SW Grady Way on the north.
Community Services Committee

Human Services: South King County Human Services Forum

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending that the City of Renton participate in the establishment of a South King County Human Services Forum for a trial period of one year, January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The Committee further recommended that Toni Nelson be Renton’s representative to the South King County Human Services Forum. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR ON THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Edwards presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 176921 - 177515 and three wire transfers in the total amount of $3,430,889.25. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Parks: Former City Hall (200 Mill Ave S Building)

Telecommunications Leases (Sprint, VoiceStream, AT&T)

Finance Committee Chair Edwards presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the proposed leases with Sprint Wireless, VoiceStream Wireless and AT&T Local Service for space at the former City Hall (200 Mill Ave. S.) building. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE REPORT AS READ. CARRIED.

Executive: Special Events & Volunteer Coordination Services in 2000, Sonja Mejlaender

Finance Committee Chair Edwards presented a report recommended that the Administration be authorized to renew the contract with Sonja Mejlaender, an independent contractor, for coordination of the City’s volunteer program and special events, including Renton River Days. The contract will start January 1, 2000 and run through December 31, 2000 in the amount of $45,000. Management of this contract will be by the Community Relations Specialist in the Executive Department. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE REPORT AS READ. CARRIED.

Planning & Development Committee

Legal: Adult Retail Uses

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding the proposed model and companion ordinances for adult retail uses. The Committee recommended the following:

1. That “adult retail uses” be added to the list of adult uses currently prohibited within 1,000 feet of: a residential zone; public or private secondary school; daycare for children, nursery, or pre-school; church or other facility or institution used primarily for religious purposes; or any public park or P-1 Zone; but be exempt, along with “adult entertainment uses” from the 1,000-foot standard within the City’s Employment Area Valley land use designation south of I-405.

2. That the proposed definition of “adult-oriented merchandise” be changed to exempt “R” rated materials, as rated by the Motion Picture Association of America or its successor organization.

3. That a one-year amortization period for non-conforming adult uses be provided with a provision allowing for a single one-year extension for pre-existing significant economic hardship.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence with staff’s recommendation that the East Kennydale Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Special Assessment District No. 0016 be approved. The Special Assessment District will establish connection charges of $485 per single family unit for all properties within the assessment boundary and $3,830 per single family unit for those properties within the frontage boundary. In addition, simple interest will accrue at a rate of 3.75% for a period of ten years.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance finalizing the East Kennydale Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Special Assessment District be presented for first reading. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for ordinance.)

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the existing solid waste collection contract, which expires December 31, 1999. A clause within the contract allows for the extension of the contract at the City’s option.

The Committee recommended concurrence in staff’s recommendation that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract extension through June 30, 2000 to allow for procurement of a new solid waste collection contract. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3427
Transportation: Eastside Transportation Partnership Continuation (Interlocal Agreement)

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the agreement for the Eastside Transportation Program. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3428
Legal: Adult Retail Use Moratorium

A resolution was read declaring a moratorium on the permitting of adult book stores, as defined, within specific geographical areas, and establishing a termination date of March 14, 2000, for the moratorium. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, 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 12/20/99 for second and final reading:

Legal: Adult Supervision of Children in Vehicles

An ordinance was read amending Section 6-9-1 of Chapter 9, Children, Unattended, of Title VI, Police Regulations, of City Code, by defining adult supervision. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/20/99. CARRIED.

Public Works: East Kennydale Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District

An ordinance was read establishing an assessment district for sanitary sewer service in a portion of the East Kennydale and West Kennydale sub-basins, and establishing the amount of the charge upon connection to the facilities. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/20/99. CARRIED.

Utility: Utility Taxes, Definition of Gross Revenue

Referring to recent litigation which resulted in action by the Washington State Supreme Court relating to utility taxes, City Attorney Warren said in reviewing
Renton’s utility tax regulations, he discovered that the City does not define “gross revenue” although it should.

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 11, Utility Tax, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code by adding a new section entitled “Definition of Gross Income” and rescinding subsection 5-11-1.A.3. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/20/99. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Transportation: Pedestrian Traffic at Boeing Plant

Councilman Corman expressed interest in having a public meeting sometime in the next few months to discuss the subject of pedestrian access to and from Renton’s Boeing plant. Moved by Corman, seconded by Nelson, Council refer this matter to the Transportation Committee.*

*SUBSTITUTE MOTION MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 60 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION. CARRIED. Time: 8:57 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:56 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:57 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder:  Brenda Fritsvold
December 13, 1999