RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

May 14, 2012
Monday, 7 p.m.

MINUTES
Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS
Randy Corman, Council President Pro Tem; Marcie Palmer; Don Persson; Ed Prince; Greg Taylor. Moved by Taylor, Seconded by Corman, Council Excuse Council President Rich Zwicker and Councilmember Terri Briere. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
Denis Law, Mayor; Mark Barber, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Bonnie Walton, City Clerk; Terry Higashiyama, Community Services Administrator; Gregg Zimmerman, Public Works Administrator; Chip Vincent, Interim Community and Economic Development Administrator; Terry Jurado, Municipal Court Judge; Joe McGuire, Court Services Director; Bonnie Woodrow, Court Services Director; Suzanne Dale Estey, Economic Development Director; Preeti Shridhar, Communications Director; Peter Renner, Facilities Director; Leslie Betlach, Parks Planning & Natural Resources Director; Commander Charles Karlewicz, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION
Salvation Army Week - May 14 to 20, 2012
A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring May 14 to 20, 2012 to be “Salvation Army Week” in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to join in saluting the steadfast men and women who bind up the broken hearted and renew the heart of our community by their quiet service of compassion. Moved by Taylor, Seconded by Palmer, Council Concur in the Proclamation. CARRIED.

Salvation Army Captain Chris Aird accepted the proclamation with appreciation. He remarked that “Salvation Army Week” was implemented by President Eisenhower in 1954 to pay tribute to the Salvation Army for instilling in citizens the importance of giving back to their communities. Captain Aird stated that 451 volunteers provided 1,363 hours of services to make sure the food bank ran effectively last year.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Community Services: WRPA Citation of Merit Award to Leslie Betlach
Community Services Administrator Terry Higashiyama announced that Parks Planning and Natural Resources Director Leslie Betlach had been awarded the Citation of Merit - Professional by the Washington Recreation and Parks Association. She stated that the City has received over $10.5 million in grant funds and acquired over 280 acres of parks during Ms. Betlach’s tenure. Ms. Higashiyama also remarked that Ms. Betlach was instrumental in the development of the Cedar River Trail, the Springbrook Trail Boardwalk, Veterans Park, Ron Regis Park, Piazza Park, Heritage Park, and Riverview Park. Mayor Law presented the award to Ms. Betlach.

Ms. Betlach expressed appreciation for the award. She remarked that she shares it with all current and former City staff and elected officials who helped accomplish all of these achievements during her nearly 22 years of service to the City.
Municipal Court: 2011 Annual Report

Municipal Court Judge Terry Jurado introduced Court Services Director Joe McGuire to present the 2011 Annual Municipal Court Report. He remarked that Mr. McGuire is retiring and will be missed. Mr. McGuire began by introducing Bonnie Woodrow, the new Court Services Director. He remarked that Ms. Woodrow was the Court Administrator for the City of Olympia and is a welcome addition to the court.

Mr. McGuire reported that from 2008 to 2011 the court has gained a remodeled court lobby with security personnel staffing a metal detector, and an additional judge’s chambers, jury room, and probation office. He noted that due to the economy none of these new areas are staffed, but the court will be ready for the future if necessary. Mr. McGuire reported that defendants sentenced to jail are now sent to the brand new South End Correctional (SCORE) facility, which is a marked improvement over the old jail. He also reported that the court underwent an assessment by the National Center for State Courts and has adopted 33 of the 38 recommendations for improvement at this time.

Mr. McGuire reported that the court is in the process of adopting an electronic content management system that will save time, money, and resources for the City. He urged Council to continue supporting this effort. He also reported that traffic infractions, DUI filings, and licensing infractions are down significantly. He stated that these types of infractions are discovered when police officers make actual traffic stops. Mayor Law thanked Mr. McGuire for his service, and welcomed Mrs. Woodrow to the City.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

City Clerk Bonnie Walton reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City’s recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2012 and beyond. One item noted was:

- The King County Road Services Division will be making repairs to Renton Ave. S. between S. 128th St. and S. 130th St. (unincorporated King County) that was damaged by storms. They will replace a culvert, rebuild the rockery and embankment, and reconstruct the sidewalk and roadway. The construction will be done over a three-week period and will be complete in late July or early August, 2012. Renton Ave. S. will be closed to through traffic during this three-week project. Routing of traffic during the street closure will be in both directions along S. 130th St. east of Renton Ave. S. within the City of Renton, and then along 84th Ave. S. and S. 128th St. within unincorporated King County. King County plans to notify METRO and the Renton School District, and to provide intensive outreach to residents, businesses, and emergency responders.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 5/7/2012. Council concur.

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/1/2012 for CAG-12-056, SE 5th St AC Water Main Replacement project; nine bids; engineer’s estimate $462,801.75; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, B&B Utilities and Excavating, in the amount of $296,821.65. Council concur.
Court Case: Walker, Alleging Arrest with Excessive Force & Without Probable Cause, CRT-12-004

Court Case filed by Frederick Edward Walker vs. the City of Renton, et al, represented by John R. Muenster, Attorney for Plaintiff, alleging arrest with excessive force and without probable cause. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Finance: Taxpayer Information Sharing Agreement, Various Agencies

Administrative Services Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement including the cities of Bellevue, Bellingham, and Seattle (the Participating Cities) for the purpose of sharing taxpayer and/or audit information among the members. Council concur. (See page 158 for resolution.)

Attorney: Administrative Services Administrator Duties, Code Amendment

City Attorney Department recommended amending City Code in order to detail duties of the Administrative Services Administrator, and to clarify authority to audit and examine records and other related matters. Refer to Finance Committee.

Attorney: Tax Related Examinations & Audits, Code Amendment

City Attorney Department recommended amending City Code by adding Chapter 5-23, Examinations, Records Preservation, Successor Liability, and Public Disclosure, which provides the authority for the Administrative Services Administrator to require, conduct, or enforce tax related examinations and audits. Refer to Finance Committee.

Attorney: Criminal Prosecutions, Code Amendment

City Attorney Department recommended amending City Code by adopting by reference State statutes as they relate to criminal prosecutions. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

Community Services: Amended ALEA & LWCF Applications, WA RCO Grants

Community Services Department recommended adopting amended resolutions authorizing application to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for a $495,000 Aquatic Lands Enhancement (ALEA) development and restoration grant and a $495,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) development grant for the Riverview Park Pedestrian Bridge and Habitat Project, and identifying the required ten percent matching share of the total project cost from the Charles L. Custer Park Memorial Fund. Council concur. (See page 158 for resolutions.)

CAG: 11-027, SW 27th St/Strander Blvd Funding, Sound Transit

Public Works Department recommended approval of the First Amendment to CAG-11-027 with Sound Transit, to revise the schedule of reimbursement payments for the SW 27th St./Strander Blvd. project. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Community Services Committee
Community Services: 2012 Neighborhood Grants

Community Services Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the following 2012 Neighborhood Project Grant awards totaling $27,662:

1. Evendell Homeowners' Association – Purchase and installation of two engraved granite entrance signs and landscaping to identify their neighborhood. $4,000

2. Falcon Ridge Homeowners' Association – Reconstruct current footbridges located within the neighborhood on SE 8th Dr. and SE 8th Pl. and landscape by adding perennial plants. Project also includes reconstructing the stone wishing well sitting on public right-of-way. $2,111
3. LaCrosse Homeowners’ Association – Add a storage shed for tools to an existing community garden to be shared among the residents. Any extra produce is shared with a local food bank. **$2,300**

4. Liberty Grove Homeowners’ Association – Revitalize the common area by installing timbers around the perimeter of the play area, safety surfaces, and grading the rough boundary within the play area. **$3,444**

5. Renton Hill Neighborhood Association – Residents will refurbish and reinforce entrance signs located at S. 4th St. and Main Ave. S. and S. 3rd St. and Cedar Ave. S. in an effort to protect them from vandals. Will also add new plants to enhance the sign. **$2,972**

6. South Renton Neighborhood Association – Funds to hire a professional artist to design a neighborhood brand to be based upon the former railroad bridge that was fondly known as the “Four Cow” bridge that was recently raised and rehabilitated. **$5,000**

7. Sunset Neighborhood Association – This project consists of implementing Phase II for their community garden, located on Calvary Baptist Church property at 1032 Edmonds Ave. NE, which will benefit the local residents. Excess produce will be donated to the local food bank. **$5,088**

8. Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association – The project consists of building a kiosk in the Ginger Creek Urban Park as another way for neighbors to communicate and provide information within their neighborhood. They will also plant mature and drought resistant plants, such as azaleas and rhododendrons. **$1,048**

9. VerCello Homeowners’ Association - Residents plan to plant six arbor vitae at each monument leading into the VerCello neighborhood. They will also add some perennials, mulch or bark, and include a clean-up of the neighborhood. **$1,699**

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Finance Committee**

Executive: Communication & Technology Provision at Fire Station 13, Fire Protection District 40 MOU

Finance Committee Vice-Chair Taylor presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Fire Protection District #40 for provision of communication and technology services. Fire District #40 agrees to compensate the City up to $32,000 per year for communication services and $6,000 per year for technology services.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION #4144
Finance: Taxpayer Information Sharing Agreement, Various Agencies
A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement entitled “Agreement for Sharing Taxpayer Information Between Participating Cities.” MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4145
Community Services:
Amended ALEA Application, WA RCO Grant
A resolution was read amending Resolution No. 4138, authorizing application for funding assistance for an Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) project to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office as provided in Chapter 79.90.245 WAC 286 and Subsequent Legislative Action (Riverview Park Pedestrian Bridge and Habitat Project). MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4146
Community Services:
Amended LWCF Application, WA RCO Grant
A resolution was read amending Resolution No. 4139, authorizing application for funding assistance for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) project to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office as provided in Chapter 79.90.245 WAC 286 and Subsequent Legislative Action (Riverview Park Pedestrian Bridge and Habitat Project). MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #4147
Executive: Communication & Technology Provision at Fire Station 13, Fire Protection District 40 MOU
A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with King County Fire Protection District 40 for provision of communication and technology services. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading:

ORDINANCE #5659
City Clerk: Repealing 1983 Shoreline Master Program
An ordinance was read repealing Ordinance No. 3758 relating to the Shoreline Master Program regulations. MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5660
Attorney: Code Citation Correction, Code Amendment
An ordinance was read amending section 4-8-110 of Chapter 8, Permits - General and Appeals, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, by correcting a code citation to the Fee Schedule. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Asher - Taxpayer Information Sharing Interlocal Agreement
Beth Asher (Renton) asked what type of information will be shared by the Participating Cities included in the taxpayer information sharing interlocal agreement. She remarked that she did not understand why the cities would be interested in sharing this type of information.

Mayor Law clarified that the information will be used to discuss the different jurisdiction’s tax practices as part of a tax administrator’s round table forum.

ADJOURNMENT
MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.
Time: 7:38 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
May 14, 2012
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