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

RICH ZWICKER, Council President; TERRI BRIERE; ED PRINCE; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR. (Rich Zwicker left the meeting at 8:57 p.m.)

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

DENIS LAW, Mayor; MARK BARBER, Senior Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; IWEN WANG, Administrative Services Administrator; Doug Jacobsen; Deputy Public Works Administrator - Transportation; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Deputy Public Affairs Administrator; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; JIM SEITZ; Transportation Planning & Program Supervisor; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

PUBLIC HEARING

Transportation: 2013-2018
Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Law opened the public hearing to consider the annual update of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 2013-2018.

Transportation Planning and Program Supervisor Jim Seitz reported that transportation programs and projects are required to be incorporated into the TIP in order to receive State or Federal funding. He explained that the purpose of the TIP is to develop a multi-year plan for the development of transportation facilities and to develop funding plans for each project or program. He also stated that the TIP is coordinated with public and private utilities in an effort to coordinate their facility improvements.

Mr. Seitz reported that the TIP supports the City’s business plan by promoting planned growth for the community, providing infrastructure for economic development, and supports overall objectives, policies, capital facilities plan, and transportation elements of the Comprehensive Plan. He reported that the City allocates its funds in order to leverage outside funding for the programs and projects in the TIP.

Mr. Seitz further reported that the TIP contains 42 programs and projects including 16 corridor projects, seven system preservation programs, six non-motorized programs, two safety programs, two area transit programs, and nine other programs such as the 1% for Arts and Neighborhood Plan.

Mr. Seitz highlighted current projects including Rainier Ave. S. - S. Grady Way to S. 2nd St., Garden Ave. N. Widening and Intersection Improvements, NE 4th St. - Union Ave. NE to Whitman Ave. NE Improvements, SW 27th St./Strander Blvd Connection, and the Highlands to Landing/Boeing Pedestrian Connection. He also noted that two collector streets were added to the Arterial Street Plan due to the Gale Annexation.
Concluding, Mr. Seitz reported that of the total expenditures for the 2013-2018 TIP, approximately $47 million is funded and $149 million is unfunded. He reviewed the various funding sources, options for unfunded needs, and the impact that the economy has had on the TIP. He reviewed revenue sources and stated that 66% of funding is from grants, 23% is from City business license fees, 9% is from the gas fuel tax, and 2% is from mitigation fees. Mr. Seitz remarked that questions had come up during the Transportation (Aviation) Committee and that staff recommends that Council take no action on the TIP at this meeting.

Public comment was invited.

Mark Martinez (Renton) expressed concern that the City was paying for a pedestrian walkway that will likely not be used because it is located on a very long and steep hill. He suggested that there are better ways to spend the funds including enhancing the downtown area and mitigating traffic.

Councilmember Persson remarked that quite a few citizens have requested that the walkway be built. He shared stories of residents who have to walk that way to work, and noted that the State is contributing most of the funding because the walkway should have been included when the road was constructed.

Kathie Ossenkop (Renton) expressed concern about the quality of the air along the Sunset Blvd. corridor. She explained that she tested the air quality on a Friday afternoon and became sick from inhaling too much automobile exhaust. She stated that Council should consider the affect of the exhaust fumes on children with asthma who may utilize the walkway.

Dave Beedon (Renton) asked for clarification of the term collector street. Mr. Seitz responded that the term is a street classification and that a collector street collects vehicles and pedestrians from residential streets and delivers them to major arterial streets. Continuing, Mr. Beedon remarked that the number of pedestrians walking on Puget Dr. S. increased dramatically after a sidewalk was constructed.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

Mayor Law reported that overwhelming preference was expressed by voters in the 8/7/2012 election for the downtown library to remain over the Cedar River. He stated that the City is moving forward with discussions with the King County Library System (KCLS) to facilitate design work and other issues required at that location.

Stuart Avery (Renton) expressed concern regarding the 8/6/2012 action taken to reduce the time allotted to citizens during audience comment periods. He also expressed disappointment with the new restriction that limits the second audience comment period to new topics. Mr. Avery stated that the speaking times are beneficial to the public because residents not in attendance can have transparent access to the view-points. He also stated that overly redundant messages coming from the public are an indicator that an issue may require more attention.
Citizen Comment: Beedon - Audience Comment Policy Change

Dave Beedon (Renton) objected to the recent action taken to reduce the time allotted to citizens during the audience comment periods. He stated that reducing the time limit from five to three minutes will not stop people from rambling.

Citizen Comment: Johnson - Audience Comment Policy Change

Ben Johnson (Renton) shared stories indicating that public comment is useful because sometimes regular citizens come up with good ideas. He suggested banning arcane topics and moving the Committee of the Whole meeting to after the Council meeting to improve efficiency.

Citizen Comment: Diamond - United Nations Agenda 21

Ed Diamond (King County), representing Washington Citizens for Sustainable Economy, invited City officials to attend a meeting on August 29 regarding United Nations Agenda 21. He stated that many municipalities have come to see what the true agenda is and have withdrawn membership from the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI).

Citizen Comment: Lambert - Cedar River Library

Kal Lambert (King County) stated that citizen participation regarding the library issue must continue because of the recent vote for the Cedar River Library. He remarked that the interlocal agreement (ILA) with the King County Library System (KCLS) now appears to be in conflict with the will of the Renton voters. Mr. Lambert also remarked that he does not believe the City can rely on the support of the City Attorney and suggested that City can buy the legal help it needs to handle the ILA. He added that members of the audience have documents and information regarding the library renovation, and requested that experts from Citizens for the Cedar River Library be allowed to schedule a presentation on these facts.

Councilmember Corman stated that the City will take his request under consideration. He reiterated that the Mayor emphasized that the City is moving forward, and he believes the topic is relevant and should be rolled into the planning process.

Citizen Comment: Bray - Audience Comment Policy Change

Richard Bray (Renton) expressed disappointment in the reduction of time allotted to speakers for audience comment. He explained that in a previous instance he could only address Council during the second audience comment period because of attending his son’s baseball games, and the new policy would eliminate such opportunity. He urged Council to reconsider the policy change.

Councilmember Briere stated that she believes there is a misinterpretation regarding the second audience comment period. She explained that the goal was to preclude persons who spoke on a topic during the first audience comment period to reiterate the same points during the second audience comment period.

Councilmember Taylor remarked that nonetheless the policy change created a reduction of audience comment. He explained that the first period was reduced by 40% and the second period was reduced by 60%. He noted that if someone missed the first period they are then limited to two minutes. Mr. Taylor also remarked that sometimes it takes redundancy in order for Council to understand the importance of the remarks.
Citizen Comment: Greene-Crook - Cedar River Library  

Jeannie Greene-Crook (Renton) stated that she would like City officials to honor the 76% of voters who supported the Cedar River Library by not holding up or delaying any permitting, procedures, or actions in order to delay the refurbishing of the library. She remarked that anyone who felt they could not do this job should step down from their positions.

Citizen Comment: Pajor - Audience Comment Policy Change & Cedar River Library  

Johnjoseph Pajor (Renton) stated that public comments limited to three minutes per speaker is insufficient. He explained that City officials are to govern under a sacred trust as representative government, and public meetings are made for public awareness and public input. Mr. Pajor remarked that in the past Council has moved ahead on issues when the public clearly disagreed with their actions, and reversing the landslide voter approval of retaining the Cedar River Library as suggested by the Renton Reporter would be political suicide.

Councilmember Persson stated that he believes that this is another misunderstanding because, as the Mayor clearly stated, the vote is over and he has directed City staff to move post-haste to work with KCLS to refurbish the library over the river.

Citizen Comment: Ossenkop - Audience Comment Policy Change  

Kathy Ossenkop (Renton) stated that she is outraged that Council changed the time limits that speakers are allotted during the audience comment periods. She remarked that the time limits were something residents could historically count on, and not everyone can articulate their thoughts in three minutes or less.

Council President Zwicker explained that the original policy limited the first audience comment period to 30 minutes so Council could conduct its business. He also explained that the second audience comment was only meant to be used as overflow from the first period, and was not meant to be used for rebuttals. Mr. Zwicker pointed out that the old policy was often not followed, therefore Council made an attempt to improve meeting efficiency by codifying the elimination of the 30-minute time limit, the reduction in the allotted speaking times, and also guaranteed a second audience comment period.

Citizen Comment: McOmber - Renton Highlands  

Howard McOmber (Renton) stated that Council sets the policy and direction for the City, and requested that the Planning Division be given flexibility regarding redevelopment in the Highlands. He emphasized that the Highlands area is the best kept secret for affordable housing in Western Washington, and he would like it to remain that way.

Councilmember Corman stated that Mr. McOmber is alluding to a thought from a few years ago that the old duplexes could be redeveloped through some type of government ownership program, and pointed out that that idea was scrapped because of public input. He added that the duplexes have not been removed as the lots have been redeveloped, and that City staff believes the intention is to remove the duplexes when the lots are redeveloped. Mr. Corman stated that is the issue currently before the Planning and Development Committee. He suggested that the public needs to weigh-in on the topic.
David Keyes (Renton) thanked Councilmember Briere for the clarification regarding the second audience comment period, but stated that the message did not come through in the text that was written on the agenda. He stated that time allotted to speakers should not be shortened, and pointed out that the Council meetings are already fairly efficient averaging only 36 minutes long in 2012 with a few exceptions.

Mohamed Hassan (Renton) expressed concern regarding the reduction in the amount of time allotted to speakers during audience comment periods. He remarked that people in Renton speak many different languages and may have a hard time expressing themselves in three minutes. He also stated that City Hall is the people’s house, and everyone should feel welcome to come and speak to Council at length about important issues.

Stewart Battle (Shoreline), representing the LaRouche Political Action Committee (PAC), shared information regarding the downturn in the global and American economies. He asked that Council support the Glass-Steagall Act that would separate commercial and investment banking.

Sara Stuart (Seattle), representing the LaRouche Political Action Committee (PAC), requested that Council pass a resolution in support of HR 1489, a resolution in Congress that calls for the separation of commercial and investment banks.

Senior Assistant City Attorney Barber cautioned that the speaker may reference issues of public concern, but under the Public Disclosure Act, RCW 42.17A.555, could not campaign for any ballot measure, whether it be local, state, or federal, or campaign for any candidate.

Ms. Stuart clarified that she would like to see support of the Glass-Steagall act. She read a list of institutions in Washington state that support the act. Ms. Stuart also outlined a plan called the North American Water and Power Alliance that would immediately employ six million people.

Bob Poitras (Renton) remarked that he opposes the three minute time limit for speakers, and asked that if it remains that he be allowed to yield his time to another speaker. He also asked if the traffic signal at Lind Ave. SW and S. 180th St. could be reprogrammed. Mayor Law remarked that Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman would look into it.

Beth Asher (Renton) stated that the audience also has to sit through the same repetitive comments, and that most people repeat themselves so Council understands the importance of what they are saying. She pointed out that a survey was conducted in 2011 regarding how well the City communicates with its citizens and only 4.4% of residents could find and take the survey. She asked that people be given more opportunities to speak to Council, including being able to make presentations.

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

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 8/6/2012. Council concur.
Appointment: Library Advisory Board

Mayor Law reappointed Suzi Ure to the Library Advisory Board for a five-year term expiring 9/1/2017. Council concur.

CAG: 12-091, Taxiway Bravo System Rehabilitation - North Portion Reconstruction & Airfield Signage Modifications, ICON Materials

City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/19/2012 for CAG-12-091; Taxiway Bravo System Rehabilitation - North Portion Reconstruction & Airfield Signage Modifications project; engineer’s estimate $2,392,584.36; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, ICON Materials, in the amount of $2,364,463.61. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee for discussion of minor irregularities and funding.

Administrative Services: Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, Yakima County

Administrative Services Department recommended approval of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Yakima County to extend the right to purchase goods and services pursuant to bids and contracts statutes. Council concur. (See page 239 for resolution.)

Public Works: Storage Bays to Garage Bays Conversion, Fund 501 Allocation

Public Works Department recommended approval to allocate $30,000 from Equipment Rental Fund 501 to convert two storage bays in the Public Works Maintenance Shops Building D to two garage bays. Refer to Finance Committee.

CAG: 12-011, Design and Right-of-Way Services, Parametrix Inc

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to CAG-12-011, with Parametrix, Inc., in the amount of $98,866.77 for design and right-of-way services for the NE 3rd/4th Corridor Improvements, Phase I project. Council concur.

Transportation: Aerospace Training Facility, WA DOC Grant

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a Direct Appropriations Agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce to accept $2,462,500 in grant funds for the construction of a new aerospace training facility at the Renton airport, and establishment of the project budget. Council concur.

Transportation: Taxiway Bravo Rehabilitation, FAA Grant

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to accept $2.75 million in grant funds for the Taxiway Bravo Rehabilitation Project, Phase I; and approval to transfer $305,555.56 from the Airport’s End Fund Balance to the project budget. Council concur.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Planning & Development Committee

CED: Extending Sunset Clause for Owner-Occupied and Rental Housing Incentive Programs

Planning and Development Committee Chair Prince presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an extension of the sunset clause for Owner-Occupied Housing Incentive and Rental Housing Incentive for three years, to December 31, 2015, unless further extended by City Council action.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 239 for ordinance.)
CED: Extending Sunset Clause for Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Program

Planning and Development Committee Chair Prince presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an extension of the sunset clause for acceptance of new applications for multi-family housing property tax exemption in residential targeted areas for three years, to December 31, 2015, unless further extended by City Council action.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 240 for ordinance.)

Community Services Committee
Appointment: Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Palmer announced that she was holding the committee report on filling the vacancy on the Library Advisory Board because she would like to look at all of the people on the board in light of the recent election regarding the Cedar River Library site. She stated that she would like to consider someone for the board that supported the Cedar River Library since that is the direction the City will be moving.

Councilmember Briere asked if that was a decision made by the entire committee. She expressed surprise that someone would not be allowed to serve on the board because they had supported the Piazza location.

Ms. Palmer clarified that she and Mr. Prince were present for the Committee meeting and Mr. Taylor was absent. She stated that she would like to see more balance on the board moving forward, and that although the candidate was well qualified, in the last three years everyone appointed to the board has had the same pro-Piazza point of view.

Ms Briere reiterated that she does not understand what someone’s position on the library location has to do with the board appointment now that the location has been decided. She emphasized that the City is moving forward with the Cedar River location, and every on the board should be pro-library.

Mayor Law stated that it is his appointment, recommended by the Community Services Department, and that he would not have declined the recommendation based on Ms. Palmer’s reasoning. He added that if Council as a whole declines the appointment, he could leave the position open and not bring a new candidate forward. He stated that he is not aware of any provision that allows Council to review the candidates and make the appointments.

Senior Assistant City Attorney Barber confirmed Mayor Law’s statement.

Council President Zwicker stated that the appointment recommendation was referred to the Community Services Committee and was not reported out. He remarked that this leaves the issue open for Council action.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF LYNNIE M. KING TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM EXPIRING 9/1/2014. (See page 237 for action.)

Acknowledging the awkwardness of this issue and the full capabilities of Ms. King, Councilmember Corman stated that after 2010 he was aware, although he was never critical of it publically, that people who applied for the Library Advisory Board who had been in favor of retaining the independent library system were passed over in favor of applicants who had favored joining KCLS.
He added that he did not know if that was actually true. He stated that not even one quarter of the voting population approved of the Piazza site and yet Council is about to add another person to the board who took that position. He challenged how this could be representative of the community.

Ms. Briere reemphasized that the vote has occurred and the City is moving forward at the Cedar River location. She stated that she feels strongly that an incorrect assumption is being made that Library Advisory Board members cannot lead because they had a position about where it should be located.

Councilmember Prince added that the election has occurred and he believes it is time to stop talking in “us” and “them” language. He stated that everyone needs to come back together as a community and work toward the betterment of the Cedar River Library. He remarked that in his opinion whether someone supported one side or the other is now moot because of the vote, and continuing to use this type of language is not going to help the community.

Mr. Corman objected to Mr. Prince’s statements. He emphasized that all he meant was that he believes it would be nice to have a board whose opinions reflect the opinions of the community. He remarked that if the appointee was in the audience she could be asked if she was comfortable moving in this direction.

Councilmember Taylor stated that his initial reaction is to think of the appointee who is now in this situation. He remarked that he believes there was an erosion of confidence and trust in Council, and that there are members of the board who can move forward. He stated that in order to restore public confidence Council should be appointing members who will advocate for citizens’ best interests.

Mr. Taylor remarked that the public will cannot be ignored, and that Council should not ignore the idea that some of the board members were passionate about the Piazza site. He stated that providing balance on the board will demonstrate the Council is sensitive to the issue, and is willing to find ways to mend the gaps in trust.

Mr. Corman stated that blame for the controversy could be placed on the Renton Reporter. He remarked that he has no idea why the newspaper would have printed an article that said the library issue was not a done deal in spite of the vote. He remarked that after reading the article he does not think trying to make sure the Library Advisory Board was balanced is a bad call.

Mr. Prince added that he was in the committee meeting and the appointee did say that it was time to move on. He also reemphasized that this is a Mayoral appointment and that the Mayor ultimately decides who is recommended to be appointed.

Council President Zwicker called for the question.

ROLL CALL: FOUR AYES: ZWICKER, BRIERE, PRINCE, PERSSON. TWO NOES: TAYLOR, PALMER. ABSTAINED: CORMAN.

*MOTION CARRIED.
Transportation (Aviation) Committee
Transportation: Energy Conservation Project
Management & Monitoring Services, WA DES

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) to allow DES to provide energy conservation project management and monitoring services to the City through June 30, 2014, as the City seeks to convert street lamps to LED.

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 239 for resolution.)

Transportation: Utility Cooperation Agreement, NE 3rd/4th Corridor Project, King County Water District No. 90

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a Utilities Cooperation Agreement with King County Water District No. 90 for the construction of the district's water lines along with the NE 3rd/4th Corridor Improvements project.

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding the matter be presented for reading and adoption.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 239 for resolution.)

Council: Reconsider Motion to Change Audience Comment Policy

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL RECONSIDER THE ACTION TAKEN 8/6/2012 ADOPTING THE POLICY CHANGE FOR AUDIENCE COMMENT.* (See page 239 for action.)

Councilmember Corman stated that members of the public have grown accustomed to being allowed five minutes at the beginning and end of the meetings to speak to Council, and remarked that Mr. Keyes' observation that most of the meetings last around 36 minutes seems accurate. He remarked that he did not think people would try to communicate a complicated topic if they were only allowed three minutes. Mr. Corman also acknowledged Mr. Stuart's point that emailing Council in advance precludes the public from knowing what Council is receiving.

Mayor Law reminded Council that as a Council policy it could be changed back at any time.

Ms. Briere stated that she is in favor of the policy change mostly due to the changes in the second comment period. She explained that the intent was to try to get citizens to talk about a different topic, and not repeat the exact same information they brought up during the first comment period.

Mr. Taylor stated that he was moved by Mr. Hassan's comments because Council should be progressing towards engaging effectively with all of the City's diverse cultures. He also remarked that some people may be stimulated by another thought or idea and need that second comment period to express their new viewpoint.

Ms. Palmer remarked that she was surprised that the issue had come up initially because she did not believe there to be a problem. She stated that she reluctantly agreed to the change, but added that the public obviously does not agree that it is positive.
MOTION CARRIED.

Senior Assistant City Attorney Barber pointed out that the motion to reconsider as approved requires that the issue either be referred to a committee or debated until resolved at tonight's meeting.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPIC OF POLICY REVISIONS FOR AUDIENCE COMMENT TIME PERIODS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee Chair Taylor presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the 2012 Water System Plan Update and to forward the plan to King County and the Washington State Department of Health for approval.

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption.

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for resolution.)

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION #4151
Administrative Services: Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, Yakima County

RESOLUTION #4152
Transportation: Energy Conservation Project Management & Monitoring Services, WA DES

RESOLUTION #4153
Transportation: Utility Cooperation Agreement, NE 3rd/4th Corridor Project, King County Water District No. 90

RESOLUTION #4154
Utilities: 2012 Water System Plan Update

CED: Extending Sunset Clause for Owner-Occupied and Rental Housing Incentive Programs

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement with Yakima County. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services entitled “Interagency Agreement No. 2012-ERG-553 Energy Conservation Project Management Services.” MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a utilities cooperation agreement with King County Water District No. 90 for the construction of the district’s water main improvements in conjunction with the NE 3rd/4th Corridor Improvement Project. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

A resolution was read adopting the 2012 Water System Plan Update. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the 8/20/2012 Council meeting for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-1-210, Waived Fees, of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, by extending the waiver of certain development and mitigation fees. MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 8/20/2012. CARRIED.
CED: Extending Sunset Clause for Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Program

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-2-220, Property Tax Exemption for Multi-Family Housing in Residential Targeted Areas, of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, by extending the property tax exemption. MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 8/20/2012. CARRIED.

Mayor Law noted for the record that Council President Zwicker left the meeting. Time: 8:57 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Comment: McOmber - Proposed Regulation Regarding Infill Development

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE LETTER FROM HOWARD MCOMBER REGARDING PROPOSED REGULATIONS AFFECTING INFILL DEVELOPMENT IN THE HIGHLANDS TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR A RESPONSE. CARRIED.

Public Safety: Handicap Parking & Photo Enforcement

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPICS OF HANDICAP PARKING AND PHOTO ENFORCEMENT TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR BRIEFINGS. CARRIED.

Finance: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPIC OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR A BRIEFING. CARRIED.

Community Event: Sikh Community Candlelight Service

Councilmember Taylor remarked that he, along with other City Officials, attended a candlelight memorial service at the Sikh temple to commemorate the victims of the recent shooting at a temple in Wisconsin. He stated that there was an outpouring of community support, and the event was attended by many state and local dignitaries.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Forister - Library Advisory Board Appointments

Phyllis Forister (Renton) stated that supporters of the Cedar River Library do not feel that they are fairly represented by members of the Library Advisory Board because they all supported the move to the Piazza. Mayor Law cautioned Ms. Forister about speaking about individuals who serve on the board.

Continuing, Ms. Forister reiterated that the supporters of the Cedar River Library have no representation on the board. She stated that the City should either add more members, or reevaluate those who currently are serving.

Citizen Comment: Lambert - Cedar River Library

Kal Lambert (King County) stated that the same type of stove-piping that was characteristic of the administration in the past is occurring again regarding the Cedar River Library. He emphasized that people have woke-up to this issue and want to be involved in the process. He remarked that his group would like to make a presentation in order to show Council important information regarding design costs and operating expenses. Councilmember Briere asked Mr. Lambert what specifically he would like to present.

Mr. Lambert remarked that his group has extensively studied KCLS documents that Council has not seen. He stated that there are very strong grounds to challenge the engineering and science behind some of the decisions that KCLS is making. He commented that some of the information is very technical but can be made understandable through a few spreadsheets and graphs.
Councilmember Corman remarked that the purpose of the Library Advisory Board is to hear these types of presentations and report recommendations to Council.

David Keyes (Renton) remarked that the comments in the studies for the library are a political tool as opposed to a real study of the physical situation. He remarked that the library consultants did not conduct a proper feasibility study because it does not contain information regarding budgeting, comparative pricing, and their recommendations lead to extremely expensive components that are simply aesthetic. He also stated that there are a series of misstatements in the study regarding the state energy code.

Councilmember Briere remarked that a lot of that type of information is outside the scope of the Council, and must be reviewed by City and KCLS staff who then make recommendations to Council. She noted that the feasibility study was done independently.

Mr. Keyes remarked that the information he has can be provided to the Library Advisory Board as long as it makes its way back to Council. He emphasized that Council needs to hear the information in order to make informed decisions regarding the library. He also noted that the KCLS open houses should be reformatted to allow for better communications with citizens.

Councilmember Taylor also stated that much of the information appears to be outside the scope of Council and suggested that Mr. Keyes speak to the administration.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REFER THE FACILITATION OF A MEETING WITH KCLS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIBRARY TO THE ADMINISTRATION.*

Mayor Law remarked that the City is not building the library. He also emphasized that the City is very committed to not spending additional funds.

Councilmember Corman expressed support for the motion, and added that like any public works projects the public has a right to oversee the activities of the project. He also added that concerned citizens need to feel that they have a receptive forum to air their comments and concerns.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Johnjoseph Pajor (Renton) stated that Council missed that the public wants to be heard on the library issue, and having 100% of the board in favor of the Piazza location is not representative of the public’s will. He remarked that there are other issues that need to be discussed with KCLS and voters have the right to know that their interests will be represented. Mr. Pajor also remarked that KCLS is being investigated for mismanagement.

Beth Asher (Renton) questioned what was happening with the Highlands Library, and expressed concern that cost overruns will not be blamed on KCLS but on the fact that citizens wanted the Cedar River Library to be renovated. She also stated that tonight’s ramming of the appointee to the Library Advisory Board confirms that Council is not listening to residents concerns about the library.
Richard Bray (Renton) thanked Council for reconsidering the time allotments for the audience comment periods. He stated that he senses there is a lack of trust in City leadership, and encouraged Council to work together on the library issue.

Kathy Ossenkop (Renton) remarked that she is not aware of any person on the Library Advisory Board who voted for the Cedar River Library. She stated that the board should be more balanced in order to represent residents who support the Cedar River Library site.

Bob Poitras (Renton) asked how many electric vehicle charging stations are located throughout the City, and how they are funded. Mayor Law stated that most of the installation funds were from grants, and the stations are currently free to use but there will be a charge for the electricity in the future. Public Works Administrator Zimmerman added that chargers located at businesses were installed by those businesses and not by the City.

David Beedon (Renton) asked if the City had an ordinance or other regulations regarding AirSoft guns and games. Mayor Law stated that the police department would follow up with Mr. Beedon.

Ben Johnson (Renton) thanked Council for reconsidering the audience comment policy change. He also suggested that audience comments be limited to local matters.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.
Time: 9:42 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
August 13, 2012
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