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; GREG TAYLOR; RANDY CORMAN; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; ED PRINCE; TERRI BRIERE.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; JASON SETH, Deputy City Clerk; NANCY CARLSON, Human Resources & Risk Management Administrator; CHIP VINCENT, Community and Economic Development Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYMA, Community Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; KELLY BEYMER, Parks & Golf Course Director; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Community Relations & Events Coordinator; COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Community Relations and Events Coordinator Sonja Mejlaender presented a report for the 27th Anniversary of Ikea Renton River Days which ran from July 27 to 29. She shared a new video marketing the event, and stated that this year’s theme was “Duck into Fun.” She summarized event costs from 2007 to 2012, and noted that the overall cost to the City varies year-to-year dependent upon the features for that year’s festival. Ms. Mejlaender introduced Parks & Golf Course Director, and festival board member, Kelly Beymer.

Ms. Beymer reported that the annual kick-off event was held at the Luther’s Table restaurant in downtown Renton. She remarked that the kick-off festival also included the Duck Hunt III, explaining that there were 30 rubber ducks that were in host locations in the Highlands and Cascade neighborhoods, the Rainier Ave. corridor, and downtown areas. She added that participants had to donate non-perishable food items at the food bank booth to receive their final stamp.

Ms. Beymer summarized festival highlights and new activities like the alternative energy car show, and a surprise 40-person flash mob dance routine. She noted that all of the activities and events for children are free. Ms. Beymer recognized event sponsors and highlighted attractions including the Wenatchee Youth Circus, Lee’s Martial Arts Break-A-Thon fundraiser that raised $15,300 for Communities in Schools of Renton; the art market, quilt exhibit, 400 performing artists, and the 27th Annual Teen Summer Musical, “Guys and Dolls.” She also reported that Renee Hart was recognized for her multi-year volunteer service helping to operate the two entertainment stages.

Ms. Beymer reported that the Renton Rotary Club raised $21,000 for local charities by selling 4,300 rubber ducks for the annual Rubber Ducky Derby. Ms. Beymer also reported that there were 121 entries, and 2,466 participants in the River Days parade. She noted that Renton businessman and philanthropist Bob Bridge was the parade’s Grand Marshal.
Concluding, Ms. Beymer reported that 99% of those surveyed stated that they would attend the event again. She thanked the volunteers, service clubs, youth and faith groups, and City employees who helped make the event a success. She also thanked all of the sponsors and pointed out that Ikea is confirmed to be the title sponsor for 2013.

Mayor Law remarked that year-after-year Renton River Days draws thousands of people to Renton. He expressed gratitude to the sponsors, festival board members, and volunteers who contributed to the success of the event. He also remarked that not only did everyone have a good time, but $80,000 was raised that went back into the community.

**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 2012 and beyond. Item noted included:

* Thousands of transit riders will see changes to their King County Metro bus routes starting September 29. These revisions include the start of the Metro RapidRide C and D lines, five new bus routes, two re-numbered routes, 17 discontinued routes and changes to over 50 other routes. Metro routes within the City of Renton will not be impacted by any of these service changes. Also, the Ride Free Area in downtown Seattle will end and passengers will be required to pay on entry for all trips in King County. Route changes and Metro’s online trip planner can be accessed by visiting the King County website.

**Transportation: Projects Update**

Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman reported that currently there are over $40 million in transportation projects being constructed on City streets. He stated that the Rainier Ave. S. project is the largest of the projects and is on time and on budget, and should be completed by early 2014. He pointed out that anyone who wishes to view detailed information about any of the projects can visit the City’s website.

Mr. Zimmerman also reported that the Garden Ave./S. Lake Washington Blvd. intersection project is at 55% completion at this time. He indicated that intersection repaving has been completed, and the project should be finished by early November. He remarked that this project is also on time and on budget. Mr. Zimmerman added that the traffic signal installation project at NE 4th St. and Whitman Ave. NE has commenced and should be completed by early 2013.

Responding to Council inquiries, Mr. Zimmerman stated that updated photographs, computer assisted graphics, and other details will be posted to the City’s website in order to provide citizens with an idea of what the completed projects will look like. He remarked that projected travel time improvements will also be included on the City’s website.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Council: Meeting Minutes of 9/17/2012**

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 9/17/2012. Council concur.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Utilities Committee
Utility: Water Fluoridation

Utilities Committee Chair Taylor presented a report recommending forwarding the issue of water fluoridation to the Committee of the Whole for a presentation from City staff and the proponent.

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

Councilmember Taylor explained that in 1984 a petition to fluoridate the City’s water supply was brought forth by a citizens group. He stated that the issue was put on the ballot and residents voted to add fluoridation to the water supply. Mr. Taylor further explained that the Committee has learned that Council has the authority to change that decision without going back to the voters. He indicated that the full Council should hear the arguments regarding this topic before a recommendation is made.

*MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION & ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS (RCW 42.30.140.4.a.) WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 8:09 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Jason Seth, Recorder
September 24, 2012
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