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; GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER; TERRI BRIERE; ED PRINCE; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Senior Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; IWEN WANG, Administrative Services Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; CHIP VINCENT, Community and Economic Development Administrator; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; TIM WILLIAMS, Recreation Director; BONNIE RERECH, Neighborhoods, Resources & Events Manager; DEPUTY CHIEF ERIK WALLGREN, Fire & Emergency Services Department; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDREDGE, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION
A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring April 2013 to be “Volunteer Month” in the City of Renton and encouraging all members of the community to commit a portion of their time to volunteer service to perpetuate the spirit and vitality of the city. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Neighborhoods, Resources, and Events Manager Bonnie Rerecich accepted the proclamation on behalf of the citizens who dedicate their time by volunteering to counsel, clean, coach, build, and teach because they believe in making Renton a better place.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
The following speakers commented on the topic of the Cedar River Library: Suzi Ure (Renton); Paul Ouellette (Renton); Howard McOmber (Renton); Dave Beedon (Renton); Kathie Ossenkop (Renton); David Keyes (Renton); Nicola Robinson (Renton); Judy Tabak (Renton); Beth Asher (Renton); and Myrne Larsen (Renton).

Comments and concerns alleged included: the analogy of dropping a service provider because of poor customer service does not work in this case as there is no another library service provider available; the burden of providing library service falls back to the City if de-annexation occurs; there can be no reciprocal agreement with KCLS if there is no City library service; KCLS’s project budget includes exorbitant design fees and should be investigated; funds allocated for design fees could be reallocated to the construction budget; KCLS could not provide financial details regarding just bringing the current building up to code; the two interlocal agreements with KCLS are still in effect and need to be updated; the City needs to provide citizens with the inventory of assets that was created when KCLS took over library operations; citizens will hold Council accountable for their decisions regarding the library; and the formula KCLS uses to determine the amount of library space per person in Renton is invalid because it includes libraries from outside City limits.
MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND EXTEND THE AUDIENCE COMMENT PERIOD UNTIL ALL SPEAKERS HAVE PROVIDED THEIR COMMENTS. CARRIED.

The following recommendations were expressed: renegotiate the interlocal agreement with KCLS to change the references of “new” to “renovate;” investigate and hold KCLS accountable for their budget decisions; use the current taxes provided to KCLS to fund independent library services in Renton; de-annex from KCLS; make KCLS turn over all schematic designs to the City; and include citizens with architectural and project management experience in construction meetings.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington stated that the two interlocal agreements with KCLS are still in effect, and these agreements instructed KCLS to build two new libraries that are consistent in form, function, and quality to other recently constructed KCLS libraries. He explained that this is why KCLS is designing a building that looks like their other buildings, but added that Council or KCLS could decide to modify this provision of the agreement.

Mr. Covington added that the assets inventory was conducted for the purpose of transferring items to KCLS, and was not intended to be a list of items that KCLS would give back to the City at some point in the future. He explained that if de-annexation occurs then a new agreement regarding assets would be negotiated. He also reiterated that there is no evidence that KCLS threw library books in the trash.

Finally, Mr. Covington stated that the City will investigate the budget issues that citizens have brought forth. He noted that KCLS may be using a more up-to-date version of the budget than the speakers presented tonight. He also credited KCLS for complying with the wishes of the citizens by utilizing both small group and large group discussions at last week’s open house. Additionally, he noted that City staff will investigate the issues that held up construction at the Newcastle library.

CONSENT AGENDA

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


Court Case filed by Milton Christophe v. City of Renton, et al, represented by Timothy M. Greene, Attorney for Plaintiff, regarding alleged false imprisonment, negligence, violation of constitutional rights, and seeking damages from an incident that began on March 28, 2011. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Community Services Department recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with the Renton School District regarding joint partnership for the Meadow Crest Accessible Playground; and authorization of an additional $300,000 in project funding by fund transfer for a total adjusted project budget of $1.25 million. Refer to Finance Committee.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.
Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 319736 - 319988, four wire transfers and one payroll run with benefit withholding payments totaling $6,113,068.53, and payroll vouchers including 734 direct deposits and 53 payroll checks totaling $1,508,928.99. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve Amendment Six to the lease agreement with King County METRO for 200 parking spaces at the City Center Parking Garage to extend the lease term from 12/31/2012 to 12/31/2013 with generated revenue of $3,000 per month.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the lease amendment.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the resolution of the City of Renton, Washington, Making a Determination to Use a Job Order Contract for Public Works Projects.

RESOLUTION #4177

A resolution was read making a determination to use a job order contract for public works projects. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the 4/8/2013 Council meeting for second and final reading:
An ordinance was read amending Sections 6-6-4 and 6-6-5 of Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl at Large, of Title VI (Police Regulations), of City Code, by amending the definition of “vicious,” adding identifying language and reducing the penalty for first or second time offenders to a civil infraction for keeping or harboring animals disturbing any person in the neighborhood by habitually howling, yelping, or other frequent or long, continued noise. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 4/8/2013. CARRIED.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL APPROVE MOVING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 9 A.M. CARRIED.

Councilmember Persson remarked that he had the opportunity to do a ride-along with a volunteer driver for the City’s Meals on Wheels program. He expressed appreciation to all of the volunteers who drive meals to the City’s most vulnerable population.

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ALLOW SPEAKERS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE CEDAR RIVER LIBRARY ISSUE. CARRIED.

The following speakers provided comments regarding the Cedar River Library: Phyllis Forister (Renton); Richard Bray (Renton); Paul Ouellette (Renton); Beth Asher (Renton); Mark Nordlund (King County); and Kathie Ossenkop (Renton).

Comments and concerns alleged included: KCLS has been audited by the Washington State Attorney’s Office for cost overruns; citizens have been in a confrontational role with Council ever since the 2010 election to annex to KCLS; there have been opportunities for Council to support citizens regarding the library; KCLS is a tax based entity and needs Renton’s tax dollars to continue to operate; citizens are upset with the direction KCLS has taken the downtown library; there is no collaboration between the City, citizens, and KCLS; and KCLS has not provided additional design options.

The following recommendations were expressed: collaborate with residents on ideas for the library; investigate KCLS’s library budget; tax residents in order to provide the additional $2.1 million needed to build a library that residents desire; amend the interlocal agreement with KCLS in order to conduct mechanical and seismic upgrades separately so as to not trigger additional environmental permits; if de-annexation occurs seek grants from local businesses to supplement library income; and conduct a survey to determine whether or not residents are willing to pay for an independent library system.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.

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Jason Seth, Recorder
April 1, 2013
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