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; MARK BARBER, Senior Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; CHIP VINCENT, Community and Economic Development Administrator; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; KELLY BEYMER, Parks & Golf Course Director; FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR MARK PETERSON, DEPUTY CHIEF ERICK WALLGREN and CAPTAIN DOUG MCDONALD, Fire & Emergency Services Department; COMMANDER DAVE LEIBMAN, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day/Earth Day – April 27, 2013

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring April 27, 2013 to be “Arbor Day/Earth Day” in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Manager Terry Flatley accepted the proclamation with appreciation. He remarked that Renton’s eighth annual Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration occurs on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Mr. Flatley encouraged volunteers to register to help clean up the north bank of May Creek and explained that volunteers will help plant 97 trees and approximately 1,400 shrubs on the site.

Mr. Flatley displayed several photographs of the May Creek Trail area and explained that a one-acre parcel had recently been cleared of blackberries through the use of a State grant that allowed the City to utilize about $15,000 worth of labor by Washington Conservation Corps workers. He also explained that several hazardous trees had been removed from the area, and that Parks Maintenance crews had recently installed temporary irrigation in preparation for the planting event. Mr. Flatley encouraged everyone to participate in the annual Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Fire: Renton Heart Month Wrap-Up

Fire and Emergency Services Administrator Mark Peterson invited Captain Doug McDonald to provide a report on the Fire and Emergency Services Department’s annual Heart Month event.

Captain McDonald reported that this year’s theme was “Prescription for Health.” He stated that it was the department’s goal to reach as diverse a population as possible, and to interact with local businesses and schools. Captain McDonald reported that 8,334 people were tested this year, and of those tested 1,259 had high blood pressure and 300 had high blood sugar. He thanked City officials for their continued support of the annual event.
Fire: Citizen Recognition

Chief Peterson presented a Letter of Recognition to Micah Hackett for his quick actions regarding an incident that occurred at LA Fitness at The Landing in Renton on 3/30/2013. He explained that Mr. Christopher May had collapsed on the racquet ball court and Mr. Hackett immediately initiated Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and applied two defibrillating shocks using a public access defibrillator. Chief Peterson stated that this action directly impacted the first responders’ ability to save Mr. Mays’ life. Chief Peterson also noted that Mr. Hackett was recently honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps, and thanked him for his service to the country.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Various – Cedar River Library

The following speakers commented on the Cedar River Library: Julie Abraham (Renton); Kerrick Mainrender (Renton); Alexis Madison (Renton); Richard Bray (Renton); Beth Asher (Renton); Larry Brosman (Renton); Judy Tabak (Renton); John Hansen (Renton); and Dave Beedon (Renton).

Citizen comments and concerns stated or alleged included: many residents do not see the proposed design changes as improvements; debris from construction may fall into the river causing hazards for fish and wildlife; KLCS destroyed books; citizens should be allowed to vote on de-annexation from KCLS; Renton does not need a smaller library; rare books are harder to check-out from KCLS than when Renton ran the libraries independently; KCLS is not listening to customer complaints and concerns; anti-KCLS people who consistently comment at Council meetings do not necessarily represent the majority of Renton residents; the “small anti-KCLS group” also includes 8,000 citizens who voted to save the Cedar River library from being relocated to the former Big 5 site; the process of communication between the City, residents, and KCLS is broken; the library’s square footage and entryway should be retained; KCLS is receiving $5 million annually from Renton taxpayers that is spread throughout the library system and could be better spent on an independent system; and Renton was promised 60,000 square feet of library.

The following citizen recommendations were expressed: modify the building to remove the support columns located in the river bed; do not limit options by taking de-annexation off the table; slow the renovation/construction process down in order to study all of the safety issues; complete a financial analysis to determine how much it cost the City to run the libraries compared to how much it costs KCLS.

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington clarified that the Library Master Plan suggested that the main library be 60,000 square feet, not the interlocal agreements with the King County Library System.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilmember Palmer, Consent Agenda Item 7.b. was removed for separate consideration.


Budget: 2013 Carry-forward Ordinance

Administrative Services Department requested approval of the 2013 carry-forward ordinance in the amount of $53,452,633, which increases the 2013/2014 Biennial Budget by carrying forward funds from 2012 for projects that were not completed in 2012, establishing an amended total biennial budget of $510,783,816. Refer to Finance Committee.
Police: Community Center Fee Waiver Request, Youth Education & Safety Fair

Police Department requested approval to waive Renton Community Center rental fees in the amount of $2,730 for the Youth Education and Safety Fair to occur on 5/18/2013. Refer to Finance Committee.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS ITEM 6.b. CARRIED.

City Clerk reported bid opening on 2/28/2013 for CAG-13-015, Taxiway B System Rehabilitation – South Portion Reconstruction project; two bids; engineer’s estimate $5,810,626.53; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, ICON Materials, in the amount of $5,460,424.21. Refer to Finance Committee.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 7.b. AS COUNCIL CONCUR.*

Councilmember Palmer noted that the apparent low bid contained several mathematical errors which significantly increased their bid total; therefore staff recommended awarding the bid to the next lowest bidder. Council discussion ensued regarding legal review of the bid irregularities, and the reasons for moving this topic forward in a timely manner.

*MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REMOVE RESOLUTION 9.a. (regarding de-annexation from KCLS) FROM THE AGENDA AND DISCONTINUE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THIS TOPIC.*

Discussion ensued regarding Council Committee referral procedures, removing items from an agenda versus closing Committee referrals, the procedures for reading legislation, and whether a topic could be brought up again after it has been closed as a Committee referral. There was also discussion on whether or not the current motion would close the Committee referral.

*MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL WITHDRAW THE PREVIOUS MOTION. CARRIED.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE COMMITTEE REFERRAL REGARDING DE-ANNEXATION FROM THE KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM WITH NO FURTHER ACTION BY COUNCIL. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an interlocal agreement with the Renton School District for the design, construction, operation, capital, and maintenance costs for a new jointly shared accessible playground. The playground will be co-located on the City of Renton North Highlands Park and Neighborhood Center and the Renton School District Meadow Crest Early Learning Center properties. The term of the agreement will be for fifteen years.

The City’s share of the project is $1.25 million, a portion of which will be funded through private donations ($550,000). The remaining portion ($700,000) will utilize funding from the Parks Impact Mitigation Fund (Fund 303) with a transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 316).
RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION #4178
Community Services: Meadow Crest Accessible Playground, Renton School District ILA

The Committee also recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. The Committee further recommended that the budget be adjusted to reflect the private contributions and use of the Parks Impact Mitigation Fund monies.

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

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Renton School District regarding the Meadow Crest Accessible Playground. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5685
Attorney: Animal Regulations, Code Amendment

The following ordinance was presented 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 BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding the 4/15/2013 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the library schematic design presentation from KCLS. Mr. Covington remarked that he did not anticipate Council making a decision about the library on that date. Councilmember Zwicker stated that not all Councilmembers will be present at the next two Council meetings, and suggested canceling the 4/22/2013 meeting and scheduling a meeting on 4/29/2013 instead.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CANCEL THE 4/22/2013 COUNCIL MEETING AND SCHEDULE A COUNCIL MEETING ON 4/29/2013.*

Council President Corman remarked that he is supportive of the motion, but suggested that the absent Councilmember review the 4/15/2013 briefing and audience comments prior to the newly scheduled 4/29/2013 meeting.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Community Event: Communities In Schools of Renton Program

Councilmember Palmer stated that she attended a Community in Schools of Renton board meeting last week. She remarked that there were two family liaisons in attendance who shared their experiences reaching out to the Somali and Hispanic populations in Renton. Ms. Palmer stated that she is very appreciative of their efforts.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: McOmber—Meadow Crest Accessible Playground

Howard McOmber (Renton) stated that he is appreciative of the cooperation and collaboration between the City and the Renton School District. He remarked that the new accessible playground is a fabulous asset that is of great benefit to the community.
Citizen Comment: Various – Cedar River Library

The following citizens commented on the Cedar River Library: Phyllis Forister (Renton); Paul Ouellette (Renton); David Keyes (Renton); Kathie Ossenkop (Renton); Beth Asher (Renton); and Julie Abraham (Renton).

Citizen comments and concerns stated or alleged included: King County Library System and de-annexation is governed by state laws; KCLS should not be allowed to come to the City and mandate what will happen with Renton tax dollars; Council needs to stand up to KCLS and acknowledge citizens’ concerns; there are discrepancies between the budgets KCLS presented to the City on 2/19/2013 and 3/26/2013; the budget discrepancies need to be independently audited; funds to increase the construction budget can be reallocated from the exorbitant design fees; demolition fees have been decreased although the current design proposal calls for more demolition; KCLS is failing to maintain the downtown library building as called for in the interlocal agreement; decentralized library systems are not cost effective; KCLS should be taking care of major maintenance issues; and City staff has not been asked to the review the budget numbers at this time.

The following citizen recommendations were expressed: Hire an independent auditor to review KCLS’s budget estimates; update the City website regarding the libraries; the City should be maintaining the library building; increase the size of the current Highlands library location instead of moving it; and make KCLS take care of major maintenance issues.

Mr. Covington clarified that the interlocal agreement with KCLS details responsibilities for the maintenance of the existing library buildings. He explained that KCLS is responsible for daily operations and maintenance, and the City is responsible for major maintenance issues like HVAC or overall plumbing replacement.

Council President Corman clarified that although further discussion about de-annexation from KCLS has been closed at this time, Council recognizes that the State has given the City the right to call for an election to de-annex. He explained that it was determined during the earlier Committee of the Whole meeting that de-annexation is premature, but could be brought up again in the future.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER TO THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE A FULL REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF ALL BUDGETARY NUMBERS CONTAINED IN THE LIBRARY DESIGN FOR BOTH NEW KCLS LIBRARIES IN RENTON.*

Discussion ensued regarding the budget numbers; making sure the line items are itemized to identify the purpose of specific funds; that City staff is professional and capable of understanding and reviewing the budget; involving concerned citizens in budget discussions; and the budget break-down should be ready in time for the 4/29/2013 Council meeting.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Bray – City Support of Human Services Programs

Richard Bray (Renton) expressed appreciation for the City’s continued support of the Renton Heart Month Program and the Catholic Community Services ARISE program.
Citizen Comment: Martinez –
Cub Scout Troop Activities

Mark Martinez (Renton) shared his past and upcoming Cub Scout Troop activities.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time 9:07 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
April 8, 2013
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