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; Ed Prince; Don Persson; Marcie Palmer. Moved by Zwicker, seconded by Prince, Council excuse absent Councilmember Terri Briere. Carried.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Denis Law, Mayor; Jay Covington, Chief Administrative Officer; Zanetta Fontes, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Bonnie Walton, City Clerk; Terry Higashiyama, Community Services Administrator; Nancy Carlson, Human Resources Administrator; Iwen Wang, Administrative Services Administrator; Chip Vincent, Community and Economic Development Administrator; Preeti Shridhar, Deputy Public Affairs Administrator; Peter Renner, Facilities Director; Kristi Rowland, Senior Finance Analyst; Deputy Chief Erik Wallgren, Fire & Emergency Services Department; Chief Kevin Milosevich and Commander Kent Curry, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION

Week of the Young Child - April 15 to 19, 2013

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring April 15 to 19, 2013 to be “Week of the Young Child” in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance. Moved by Taylor, seconded by Prince, Council concur in the proclamation. Carried.

Senior Finance Analyst Kristi Rowland and her young daughter Elizabeth accepted the proclamation. Ms. Rowland expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board of Directors for The Little Aviators Child Development Center. She also thanked the Fire and Emergency Services Department, the Police Department, and the Renton Airport for their involvement with the Little Aviators program.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed an administrative report summarizing the City’s recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2013 and beyond. One item noted was:

* The City of Renton Neighborhood Program will host its Quarterly Neighborhood Forum on Wednesday, April 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Renton City Hall in the 7th Floor Conference Center. The scheduled topic is utilizing social media as a marketing tool.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

The following speakers commented on the Cedar River Library: Nicola Robinson (Renton); Paul Ouellette (Renton); Larry Brosman (Renton); Kerrick Mainrender (Renton); Dave Beedon (Renton); Mike Bony (Renton); Sara Becker (Renton); Richard Bray (Renton); and Beth Asher (Renton).

Citizen comments and concerns stated or alleged included: the updated library design proposal KCLS presented at tonight’s Committee of the Whole meeting should include cost savings that can now be allocated to the construction budget; the HVAC ducting could be insulated so that the roof tiles can be saved; the pile cap proposed for the north side of the library could be used as a
foundation in order to increase the building’s overall square footage; hire an independent auditor to analyze KCLS’s budget; financial data was not included in the de-annexation discussion, therefore de-annexation should be reconsidered in the future; the updated design proposal calls for additional funds but does not accurately describe why the new funds are needed; the entry at mid-span of the bridge deck should be retained; the cherry trees located around the library should be retained; and KCLS has shrunk the construction budget by charging excessive and exorbitant design fees.

The following citizen recommendations were expressed: gauge interest from the local business community about purchasing naming rights for the library or sections within the library; maintain or display the high-water level indicator marker to preserve local history; and lower the salmon display mounted on the bridge so it is more accessible to citizens in wheelchairs.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council: Meeting Minutes of 4/8/2013


CAG: 13-037, Emergency Power for CCTF 2013, High Mountain Electric

City Clerk reported bid opening on 4/2/2013 for CAG-13-037, Emergency Power for the Corrosion Control and Treatment Facility (CCTF) 2013 project; six bids; engineer’s estimate $124,859.02; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, High Mountain Electric, Inc., in the amount of $131,838. Council concur.

CAG: 13-044, President Park Water Main Replacement, J.R. Rodarte Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 4/9/2013 for CAG-13-044, President Park Water Main Replacement project, eight bids; engineer’s estimate $925,767.75; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, J.R. Rodarte Construction, Inc., in the amount of $733,003.95. Council concur.

CAG: 13-045, East Renton Lift Station Elimination, Hoffman Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 4/9/2013 for CAG-13-045, East Renton Lift Station Elimination project; 11 bids; engineer’s estimate $482,993.55; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Hoffman Construction, Inc., in the amount of $275,468.06. Council concur.

City Clerk: Quarterly Contract List, 1/1/2013 through 3/31/2013

City Clerk submitted quarterly contract list for period 1/1/2013 through 3/31/2013, and expiration report for agreements expiring 4/1/2013 to 9/30/2013. Information.

CED: Replace Vacant Half-Time Permit Technician with Full-Time Permit Technician Position

Community and Economic Development Department requested authorization to replace a vacant half-time Permit Technician position (grade a10) with a new full-time Permit Technician position (grade a10), with salary adjustment to be made through existing salary savings. Council concur.

Community Services: 2013 Neighborhood Grants

Community Services Department reports receipt of four 2013 Neighborhood Grant Program – Newsletter/Communication applications and recommended funding three projects totaling $5,347. Refer to Finance Committee.

Lease: Amendment #2, Rainier Flight Services, LAG-11-003

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Amendment #2 to LAG-11-003, with Rainier Flight Services, to extend the term to 3/31/2015 and increase the rate in the amount of $348 annually. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.
Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Vice-Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 319989 - 320360, three wire transfers and two payroll runs with benefit withholding payments totaling $5,829,213.83, and payroll vouchers including 1,108 direct deposits and 54 payroll checks totaling $1,816,547.61. Moved by Persson, seconded by Zwicker, Council concur in the Committee report. Carried.

Budget: 2013 Carry-Forward Ordinance

Finance Committee Vice-Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an amendment in the 2013/2014 Budget appropriations in the amount of $53,452,633 with the total amended budget to be $510,783,816 for the biennium.

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

Moved by Persson, seconded by Zwicker, Council concur in the Committee report. Carried. (See later this page for ordinance.)

Police: Youth Education & Safety Fair Fee Waiver Request

Finance Committee Vice-Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a fee waiver for use of the Renton Community Center for the Youth Education and Safety Fair sponsored through Valley Communications, Renton Police Department, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children being held on 5/18/2013.

Moved by Persson, seconded by Zwicker, Council concur in the Committee report. Carried.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADD A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RENTON AIRPORT TO THE AGENDA.*

Senior Assistant City Attorney Fontes clarified that the resolution regards opposition to the closing of the Renton Airport control tower and authorizes related litigation.

*MOTION CARRIED.

A resolution was read opposing the closure of the contract tower at the Renton Municipal Airport and authorizing the Administration to pursue a legal challenge to the Federal Aviation Administration’s methodology and decision to close the contract tower. Moved by Corman, seconded by Zwicker, Council adopt the Resolution as read. Carried.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the 4/29/2013 Council meeting for second and final reading:

An ordinance was read amending the 2013/2014 biennial budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 5682, in the amount of $53,452,633. Moved by Persson, seconded by Zwicker, Council refer the ordinance for second and final reading on 4/29/2013. Carried.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPICS OF BENSON COMMUNITY GARDEN AND BENSON DOG PARK TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR A BRIEFING. Carried.
Citizen Comment: Various – Business License Fee Increase

MOVED BY PERSSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER TWO LETTERS RECEIVED FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES REGARDING THE INCREASED BUSINESS LICENSE FEE TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Various – Cedar River Library

The following speakers commented on the Cedar River Library: Howard McOmber (Renton); Kathie Ossenkop (Renton); Judy Tabak (Renton); Jeannie Greene Crook (Renton); and Richard Bray (Renton).

Citizen comments and concerns stated or alleged included: library advocates are volunteers who are passionate about Renton; KCLS is finally listening to citizen concerns; the cherry trees are a piece of living art and should be retained; the entrance should remain at mid-span of the bridge deck; KCLS should consider selling memory tiles like the Pike Place Market did as a way to garner additional funds; the plaques in the entryway of the current building should be placed in the new building to provide continuity of the library building’s history; and KCLS needs to provide more detail about their upgraded design proposal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION & ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, 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: 7:48 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
April 15, 2013
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