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; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; ED PRINCE; RICH ZWICKER; and GREG TAYLOR. 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; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; IWEN WANG, Administrative Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; CHIP VINCENT, Community and Economic Development Administrator; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; and COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

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 2013 and beyond. Items noted:

* Mayor Law will officially ring the opening bell to kick-off the 12th season of the Renton Farmers Market on Tuesday, June 4, at 3 p.m. The market will be filled with fresh flowers, leafy lettuce, rosy rhubarb, amazing asparagus, and a virtual cornucopia of other farm fresh produce every Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m., through September 24.

* Join other community members on Friday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m. for a benefit dinner to help raise money for the soon to be constructed Meadow Crest Playground. Entertainment will be provided by Cherry Cherry, a Neil Diamond tribute band, and after dinner Tony Ventrella’s motivational program Synergy/LIVE will be presented at Carco Theatre. There is no cost to register but a donation would be appreciated. To register call the Renton Community Center at 425-430-6700.

* Residents interested in purchasing a memorial plaque at the City’s Veterans Park to honor loved ones who served in the armed services are encouraged to contact the Community Services Department at 425-430-6600.

AUDIENCE COMMENT  
Citizen Comment: Martinez – Marijuana Use & Distribution
Mark Martinez (Renton) urged Council to take a progressive stance concerning the use and distribution of marijuana now that Washington state voters have approved the recreational use of the drug. He noted that the City of Seattle is moving forward with zoning ordinances regarding its growth and distribution. Mr. Martinez also stated that felony convictions for marijuana use disproportionately affect minority communities.
Mayor Law clarified that the City of Seattle is not doing anything progressive or innovative; they are only looking at restricting zoning for marijuana retail outlets so that the drug is not sold near schools or churches.

Council President Corman stated that he tends to agree that marijuana will ultimately be legalized nationally. He also stated for the record that he is not resistant to change, but would like to see how guidelines regarding marijuana use and distribution are set by the state.

Mayor Law added that he was not aware of any city leaders resistant to the new marijuana legislation, but noted that Renton’s City Attorney has reminded the administration that marijuana use is a violation of federal law.

Paul Ouellette (Renton) extended appreciation to the Community Services Department for the Fishing Kids event held at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park on Saturday, June 1. He also commended the Parks Maintenance Division for their excellent work maintaining City parks.

Additionally, Mr. Ouellette stated that he took exception to some of the responses he received to questions he had asked about the ongoing design and construction process of the Cedar River Library. He also asked if the City had received the newest budget breakdown for the library that should include the additional $1.5 million that Council approved last month.

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

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 5/20/2013. Council concur.

Administrative Services Department requested authorization to fill a Systems Analyst/Programmer position at Step E of the Grade a21 salary scale, effective 6/3/2013. Refer to Finance Committee.

Community Services Department requested authorization to waive City Center Parking Garage fees in the amount of $240 for volunteers working at the 2013 Return to Renton Benefit Car Show on 7/7/2013. Council concur.

Transportation Systems Division requested authorization to transfer funds in the amount of $13,499.50 from the Airport Fund to the Fleet Fund in order to purchase an unbudgeted, used forklift from Northwest Handling Systems, Inc. for use at the airport. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a Letter of Understanding (LOU) with King County for traffic signal, channelization, and transit signal priority improvements at the intersections of 16th Ave. SW & SW Oakesdale St., and at 16th Ave. SW & SW Lind St. for the planned Metro RapidRide F-Line corridor. Council concur. (See page 176 for resolution.)

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-12-126, Stevens Ave NW/Lind Ave NW Storm System Improvements project; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $4,527.79, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retainage in the amount of $10,135.35 to Rodarte Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Committee of the Whole:
Library: Highlands Library
Schematic Purchase & Sale Agreement

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Council President Corman presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that the full Council authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Highlands Library parcel, in essentially the same form presented to the Committee of the Whole on 6/3/2013.

The property is located between Sunset Boulevard NE, and Sunset Lane and NE 10th St. The property is approximately 16,072 square feet. The purchase price is $382,460.53 plus reimbursement of the Seller for demolition of the one structure on the property, abatement of any hazardous materials within the building, and a pro-rated share of the cost of a Phase I environmental report.

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

Council President Corman presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending approval of the schematic design for the new Highlands Library of approximately 15,000 gross square feet and a maximum City contribution not to exceed Ten Million Dollars ($10,000,000) for the development and construction of the new library.

The Committee also recommended the remaining balance of $140,804 in preliminary budget be retained for the project, under the City’s control, and may be applied towards future frontage improvements or other City investments in the Sunset area. The Committee further recommended an interfund loan to be established for the acquisition of land on which the new library will be constructed. The interfund loan will be repaid from the surplus proceeds from the existing Highlands Library after the opening of the new library.

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

Councilmember Palmer voiced concern at approving the $10 million library budget because tonight was the first time she had seen it. However, she remarked that the only reason she would approve the report is because it clearly states that $10 million is the maximum City contribution, which was the amount previously agreed on.

Council President Corman stated that the budget was consistent with what was proposed over a year ago and he is eager to move on. He emphasized that he did not want to approve the budget recklessly, but it is essentially the same plan and budget that has been discussed for the Highlands library from the beginning.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington stated that the information was emailed to the whole Council last Thursday, May 30, and was also added to the Council’s electronic dropbox. He apologized for it not getting to Councilmember Palmer. Mayor Law clarified that the approval of actual construction and project costs will be an ongoing process and this report is essentially a reaffirmation of the amount of money the City is willing to dedicate to the Highlands Library project.
Councilmembers Persson and Prince confirmed that they had received the information via email. Mr. Persson reiterated that what had been presented at tonight’s Committee of the Whole meeting is consistent with the information presented to Council for the past couple of years regarding the Highlands Library and is not new information.

Ms. Palmer emphasized her concern that she believes the $10 million budget is being pushed through too quickly; and that she understands the Committee report is just approving a maximum City contribution.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Community Services Committee Chair Taylor presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the Purchase Agreement of forty-nine (49) gasoline powered golf carts from the Perfect Drive Club Car. The current fifty (50) carts fleet will be utilized as trade-in.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Purchase Agreement.

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Vice-Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 321024 - 321358, three wire transfers and one payroll run with benefit withholding payments totaling $7,827,609.32, and payroll vouchers including 736 direct deposits and 59 payroll checks totaling $1,544,307.32. MOVED BY PERSSON, 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 a Letter of Understanding (LOU) with King County regarding traffic signal, channelization and traffic signal priority improvements in relation to the planned Metro RapidRide F-Line corridor. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Beth Asher (Renton) inquired about the progress of hiring an independent auditor to analyze the Cedar River Library budget. She expressed concern that only one consultant had submitted a bid, and asked how consultants had been solicited.

Mr. Covington explained that the City has not yet conducted a formal bid process. He stated that known construction management and audit firms were contacted and asked to submit proposals. He further explained that because of budget reasons new proposals with a revised scope of work are being sought.

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

Time 7:32 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
June 3, 2013
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