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; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; CHIP VINCENT, Community and Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; KELLY BEYMER, Parks & Golf Course Director; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Community Relations & Events Coordinator; DEPUTY CHIEF ERIK WALLGREN, Fire & Emergency Services Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, and DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM ADVOCATE TINA HARRIS, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring October 2013 to be “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in the City of Renton, and encouraging everyone in our community to take an active role in supporting victims so they can lead healthy lives safe from violent and abusive behavior. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Domestic Violence Victim Advocate Tina Harris accepted the proclamation and thanked City officials for their continued support of the Domestic Violence Taskforce. She reported that the police department has received 670 reports of domestic violence since October 2012. She also expressed appreciation to the King County Prosecutor’s office for their role in increasing the number of guilty convictions. Ms. Harris read a list of names of local domestic violence victims, and urged the community to continue their support of this program.

Mayor Law took a moment to reflect on gravely ill community member and long-time Renton advocate Suzanne Thompson. He stated that Suzanne has been an ambassador for McLendon’s Hardware and a huge contributor to the community for many years. He remarked that she has been active in Soroptimists, Renton Chamber of Commerce, the Renton Technical College, Renton River Days, the Renton Piazza Group, the Farmers Market, and many other groups and charities.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Community Relations and Events Coordinator Sonja Mejlaender dedicated the wrap-up presentation of the 28th annual Ikea Renton River Days in Suzanne Thompson’s honor. She shared the newest marketing video, and stated that this year’s festival theme was “Specquackular.” She summarized event costs from 2008 to 2013, and noted that overall costs vary year-to-year dependent upon festival features. She introduced Carol Janssen, Marketing Director for First Savings Bank Northwest, and this year’s festival Chairman.
Ms. Janssen stated that the annual kick-off event, held at the Ikea Restaurant this year to celebrate their 15-year title-sponsorship role, was held mid-June. She explained that this banquet has evolved into an annual event that essentially launches the festival season in Renton. Ms. Janssen added that Duck Hunt IV began the day after the banquet. She explained that participants hunted for 30 decorated rubber ducks located throughout the City, and had to donate food at the Salvation Army Food Bank booth to receive their final stamp.

Ms. Janssen summarized new activities and festival highlights like the “Artists in Action,” booth, the Wenatchee Youth Circus, the Lee’s Martial Arts Break-A-Thon fundraiser that raised $15,000 for the Community In Schools of Renton mentoring program, the art market, the quilt exhibit, and the 28th Annual Summer Teen Musical production of “Legally Blonde.” Ms. Janssen noted that Kent Phillips of radio station STAR 101.5, and River Days parade announcer for the past 20 years, was awarded the festival’s Outstanding Service Award.

Ms. Janssen reported that the Renton Rotary Club raised $20,000 for local charities by selling 4,200 rubber ducks for the annual Rubber Ducky Derby. She reported that there were 105 entries, and 1,800 participants in the River Days parade. She also recognized Kirby Unti, St. Mathew’s Lutheran Church pastor, Renton Rotary Club member, and long-time community advocate, as this year’s Grand Marshal of the July 27th parade.

Concluding, Ms. Janssen reported that 96% of those surveyed stated that they would attend the event again. She thanked volunteers, service clubs, youth and faith groups, sponsors, and City employees who helped make the festival a success. She also invited everyone to attend the 29th annual Ikea Renton River Days which will run July 25 through 27, 2014.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Suzanne Thompson.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: McOmber – Affordable Housing
Howard McOmber (Renton) advocated for affordable housing in the Renton Highlands. He stated that a construction boom is happening again, and most of the new homes being built are for the affluent. Mr. McOmber remarked that there is tremendous need for affordable housing, and he is open to new ideas and suggestions from the community.

Citizen Comment: Lanoai – Boy Scout Troop 202
Tupo Lanoai (Seattle) was encouraged to approach the podium and state his name and Troop number for the record. He remarked that he is in Boy Scout Troop 202, from the Green River District.

Citizen Comment: Bray – Time Allotted for Citizen Comments
Richard Bray (Renton) commended Brian Beckley’s Renton Reporter editorial regarding the audience comment period during Council meetings. Mr. Bray explained that Mr. Beckley wrote that the right to speak to Council should be preserved for residents, and Council should reserve the right to cut-off non-residents who address Council regarding non-City business. He also urged Council to retain both five minute audience comment periods.

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

Mayor Law appointed Angelina Benedetti to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 6/30/2016 (position previously held by Gwendolyn High). Refer to Community Services Committee.

City Clerk reported bid opening on 9/26/2013 for CAG-13-171, NE 5th Pl./Edmonds Ave NE Storm System Improvement project; 20 bids; engineer’s estimate $1,838,393; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, R.L. Alia Company, in the amount of $1,579,245.08. Council concur.

Administrative Services Department recommended a public hearing be set on 11/18/2013 to consider adopting the 2013/2014 Mid-biennium Budget Amendment and related legislation. Refer to Committee of the Whole; set public hearing.

Community and Economic Development Department recommended adoption of the Benson Hill Community Plan. Refer to Committee of the Whole.

Community Services Department submitted CAG-08-038, Substation at Parking Garage, MJ Ness Construction project; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $4,446, and release of retainage in the amount of $10,964.65 to the Department of Revenue, Design Aire, and PorterBuilt Electric. Council concur.

Executive Department recommended adopting an ordinance extending the Comcast cable television franchise to 7/16/2014. Council concur. (See page 299 for ordinance.)

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR WITH THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS ITEM 7.h. CARRIED.

Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended acceptance of Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant funds in the amount of $1,131,396 from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to cover the salaries of six additional firefighters during the period of 11/8/2013 through 11/7/2015. Council concur.

Councilmember Taylor remarked that he believes this grant can be an opportunity to improve the diversity of the Fire and Emergency Services Department to be more reflective of the community.

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 7.h. AS COUNCIL CONCUR. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 324340 - 324678, four wire transfers and one payroll run with benefits withholding payments totaling $6,530,056.50, and payroll vouchers including 768 direct deposits and 71 payroll checks totaling $1,567,143.00.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
Transportation: Hire
Transportation Administrative Secretary I at Step D

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize that the most qualified applicant for the Transportation Administrative Secretary I be hired at Grade a09, Step D of the 2013 Salary Schedule, and to approve this salary to be retroactive to her start date of 9/23/2013.

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

Lease: Edlund Property House, Renton Housing Authority, LAG-06-001

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve Addendum #3 to the lease for the City-owned Edlund property house, located at 17611 103rd Ave. SE, to the Renton Housing Authority, extending the term to 12/31/2015, in an amount up to $5,316 per year. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the addendum.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Executive: Extend Cable Television Franchise, Comcast

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the 10/14/2013 Council meeting for second and final reading:

Ordinance No. 4412, by extending the term of the cable television franchise held by Comcast of Washington IV & Comcast of California/Colorado/Washington I, Inc. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/14/2013. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:

ORDINANCE #5694

Attorney: Decriminalizing Alcohol Consumption in Parks, Code Amendment

An ordinance was read amending Section 2-9-8 of Chapter 9, Parks Commission, of Title II (Commissions and Boards), of City Code, by reducing the penalty for possessing or consuming alcohol in parks to a civil infraction. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Bray — Knights of Columbus Special Olympics Fundraising

Richard Bray (Renton) stated that the Knights of Columbus will be handing out tootsie roll candies in exchange for donations at the Fred Meyer on Rainier Avenue this weekend. He explained that this is a fundraising effort to support the local Special Olympics program.

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

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk
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