RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 4, 2013
Monday, 7 p.m.

MINUTES

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Denis 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; TERRI BRIERE; RICH ZWICKER; GREG TAYLOR.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; JASON SETH, Deputy City Clerk; IWEN WANG, Administrative Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; CHIP VINCENT, Community and Economic Development Administrator; ANGIE MATHIAS, Associate Planner; EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, Fire & Emergency Services Department; COMMANDER CLARK WILCOX, Police Department.

PROCLAMATIONS
A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring November 2013 to be “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the City of Renton and encouraging everyone to join in this special observance. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Michelle Bouchor accepted the proclamation, and stated that her mother will be a 12-year cancer survivor this February. She thanked City officials for supporting Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month because it means so much to her family and those who are still battling this disease.

DECA Month – November 2013
A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring November 2013 to be “DECA Month” in the City of Renton and encouraging everyone to join in this special observance. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Sesinos Zerbabiel, Lindbergh High School DECA President, accepted the proclamation with appreciation. He stated that DECA is a marketing and business organization that focuses on competitions, community service, and leadership. Mr. Zerbabiel added that the Lindbergh DECA Chapter has so far raised $600 of their $2,000 goal for Child Haven, their charity of the year.

GradNation Day – November 8, 2013
A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring November 8, 2013 to be “GradNation Day” in the City of Renton and encouraging everyone to join in this special observance and urge the citizens of Renton to support our young people by working together and creating local solutions to this national crisis. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Damien Pattenaude, Chief Academic Officer for the Renton School District, accepted the proclamation, and expressed appreciation for the recognition of the DECA program. He remarked that he looks forward to the continuation of the partnership between the district and City in supporting students in school, and those who have dropped-out but are seeking to re-engage the system.
PUBLIC HEARING
Annexation: Maertins, NE 16th St & SE Renton Issaquah Rd

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Law opened the public hearing to consider the 60% Petition to Annex and zoning for the proposed Maertins Annexation; approximately 4.2 acres, located south of NE 16th St., east of 145th Pl. SE, and north of SE Renton Issaquah Rd.

Associate Planner Angie Mathias reported that the proposed annexation site is in the City’s potential annexation area (PAA), it contains one single-family home and vacant land. She noted that the site is within a larger area that had been annexed through the unincorporated island method a few years ago, but property owners repealed that annexation. Ms. Mathias stated that there are no significant slopes or critical areas (wetlands or regulated streams) in the annexation area, and public services are currently provided by Fire District #25, Water District #90, Renton sewer service, and the Issaquah School District.

Reviewing the site's zoning, Ms. Mathias stated that the existing King County zoning is R-4 (four dwelling units per gross acre). She reported that the City had pre-zoned the area in 1996 as R-5 (five dwelling units per net acre), but that zoning designation is no longer available. She also reported that the City's Comprehensive Plan designates the site as eligible for residential low density zoning and explained that R-4 (four dwelling units per net acre) is being recommended and will become effective upon annexation.

Ms. Mathias reported that currently there is one dwelling unit in the area, and if annexed it is estimated to generate $1,603 in revenues and cost $1,701 annually to the City's Operating Fund, which would change to $24,015 in revenues and $18,281 in costs if the potential 13 additional dwelling units are built over the next ten years.

Concluding, Ms. Mathias remarked that the City's best interests and general welfare are served by this annexation.

There being no public comment, it was MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ACCEPT THE 60% DIRECT PETITION TO ANNEX AND AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO FORWARD THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO THE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD. CARRIED.

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 included were:

* Renton Lions Club is celebrating 75 years of serving the Renton community and the world. Chartered in 1938, Renton Lions Club has a long history of humanitarian efforts and community contributions. Most recently, they played a significant role in Renton River Days as they hosted the Saturday morning pancake breakfast, assisted with the Saturday parade, and manned the Lions Screening Test Van and Lions Information Booth. Congratulations and thank you for many years of hard work and commitment that have benefited the Renton community.
Library: Highlands Library
Construction Update

City Attorney Larry Warren reviewed Council actions over the past few years related to the construction of two new King County Library System (KCLS) libraries in Renton. He also reviewed the complicated four-way real estate transaction required for the new Highlands library. Mr. Warren reported that two parts of this transaction have been successfully completed, and after some site clean-up by the private developer, the next two parts can be completed so that construction on the new library can begin.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington remarked that a briefing on the progress of both new libraries is scheduled for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: McOmber – Volunteerism in Renton

Howard McOmber (Renton) urged anyone interested in volunteering their time to help the Salvation Army and the Emergency Feeding Program feed Renton’s hungry and homeless populations they should contact those organizations. Additionally, Mr. McOmber advocated for affordable housing, and for the use of City facilities as nighttime shelters for the homeless during the winter months.

Councilmember Taylor thanked Mr. McOmber for sharing his spirit of community and compassion. He remarked that it is that kind of spirit that will help the City create shared prosperity throughout the community.

Citizen Comment: Torbenson – Neighbor’s Trees Falling on Property

William Torbenson (Renton) requested assistance regarding an issue of trees falling from a neighboring property that have been damaging buildings on his property. He stated that he has attempted to contact the neighboring property owner; and his insurance was canceled because they could not recover their losses from the absentee owner. Mr. Torbenson remarked that he has also worked with the City’s Code Enforcement Division and arborist. Further, he asked if the City had a dangerous tree ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding City regulations, code enforcement procedures and whether any improvements had begun on the neighboring property, as well as the current condition of the property.

Mayor Law stated that the City will contact Mr. Torbenson after the administration has reviewed his issues.

Citizen Comment: Sunderland – Neighbor’s Trees Falling on Property

Eileen Sunderland (Renton) stated that she lives in a different home on the same property and reiterated the concerns brought forth by Mr. Torbenson. She remarked that Section 4-11-080 of the Renton Municipal Code states that a qualified arborist must certify a tree as posing a risk of damage to personal property before the City will deem it as hazardous. She pointed out that the City sent an arborist to her property but could not certify any of the trees because he was not allowed to access the neighbor’s private property.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council: Meeting Minutes of 10/21/2013

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 10/21/2013. Council concur.

Council: Meeting Minutes of 10/28/2013

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 10/28/2013. Council concur.
CAG: 13-177, Will Rogers – Wiley Post Seaplane Base Maintenance Dredging, American Construction Co

City Clerk reported bid opening on 10/17/2013 for CAG-13-177; Will Rogers – Wiley Post Seaplane Base Maintenance Dredging project; five bids; engineer’s estimate $1,098,394.50; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, American Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of $575,313. Council concur.

CAG: 13-178, Misty Cove Lift Station Replacement, Gary Harper Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 10/22/2013 for CAG-13-178; Misty Cove Lift Station Replacement project; eight bids; engineer’s estimate $729,599; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Gary Harper Construction, Inc., in the amount of $820,877.70. Council concur.

CED: City Center Community Plan Advisory Board Annual Report

Community and Economic Development Department submitted the City Center Community Plan Advisory Board Annual Report for review and approval. Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

Fire: Emergency Management Program, WA Military Department EMPG Grant

Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant funds in the amount of $96,967 to support the emergency management program; and recommended adjusting the budget as necessary. Council concur.

Lease: Ground Rate Increase, Lane Hangar Condominium Owners Association, LAG-99-003

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Addendum #5 to LAG-99-003, Airport lease with Lane Hangar Condominium Owners Association, to increase the total ground lease rate to $27,301.56 plus leasehold tax annually through 7/31/2016. Council concur.

Utility: Storm System Field Mapping (Phase 2) – NPDES Permit, APS Surveying & Mapping

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of $191,851 with APS Surveying and Mapping for the Storm System Field Mapping (Phase 2) – NPDES Permit project. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR WITH THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 325008 - 325341, four wire transfers and one payroll run with benefit withholding payments totaling $8,611,785.50, and payroll vouchers including 732 direct deposits and 54 payroll checks totaling $1,553,563.01. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning and Development Committee Chair Zwicker presented a report recommending referral to the Committee of the Whole the City Center Community Plan Annual Report for presentation at a future Committee of the Whole meeting. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:
MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADD A RESOLUTION REGARDING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS LICENSES OR PERMITS FOR MEDICAL AND/OR RECREATION MARIJUANA BUSINESSES. CARRIED.

A resolution was read in its entirety declaring a moratorium on accepting application for business licenses or permits for medical and/or recreation marijuana businesses, including collective gardens and other establishments involved in the sale, manufacture, distribution or use of marijuana; directing the setting of a public hearing date of 12/2/2013; and establishing a termination date for the moratorium.

Responding to Councilmember Briere’s inquiry, Mr. Warren clarified that this moratorium affects all types of marijuana businesses.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ.*

Mr. Corman remarked that he believes it is appropriate to put a system in place that effectively manages and complies with the intent of the voters regarding the legalization of marijuana. He added that anyone affected by this resolution will have a chance to speak at the upcoming public hearing.

*MOTION CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:

ORDINANCE #5696
Attorney: Nuisance Definitions, Code Amendment

An ordinance was read amending Section 1-3-3 of Chapter 3, Nuisances, of Title I (Administrative), of City Code, criminalizing nuisance and chronic nuisance conduct in residential locations and in or around commercial, retail, and entertainment businesses by amending the definitions of “Calls for Service,” “Chronic Nuisance Premises,” and “Premises.” MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Council: Councilmember Taylor, Conference Attendance

Councilmember Taylor shared that he attended a conference October 21 to 23, 2013 called Railvolution that provided a wealth of information regarding employment transit-oriented development. He noted there were over 80 workshops, museum visits, and trade shows.

Additionally, Mr. Taylor shared that he is a founding member of a group called Local Progress, and explained that Local Progress is a national municipal policy network made up of hundreds of local elected officials from around the country, and key allied organizations, who are united by a shared commitment to a strong middle and working class, equal justice under law, sustainable and livable cities, and good government that serves the public interests effectively. He requested time on the Committee of the Whole calendar so he can discuss these issues in further detail at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.
TIME: 8:00 p.m.

Jason Seth, Recorder
November 4, 2013
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