Mayor Denis Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

DON PERSSON, Council President; ED PRINCE; TERRI BRIERE; ARMONDO PAVONE; GREG TAYLOR; RANDY CORMAN; MARCIE PALMER.

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; MARK BARBER, Senior Assistant City Attorney; JASON SETH, Deputy City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; IWEN WANG, Administrative Services Administrator; DOUG JACOBSON, Deputy Public Works Administrator – Transportation; JENNIFER HENNING, Planning Director; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; KAREN BERGSVIK, Human Services Manager; and COMMANDER DAVID LEIBMAN, Police Department.

Karen Bergsvik, Human Services Manager, introduced the members of the ARISE (Area of Renton Interfaith Shelter Endeavor) partnership as follows: Bob Bliesner, Co-Founder and Site Committee Chair; Maggie Breen, Executive Director representing the Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches (REACH); Dwight Jackson, Program Manager with Catholic Community Services; and Karleasa Mitchell, Program Supervisor with Catholic Community Services.

The panel discussed the organization’s history, partners, and purpose for providing an annual report. It was noted that a copy of the report can be obtained by visiting www.ccsw.org, or by contacting the City’s Human Services Division. Additionally, the panel discussed the organization’s intake process, background check procedures, case management and mental health services, and alcohol and/or drug treatment programs. The panel noted that men who are accepted into the program can stay up to six months in the shelter as long as they agree to perform daily chores, and follow the zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol.

The panel reported that 53 of 186 homeless men in Renton were served by the program in 2012. They noted that a majority of these men are from the greater Renton area. The panel also discussed the need for food and meal donations, and how the meal program was consolidated at the Salvation Army and is now called the Renton Meal Coalition.

In response to Council inquiries, Ms. Mitchell confirmed that many families drift apart and are reconnected after the men find help with their mental health or drug/alcohol problems. Ms. Breen also confirmed that each facility needs a room for sleeping, and noted that showers are not required. She added that managers from ARISE will be present, so no additional church staff is required.

Mayor Law commended ARISE for the dedicated work they do for the community. He also mentioned that the City will do everything possible to connect the appropriate people to support the program with church space, food donations, and money.
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 2014 and beyond. Item noted was:

* The Puget Sound Regional Council has awarded a $346,000 federal grant to the Lake Washington Loop Trail project. The project will provide a regional trail for pedestrians and bicyclists, extending from the Cedar River Trail to the north city limits along Airport Way and Rainier Ave. North. The trail will include a 12-foot wide paved path, separated from the travel lanes in the street by an 8-foot landscaped strip. This grant will pay for planning and design of the project in 2015. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $5,000,000 and construction is scheduled to be completed in 2017.

Mayor Law expressed appreciation for Saturday's participation of the Neighborhood Program training session called Neighbor to Neighbor. He noted that Councilmembers Prince and Palmer were in attendance, as well as about 75 residents.

Mr. Prince also commended City employees for giving up their Saturday morning to make meals for the neighborhood leaders. He remarked that he had the opportunity to meet with members from his own neighborhood who found the event extremely valuable. Ms. Palmer stated that she received feedback from participants who found the event informative and a great use of time.

Continuing, Mayor Law stated that King County is proposing to create a Transportation Benefit District to preserve bus service, and will bring this matter to a vote of the people in April. He remarked that this proposal is in response to a 17% reduction in services if a funding source for METRO is not found.

Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman highlighted key points of the proposed Transportation Benefit District proposal. He explained that the ballot measure will ask King County voters to approve two new funding sources; a $60 annual vehicle registration fee that would take effect after the current $20 fee expires; and a .1% increase in sales tax.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that 60% of the revenue, nearly $80 million per year, would be distributed to King County METRO; and 40%, nearly $50 million per year, would be distributed to cities and King County for road and transportation purposes. He noted that distribution is based on city population, which equates to approximately $2.5 million per year for Renton. Mr. Zimmerman added that if the measure fails, six METRO bus routes will be terminated, and another ten routes would be either reduced or revised in Renton.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee will meet Wednesday, February 12 to recommend approval of action in support of the proposed Transportation Benefit District. He remarked that the organization is also seeking support of the proposal from surrounding cities, including Renton.
Councilmember Prince remarked that he will be attending the Public Issues Committee and asked for Council’s guidance on this issue. Council President Persson stated that he is concerned about King County’s commitment to distribute the funds as proposed.

Mayor Law confirmed that the proposed funds for roads are secure and will be written into the ballot measure. He added that King County is proposing this measure due to shortcomings in the State transportation package. He pointed out that it is important to let voters determine whether this transportation package is worth the cost. Councilmember Taylor expressed support for the ballot measure, concurring that the decision regarding this proposal should belong to voters.

Hearing no objections from Council, Mayor Law stated that he will send a letter to King County in support of the Transportation Benefit District proposal as presented.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: McOmber – Affordable Housing

Howard McOmber (Renton) remarked that the City has great volunteers who help the City succeed when working together. He advocated for owner-occupied affordable housing in the Renton Highlands.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilmember Briere, Item 6.c. was removed for separate consideration.

Council: Meeting Minutes of 2/3/2014


Attorney: Amending RMC 5-5, Business Licenses

City Attorney Department recommended amending RMC 5-5, Business Licenses, to add regulations related to revocation of business licenses for chronic nuisance premises, and declaring an emergency. Refer to Finance Committee.

CAG: 12-071, S Lake Washington Roadway Improvements (Garden Ave N) Widening, Perteet

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Supplemental Agreement #3 to CAG-12-071, with Perteet, Inc., in the amount of $130,514 for additional construction management services for the S. Lake Washington Roadway Improvements (Garden Ave. N.) Widening project. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Transportation: 2014-2015 ORCA Passport & Budget Transfer, King County, et al

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of the 2014-2015 One Card for All (ORCA) Business Passport (formerly flexpass) interlocal agreement with King County, Pierce Transit, Sound Transit, Community Transit, Kitsap Transit, and the Washington State Ferries Division in the amount of $92,902 to continue the Commute Trip Reduction Program for City employees; and authorization to transfer $63,902 from 2014 departmental salary savings and the General Fund to cover the budget shortfall. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

CAG: 12-132, Central Sound Aerospace Training Center Design, SRG Partnership

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of Amendment #1 to CAG-12-132, with SRG Partnership, Inc., in the amount of $806,142 to perform expanded architectural design and engineering services for the Central Sound Aerospace Training Center. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.
Utility Systems Division recommended approval of Addendum #1 to CAG-13-023, with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., in the amount of $106,538 to design bioretention stormwater facilities and permeable concrete sidewalks for the Sunset Community Plan SSIP - Harrington Ave. NE Green Connections Phase II project. Council concur.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS ITEM 6.c. CARRIED.

Community Services Department requested approval to waive golf course green fees in the amount of $2,900 for the Liberty High School Girls Golf Team for the 2014 spring season. Refer to Finance Committee.

Councilmember Briere remarked that it is standard protocol for Council to waive green fees for local high schools.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6.c. AS COUNCIL CONCUR. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 326993 – 327297, five wire transfers and one payroll run with benefit withholding payments totaling $6,142,791.56 and payroll vouchers including 722 direct deposits and 59 payroll checks totaling $1,947,731.57.

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

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending granting the waiver requested for sewer and King County METRO related charges from a water leak at the service address of 1428 Kirkland Ave NE, Pillar Real Northwest Real Estate, (Account #028327-000), as presented for the total amount of $5,580.66. The adjustment includes City Sewer ($1,966.14), and King County Metro ($3,614.52) charges above their normal usage.

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

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the five-year lease agreement with the George Pocock Rowing Foundation for the Cedar River Boathouse in the amount of $90,568 over the five year term.

The Committee also recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the lease.

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

Councilmember Taylor shared the names of several lesser known African American inventors in celebration of Black History Month. He encouraged everyone to research and learn more about these renowned, yet less-talked-about, historical African Americans.

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

Judy Tabak (Renton) inquired as to when construction of the Cedar River Library would begin.
Facilities Director Peter Renner remarked that over 50 structural comments were received regarding the Cedar River Library. He explained that the contractor selection process will begin after these comments have been addressed. He added that he believes construction will start by late spring or early summer.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERRSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. TIME: 7:55 p.m.

Chris Chau, Recorder
February 10, 2014
**RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR**
Office of the City Clerk
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