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

DON PERSSON, Council President; ED PRINCE; ARMONDO PAVONE; GREG TAYLOR; MARCIE PALMER. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS TERRI BRIERE AND RANDY CORMAN. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; IWEN WANG, Administrative Services Administrator; CHIP VINCENT, Community and Economic Development Administrator; FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR MARK PETERSON, FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; COMMANDER PAUL CLINE, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Fire: Employee Promotions

Fire & Emergency Services Administrator Mark Peterson reported that three promotions have occurred in the department. He presented promotional awards to the following employees while recognizing their accomplishments: Firefighter Jim Ochs promoted to Lieutenant; Lieutenant Craig Soucy promoted to Captain; and Captain Kevin Anderson promoted to Battalion Chief/Safety Officer. Chief Peterson also announced that Battalion Chief/Safety Officer Talmon (Tally) Hall retired March 1, 2014 after serving the City for 38 years.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Peterson – Dewitt Development & Mayor’s Meeting with Stakeholders

Inez Peterson (Renton) stated that she presented pictures of the Dewitt property at the last Council meeting that give the appearance of cronyism within the administration. She explained that the developer has been allowed to dig a huge foundation pit to within three feet of the property lines, place sanitation cans on the sidewalk, and completely enclose the property and abutting sidewalk with a cyclone fence, something a regular citizen would not be allowed to do. She also remarked that she found it odd that Councilmember Briere, who is a past member of the Planning and Development Committee, could not remember specific details about the Dewitt development.

Additionally, Ms. Peterson remarked that Mayor Law’s meeting with local downtown stakeholders should have been a public meeting, and any councilmember that was interested should have been allowed to attend. She suggested that if the topic were sensitive then an executive session should have been the appropriate format for the meeting.

City Attorney Larry Warren pointed out that the Planning and Development Committee heard the Dewitt appeal by Mr. Brad Nicholson in February of 2002. He also clarified that Mr. Dewitt is within his rights as a property owner to block the sidewalk because the City does not own title or a right-of-way deed for the land under the sidewalk. He added that the City is working with Mr. Dewitt to get the necessary conveyance documents so that this issue can be cleared up.
Secondly, Mr. Warren clarified that the Mayor’s meeting was not a violation of the Open Public Meeting Act because there was never a quorum of Council present at the meeting. He explained that the Mayor can conduct meetings that are not open meetings in the same manner that Councilmembers may conduct meetings. Mr. Warren also pointed out that the purpose of the meeting was for the Mayor to receive suggestions from the public and business community about what could be done to further the City’s business atmosphere, and conducting it in an executive session would have destroyed the very purpose of the meeting.

Paul Ouellette (Renton) thanked City officials and staff for the invitation to attend the recent Council Retreat. He stated that learning about all the new projects was very informative, however; he expressed concern that not enough was being done to mitigate the potential traffic impacts along the Lake Washington Boulevard corridor. He remarked that access to the waterfront could become a problem in the future.

Additionally, Mr. Ouellette expressed concern about the traffic impacts related to leasing space at old City Hall (200 Mill Building) to a private school. He asked if nearby speed limits will be reduced, and if traffic cameras will be installed in the vicinity. He also expressed concern that Liberty Park would become the playground for the school. He pointed out that there are taverns and tattoo parlors within a thousand yards of the park.

Howard McOmber (Renton) advocated for owner-occupied affordable housing in the Renton Highlands. He stated that more affordable housing options could become a reality in the Highlands through cooperation and coordination between the City, the Renton Housing Authority, and private developers. Mr. McOmber remarked that increasing the supply of buildings will stabilize rents in the area, explaining that rents are increasing because there are plenty of tenants and limited housing options.

Beth Asher (Renton) expressed concern that the administration is not considering that local property owners are also stakeholders in Renton. She suggested that if the Mayor’s meeting with downtown stakeholders was sensitive it should have been held in executive session so that all Councilmembers could be included in the conversation. Ms. Asher also remarked that Councilmembers are elected at-large and do not represent districts, and should therefore be allowed to attend any meeting that affects Renton residents.

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

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 2/24/2014. Council concur.

City Clerk reported bid opening on 2/13/2014 for CAG-14-005, Maplewood WTP Access Platforms and Fall Protection Improvements project; nine bids; engineer’s estimate $159,306.08; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, General Mechanical, Inc., in the amount of $158,556. Council concur.
Administrative Services Department recommended approval of a three-year contract with King County for additional Institutional Network (I-Net) service and support in the amount of $13,860 per year. Refer to Finance Committee.

Community and Economic Development Department recommended adoption of the 2012 International Building and Fire Codes with local amendments. Refer to Planning and Development Committee and Public Safety Committee.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Public Safety Committee Vice-Chair Taylor presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to amend definitions in RMC 1-3-3 and add language that will permit the City to attach liens to Chronic Nuisance Premises as defined in RMC 5-5, in order to better facilitate nuisance prevention and enforcement.

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

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for ordinance.)

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the 3/17/2014 Council meeting for second and final reading:

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 3/17/2014. CARRIED.

Council President Persson announced that the Committee of the Whole and Council meeting regularly scheduled for March 10, 2014 have been canceled.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL CANCEL THE 3/10/2014 COUNCIL MEETING. CARRIED.

Dave Beedon (Renton) remarked that he is in favor of private meetings when they are appropriate. He requested that a report on what transpired at the Mayor’s meeting with stakeholders be presented at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

Inez Peterson (Renton) clarified that she had perused the Dewitt development files prior to presenting this issue to Council. She explained that after looking at the files it did not appear to her that the sidewalks were located on Mr. Dewitt’s personal property.

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

TIME: 7:37 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

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