RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting  
March 17, 2014  
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  
ED PRINCE, Council President Pro Tern; TERRI BRIERE; ARMONDO PAVONE; RANDY CORMAN; MARCIE PALMER. MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT DON PERSSON AND COUNCILMEMBER GREG TAYLOR. CARRIED.  

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE  
DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Senior Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; IWEN WANG, Administrative Services Administrator; CHIP VINCENT, Community and Economic Development Administrator; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Deputy Public Affairs Administrator; LYS HORNBY, Utility Systems Director; KELLY BEYMER, Parks & Golf Course Director; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Planning & Natural Resources Director; CAPTAIN MARK SEAVER, Fire & Emergency Services Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH and COMMANDER CLARK WILCOX, Police Department.  

SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
Solid Waste: Waste Management Annual Report  
Solid Waste Coordinator Linda Knight stated that Waste Management presents an annual report to the City that documents the program’s successes from the previous year. She introduced David Della, Public Sector Manager, and Candy Castellanos, Public Education and Outreach Manager, from Waste Management.  

Mr. Della reported that Waste Management’s pledges the following commitments: 1) Safety and Outstanding Customer Service, 2) Public Education and Outreach, 3) Building Strategic Partnerships, and 4) Community Sustainability. He reported that 2013 was a year of transparency and dialogue, and explained that several town hall meetings were held throughout King and Snohomish counties in order to gather information, provide educational opportunities, and share ideas about increasing efficiency and diversionary rates in recycling. He remarked that Waste Management also reached out to diverse communities by providing educational materials in several languages.  

Mr. Della reported that Waste Management is determined to reach their 2020 Sustainability Goals. He explained that these goals include 1) Increasing waste-based energy production, 2) Increasing recycling, 3) Increasing their fleet efficiency, and 4) Providing wildlife habitat at their landfills. He noted that over 12,000 tons a month of material is processed at their Cascade Recycling Center, and invited everyone to tour their centers in Woodinville, Tacoma, and Spokane.  

Continuing, Mr. Della reported that 66,596 total tons of material was collected in Renton in 2013. He stated that residential participation for curbside recycling is 95.5% and yard waste is 85.2%. He also reported that 25,000 tons of recyclables and compostables from Renton were diverted from landfills.
Ms. Candy Castellanos presented Waste Management’s outreach and education information. She reported that in addition to the work they do in Renton, Waste Management partners with King and Snohomish counties to find ways to improve outreach and education across the Puget Sound region. She remarked that this work includes providing programs for elementary schools, working with residents in multi-family properties, and studying behavior patterns in terms of how people handle their garbage.

Ms. Castellanos reported that her team visited all 1,156 businesses in Renton in order to provide information and technical assistance on the recycling programs that Waste Management offers. She also noted that Waste Management partners with the City for community events including Renton River Days, the Farmers Market, and Compost Days.

Concluding, Mr. Della added that Waste Management sponsored the 2013 State of the City luncheon, and other Chamber of Commerce events. He also noted that Waste Management donates to the Return to Renton Benefit Car Show that supports Police Department youth activity programs.

Councilmember Briere expressed appreciation for Waste Management’s business outreach program. Mayor Law remarked that the City is excited to learn that 25,000 tons of debris is recycled every year.

Deputy Public Affairs Administrator Preeti Shridhar stated that the City of Renton’s work towards building an inclusive city was recognized by the National League of Cities at a presentation in Washington, D.C. She announced that Renton was awarded the 2014 City Cultural Diversity Award. Ms. Shridhar explained that the City made inclusivity a priority in 2008 by embarking on a mission to reach the diverse populations within the Renton community. She stated that a network of Community Liaisons was created, and these volunteers are ambassadors who are the link between the City and City programs reaching these communities.

Ms. Shridhar reported that the City provides essential training on emergency management and preparedness in several languages, has worked to encourage these citizens to engage in City government through task forces, citizen groups, and City festivals. She stated that the Fire & Emergency Services Department dedicates portions of Renton’s annual Heart Month to providing heart health screenings to the City’s diverse populations. She also pointed out that the City conducted employee workshops on race, diversity, and equity last year.

Ms. Shridhar shared quotes from members of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials and the National League of Cities praising Renton’s diversity program. She introduced Community Liaison Julio Amador.

Mr. Amador shared the reasons why he decided to locate his business in Renton 13 years ago. He added that he is excited to be in a city that embraces his culture and ethnicity. He thanked City officials and staff for their work towards reaching out to the diverse populations within the community.

Mayor Law thanked Mr. Amador for his efforts and commitment to the City’s diversity outreach program.
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 2014 and beyond. Items noted were:

- Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project will upgrade the power transmission grid on the east side of Lake Washington in order to keep up with increasing demand for electricity caused by regional growth. Puget Sound Energy (PSE) is exploring options and routes for 18 miles of new 230 KV transmission lines that will extend between Renton and Redmond. PSE will conduct three sub-area workshops to provide information and obtain input from the public on the alternatives for the south portion of the route (Renton and Newcastle). The first of these three workshops will be held on Thursday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Renton Technical College, Building I, Robert C. Roberts Campus Center Cafeteria, 3000 NE 4th St. Members of the public are invited to participate in the workshop. PSE will also be making a special presentation to Council during the March 24 City Council meeting on this project.

- Bird spike strips have been installed on top of the new street light standards along Rainer Ave. S., between S. 3rd St. and S. 4th Pl., to prevent seagulls from roosting on top of the standards. This effort appears to be effective and also helps maintain the appearance of the light standards.

- Public Works crews reached a milestone by installing the 10,000th AMR wireless water meter (out of approximately 18,000 meters) in the City water distribution system. This represents roughly 55% of the installations. Conversion to the wireless water meters started in 2012, with a projected completion date in 2018. However, the crew is significantly ahead of schedule, with a new projected completion date at the end of 2015 or early 2016.

Mr. Covington invited Community Services Administrator Terry Higashiyama to the podium to address citizen concerns about the condition of the North Highlands Neighborhood Center.

Ms. Higashiyama stated that the area near the Highlands Neighborhood Center is essentially a construction zone because that is where the new Meadow Crest Inclusive Playground is being built. She acknowledged that the building is not in the condition the department normally keeps City buildings, and noted that it will be repainted, the parking lot will be restriped, and the landscaping will be re-done on May 3.

Ms. Higashiyama reported that the building had been closed for a few months, but is now open again for drop-in preschool services, weekly gymnastic classes, and weekly cheerleading classes. She also pointed out that there had been only one police call at the center last year. Concluding, Ms. Higashiyama requested that citizens who have concerns about this building, or any other City facility, call the Community Services Department.

Discussion ensued regarding the length of time the building was closed, the reasons it was closed, and how much better that area will look once the playground and other improvements are finished.
Paul Ouellette (Renton) stated that he is concerned about the impacts the proposed Puget Sound Energy project will have if they choose to route their transmission lines along the shores of Lake Washington. He stated people need to know where the power is being generated, who it is being generated for, why the Monroe route is not being considered, and what could happen to tax valuations for property along the Lake Washington route.

Inez Petersen (Renton) remarked that while the diversity program is great she believes the City should have a unity program where everyone is taught English so there does not have to be so much language diversity. She also expressed appreciation for improvements that recently occurred at the Dewitt property. Additionally, Ms. Peterson expressed concern about driveway sizes allowed in City Code.

Howard McOmber (Renton) noted the passing of volunteer and community activist Sandel DeMastus. He remarked that her memorial service is scheduled for April 6, at 3 p.m. at the Renton Community Center. Additionally, Mr. McOmber stated that it is Council’s responsibility to listen to citizens when establishing policy direction, and the administration’s responsibility to implement that direction. He advocated for owner-occupied affordable housing in the Renton Highlands.

Mayor Law remarked that Sandel was very active in the community, and he is sad to hear of her passing.

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


City Clerk reported bid opening on 2/27/2014 for CAG-14-018, Monterey Terrace Water Main Replacement project; 10 bids; engineer’s estimate $1,000,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Buno Construction, Inc., in the amount of $775,073.85. Council concur.

Community and Economic Development Department submitted 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed Trace Matthew Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 4/7/2014 to consider the petition and proposed zoning; 4.54 acres bordered by Renton City limits at the north, 154th Ave. SE to the west, parcel lines in proximity of SE 139th Pl. to the south, and 156th Ave SE to the east. Council concur.

Fire & Emergency Services Department requested authorization to convert an Assistant Fire Marshal position (m26) to a Fire Marshal position (m38), resulting in an increased budget of $22,415 for 2014. Refer to Finance Committee.

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an addendum to airport lease LAG-93-004, aircraft hangar storage with BHC, Inc., to increase the total ground lease rate per appraisal to $30,242.68 annually through 10/28/2018, and to readjust the rate thereafter using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) index. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.
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Lease: Modify Construction Provisions for New Hangar, Bosair LLC, LAG-12-004

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an addendum to lease LAG-12-004, with Bosair, LLC modifying provisions regarding the demolition of three buildings and construction of a new hangar at the airport. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Transportation: On-Call Architectural & Engineering Services, URS Corporation

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a contract with URS Corporation in the amount of $191,500 for on-call architectural and engineering services. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

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

Separate Consideration Item 6.d.

Community Services: Fee Waiver Request, CROPWALK

Community Services Department requested approval to waive picnic shelter fees in the amount of $280 for the annual CROPWALK event on 5/4/2014. Refer to Finance Committee.

Councilmember Briere remarked that this is a routine fee waiver for the annual CROPWALK event. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6.d. AS COUNCIL CONCUR. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Planning & Development Committee

Attorney: Amend RMC 4-8-110.E.12.C – Hearing Examiner Decisions

Planning and Development Committee Chair Prince presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to amend RMC 4-8-110.E.12.C, in compliance with state law, to reduce the time for the Hearing Examiner to render a final written decision from 14 to 10 days, unless a longer period is mutually agreed to in writing by the applicant and the Hearing Examiner.

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

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 73 for ordinance.)

CED: Marijuana Regulations

Planning and Development Committee Chair Prince presented a report recommending concurrence with the Planning Commission and staff recommendation to adopt regulations for producers and processors of recreational marijuana, categorizing them as Heavy Industrial, allowing in the IH zone, and categorizing it similar to Taverns, allowed in zones with conditions, and proposing a new definition for Marijuana Retailer.

The Committee also recommended that the moratorium for issuing licenses and permits associated with medical marijuana be extended for an additional six months.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance and resolution regarding these matters be presented for first reading.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page for 73 and 74 for resolution and ordinance.)

Councilmember Briere remarked that the moratorium on medical and recreational marijuana was initially established to give the City more time to determine how this issue would impact the community. She remarked that the medical marijuana portion of the moratorium was being extended because the State legislature failed to provide direction on this issue.
Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 327611 – 328311, eight wire transfers and two payroll runs with benefit withholding payments totaling $13,349,242.37 and payroll vouchers including 1,428 direct deposits and 345 payroll checks totaling $3,277,577.32. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: I-Net Service & Support, King County

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the contract with King County, Washington in the amount not to exceed $13,860 per year to provide access to the internet and Institutional Network for City’s communication and data processing needs.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 73 for resolution.)

Utilities Committee
Utility: Establish SR 167 Interchange Direct Connector/Talbot Hill Sewer Relocation Project & Engineering Services, Stantec Consulting Services

Utilities Committee Chair Pavone presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a new Wastewater Utility capital improvement project to relocate the Talbot Hill Sewer as needed to accommodate the Washington State Department of Transportation’s (WSDOT) SR 167 Interchange Direct Connector Project; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the consultant agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., in the amount of $145,900, for engineering services for the Talbot Hill Sewer Relocation project; and approve the proposed 2014 Capital Expenditure for this project in the amount of $1,600,000 which will be reimbursed by WSDOT per agreement with the City.

The budget adjustment associated with this project will be included in the upcoming Carry-Forward Ordinance.

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

CAG: 64-764, Second Addendum for Cascade Interceptor, Soos Creek Water & Sewer District

Utilities Committee Chair Pavone presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Second Addendum to the March 27, 1964 Cascade Interceptor Agreement: Phase II – Rehabilitation and Maintenance of the Cascade Interceptor with Soos Creek Water and Sewer District for the rehabilitation of the remaining portions of the Cascade Interceptor.

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this agreement be adopted.

MOVED BY PAVONE, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 73 for resolution.)

Public Safety Committee
Fire: Bullet Proof Vests, Upgraded Foam & Upgrading Equipment

Public Safety Committee Chair Corman remarked that the Committee was briefed on the following items: Purchasing bullet proof vests for first responder personnel, purchasing upgraded fire-fighting foam because of issues with ethanol fuel, and upgrading equipped vehicles in the near future.
Mayor Law added that the City has a schedule for fleet replacement. He noted that the fleet manager determines whether something should be replaced on schedule, replaced earlier than scheduled, or kept longer than scheduled if feasible.

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

**RESOLUTION #4210**
Finance: I-Net Service & Support, King County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement entitled “Contract Between King County, Washington and City of Renton for Institutional Network Services, Contract No. 02COR14.” MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION #4211**
CED: Marijuana Regulations, Medical Marijuana

A resolution was read extending the moratorium on accepting applications for business licenses or permits for medical marijuana businesses and establishments involved in the sale, manufacture, distribution or use of medical marijuana; directing the setting of a public hearing date of 5/12/2014; and establishing a termination date for the moratorium. MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION #4212**
CAG: 64-764, Second Addendum for Cascade Interceptor, Soos Creek Water & Sewer District

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with Soos Creek Water and Sewer District regarding rehabilitation and maintenance of the Cascade Interceptor. MOVED BY PAVONE, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the 3/24/2014 Council meeting for second and final reading:

**ORDINANCE #5705**
Attorney: Amend RMC 1-3-3, Chronic Nuisance Premises Liens

An ordinance was read amending Section 1-3-3 of Chapter 3, Remedies and Penalties, of Title I (Administrative), of City Code, by clarifying the definitions “Call for Service,” “Chronic Nuisance Premises,” and “General Public,” and amending regulations regarding liens. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.
Inez Petersen (Renton) cautioned that the City may be infringing on constitutional rights by extending the moratorium on medical marijuana. She remarked that the State expects lower government entities to take a reasonable amount of time to implement laws once they are passed. She added that regulations could be implemented now and amended later if necessary.

Councilmember Briere pointed out that the moratorium extension is only for medical marijuana and asked the City Attorney for a response. Mayor Law remarked that the City Attorney’s office reviews all City resolutions, ordinances, moratoriums, and other action the City is taking on this issue. He noted that all legal opinions will come from the City Attorney’s office.

Mr. Covington stated that the reason the moratorium on medical marijuana is being extended is because the State legislature could not figure out how to regulate it during their recent sixty-day session. He remarked that the City is struggling with the issue because of the ambiguity in the current law and how it conflicts with some of the recreational marijuana regulations. He noted that the public will have an opportunity to speak on this issue at the 5/12/2014 public hearing. Mr. Covington added that the City is adopting an ordinance that will allow the legalization of recreational marijuana per the wishes of the voters.

Community and Economic Development Administrator Chip Vincent explained the differences between the City’s current regulations for I-692 regarding medical marijuana and I-502 regarding recreational marijuana. He explained that the City had an expectation based on representation from the State legislature that the regulations would be merged into one legislative package. He remarked that medical marijuana is highly unregulated and untaxed, whereas recreational marijuana is highly regulated and taxed. Mr. Vincent added that because the State legislature failed to combine the two initiatives into one sensible law, the administration is recommending that the moratorium on medical marijuana (only) be extended.

Paul Ouellette (Renton) remarked that he believes it is a good idea to extend the moratorium on the medical marijuana issue. He explained that this will give the City more time to regulate it correctly, as opposed to having it wrong and trying to change it later.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. TIME: 8:16 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

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