RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
April 28, 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
DON PERSSON, Council President; MARCIE PALMER; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; ARMONDO PAVONE; ED PRINCE. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; GARMON NEWSOM, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; IWEN WANG, Administrative Services Administrator; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; NEIL WATTS, Development Services Director; and COMMANDER CLARK WILCOX, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
King County: Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
Solid Waste Coordinator Linda Knight introduced Laurel Tomchick, Program Manager for the King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program. Ms. Tomchick explained that the EnviroStars certification program is a voluntary environmental program that provides assistance and incentives for small businesses to reduce hazardous materials and hazardous waste in their facilities. She read a list of EnviroStars certified businesses in Renton, and encouraged everyone to patronize these businesses in order to help protect the local environment. She also noted that a complete list of EnviroStars certified businesses can be found at www.envirostars.org.

Renton Community Foundation Grants
Renton Community Foundation President Rich Wagner shared the foundation’s history and purpose. He stated that the City of Renton awards more than 300 recreational scholarships each year through the “Gift of Play” program to citizens who otherwise could not afford to play an event, join a team, or take a class. Mr. Wagner announced that the Renton Community Foundation is facilitating two grants for the “Gift of Play” program. He introduced Tim and Kimberly Searing to provide the details of the first grant.

Ms. Searing stated she and her husband are long-time Renton residents who are happy to contribute to the recreational scholarship fund. She shared memories of her youth playing in City parks, and announced that the Searing Family Fund is pleased to donate $1,000 to the program.

Mr. Wagner reported that the second grant is from the Sam Chastain Memorial Fund. He stated that Sandy Chastain, the fund’s advisor, normally requests a grant of $3,500 for the recreational scholarship program. He announced that this year Ms. Chastain has raised the grant to $4,500. He introduced Ms. Chastain.

Ms. Chastain stated that she is privileged to raise the annual grant amount to $4,500 this year. She added that Sam loved the parks, and his goal was to be able to allow all kids to participate in recreational programs.
Additionally, Mr. Wagner thanked Neighborhoods, Resources and Events Manager Bonnie Rerecich for her service to the City’s Recreation Division, noting that she is retiring in May.

Mayor Law thanked the Searing family and Ms. Chastain for their generous donations to the City’s recreational scholarship program.

Council President Persson took a moment to also recognize Ms. Rerecich for her many years of service to the City. He stated that she has unsurpassed passion for the City’s children and parks, and has helped make Renton a wonderful place to live.

**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. Item noted was:

* The park master planning process has begun to design the future 3.7 acre Sunset Neighborhood Park as part of the Sunset Area Community Revitalization Program. The first of three interactive open houses will be held this Thursday, May 1, at McKnight Middle School Commons Area from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and Spanish interpretation will be available. The public is invited.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: McOmber – Summer Lunch Program

Howard McOmber (Renton) stated that there are more than 400 homeless children in the Renton School District. He remarked that more needs to be done to make these children aware that they can still receive breakfast and lunch at their schools during the summertime. Mr. McOmber also advocated for more volunteerism in the community. He stated that everyone has something they can do to help the area’s at-risk populations.

Citizen Comment: Petersen – Budget Shortfalls

Inez Petersen (Renton) stated that according to the Renton Reporter the City is facing an $8 million budget shortfall, and faced a $5 million budget shortfall in recent years. She stated that despite this the City was recently given an award as testament to its focus on innovation, efficiency, and improved productivity. Ms. Petersen commented that citizens have had enough fees, property taxes, and sales tax. She emphasized that the City needs to adopt a balanced budget.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington stated for the record that the City’s budget is balanced. He added that the City does not adopt unbalanced budgets. Mayor Law remarked that Council understands that the City adopts only balanced budgets.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Council: Meeting Minutes of 4/21/2014


Finance: Revise 2013/2014 Fee Schedule

Administrative Services Department recommended adoption of the revised 2013/2014 Fee Schedule to incorporate reduced CD/DVD fees, authorize waiver of fees if under $4, and add a fee for cleaning and re-keying the locks at airport hangars. Refer to Finance Committee.
Community Services Department recommended waiving City Center Parking Garage fees in the amount of $7,380 for volunteers laboring at the spring and fall Piazza Festivals and Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Renton Farmers Market, and the Return to Renton Benefit Car Show. Refer to Finance Committee.

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

Finance Committee Vice-Chair Palmer presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 328603 – 328960, three wire transfers and one payroll run with benefit withholding payments totaling $6,155,175.60 and payroll vouchers including 716 direct deposits and 57 payroll checks totaling $1,702,276.20. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning and Development Committee Chair Prince presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to declare the Sunset Area as an “Economic Target Zone.” The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for resolution.)

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read declaring that the Sunset Area is an “Economic Target Area.” MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

An ordinance was read amending Section 1-3-2 of Chapter 3, Remedies and Penalties, of Title I (Administrative), of City Code, by revising the definition of “Administrator.” MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Inez Petersen (Renton) reiterated that the Renton Reporter indicated that the City has had budget shortfalls of $5 million and $8 million. She stated that these statistics are not the definitions of a balanced budget in her opinion.

Mayor Law reiterated for the record that the budget is balanced. He remarked that the City could arrange an opportunity for Ms. Petersen to speak to the Finance Director in order to get a better understanding of the differences between a balanced and unbalanced budget if she desired.

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

TIME: 7:29 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk
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