RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

May 12, 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; ED PRINCE; TERRI BRIERE; ARMONDO
PAVONE; MARCIE PALMER. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE,
council excuse absent councilmembers RANDY CORMAN AND GREG
TAYLOR. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; MARK
BARBER, Senior Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG
ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; JENNIFER HENNING, Planning
Director; and ANGIE MATHIAS, Associate Planner.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Maggie Breen, Executive Director of the Renton Ecumenical Association of
Churches (REACH), shared the purpose and mission of the Renton Meal
Coalition. She explained that volunteers from REACH, the Salvation Army, and
the Harambee Center have partnered to provide a hot meal to homeless or
very low-income people every day at 5:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 720 S.
Tobin St. She stated that the coalition serves between 50 and 80 people per
night, including the men of the ARISE (Area of Renton Interfaith Shelter
Endeavor) program.

Ms. Breen displayed the webpage rentonmealcoalition.org, and noted that
information can be found on the site regarding donating time, food or money
to the organization. She encouraged people to sign-up to help feed people, and
to donate food and snacks to the program. She also noted that there are
chaplains, social workers, and mental health professionals on site to work with
any individuals that might need help. Ms. Breen thanked City officials for
supporting the Renton Meal Coalition.

Council President Persson remarked that the coalition is a unique organization,
and encouraged citizens to volunteer and help feed the community's homeless
population.

Councilmember Palmer added that the Salvation Army is hosting an Open
House this Wednesday, May 14, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. She remarked that
everyone is invited to attend the event, and explained that the purpose is to
showcase the Salvation Army facility's recent remodeling and kitchen
renovation.

PUBLIC HEARING
CED: Extension of Six-Month Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Applications

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 six-month extension of the moratorium declared 11/4/2013 on the
submission, acceptance, processing or approval of applications by or for new
business licenses or permits for new establishments involved in the sale, use,
growing, manufacture, distribution or processing of medical marijuana.
Associate Planner Angie Mathias reported that the purpose of the public hearing is to consider and take public testimony on the six-month extension of the moratorium declared 11/4/2013 regarding medical marijuana. She reported that Council extended the moratorium for medical marijuana only on 3/17/2014. She added that Council has already approved regulations regarding legalized recreational marijuana.

Ms. Mathias explained that recreational marijuana is highly regulated, and falls under the purview of the State Liquor Control Board. She remarked that the board established licenses for marijuana producers, processors and retailers. She remarked that there are extensive requirements for the recreational marijuana industry including traceability, security, employee rules, and other regulations.

Ms. Mathias reported that medical marijuana is not as regulated as recreational marijuana. She explained that the City has extended the moratorium in anticipation of the State legislature aligning the regulations for medical and recreational marijuana into one system under the purview of the State Liquor Control Board. She remarked that this did not happen during the last legislative session, and in the absence of legislation the City is not prepared to make a decision on the issue.

Concluding, Ms. Mathias stated that extending the moratorium prohibits businesses from vesting to old regulations, provides adequate public participation in the process, and provides time for the City to develop a work program for medical marijuana. She stated that regardless of the outcome by the State legislature, the City will follow an administrative process that includes presenting a medical marijuana work program proposal to the administration, then to the Planning Commission, and ultimately to the City Council for final action.

Responding to inquiries from Councilmember Prince, Ms. Mathias confirmed that the moratorium expires on 9/24/2014. She noted that the City must either adopt regulations or extend the moratorium again by that date.

Public comment was invited.

Howard McOmber (Renton) stated that he believes that medical marijuana is something different than recreational marijuana. He praised Council for taking the time to consider this issue, and noted that there are a lot of people who depend on alternative medicines. He also remarked that he believes the moratorium is a good idea, and Council should use the time to get information from the medical community regarding this topic.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. 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 2014 and beyond. Items noted were:

- The 35th Annual Senior Stage Revue performances at Carco Theatre, 1717 Maple Valley Highway, will be held on Thursday, May 15, at 1 p.m. and Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m. Admission is $3 at the door.
* The City of Renton, Renton School District and Highlands Neighborhood Association will hold the Dedication Ceremony and Grand Opening for the unique Meadow Crest Playground, 3000 NE 16th St., on Saturday, May 17, at 10 a.m. Residents can climb over the 25-foot long caterpillar, ramble up a rock wall, strike the chimes and roll on a wavy walk.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council: Meeting Minutes of 5/5/2014


Attorney: Amend RMC 6-15-4.A.2, Massage Facility Inspection Requirements

City Attorney Department recommended adoption of an ordinance amending Renton Municipal Code (RMC) 6-15-4.A.2 ensuring the subsection is interpreted as requiring owners, users or controllers of massage facilities to permit inspections authorized by one or all of the applicable statutes and ordinances. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

CAG: 13-046, Lind Avenue Lift Station Replacement, Equity Builders

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-13-046, Lind Avenue Lift Station Replacement project, and requested approval of the project, final pay estimate in the amount of $16,457.26, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retainage in the amount of $33,428 to Equity Builders, LLC, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Finance: Revise 2013/2014 Fee Schedule

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to amend the City’s 2014 Fee Schedule Brochure to:

1. Reduce the amount charged for audio/video CDs and DVDs, to authorize department administrators to waive minimal miscellaneous fees; and to
2. Add a new Airport T-Hangar non-refundable move-out cleaning fee for cleaning and re-keying of locks. The fee will be due at the commencement of a new lease.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 148 for resolution.)

Community Center: City Center Parking Garage Fee Waivers

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to waive the 2014 City Center Parking Garage fees for volunteer workers laboring at the Piazza Festivals and Tree Lighting, the Farmers Market and the Return to Renton Benefit Car Show. This waiver is equivalent to $7,380 in parking fees.

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

Councilmember Briere remarked that there are hundreds of volunteers that help with these events, and the least the City can do is waive their parking fees.
Public Works: Hire Fleet
Manager Position at Step D

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the request to fill the Public Works Department Maintenance Services Division Fleet Manager position (Grade m30) at Step D of the 2014 salary schedule.

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

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 328961 – 329277, five wire transfers and one payroll run with benefit withholding payments totaling $4,355,311.95 and payroll vouchers including 743 direct deposits and 57 payroll checks totaling $1,584,952.75.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION #4215
Finance: Revised 2013/2014 Fee Schedule

A resolution was read adopting the amended 2013/2014 City of Renton Fee Schedule. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Comment: Marchant – High Cost of Forever-Pet-Licenses

Council President Persson remarked that Council had received correspondence from Ms. Arlene Marchant regarding the high cost of forever-pet-licenses for low-income citizens.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL REFER THE LETTER FROM ARLENE MARCHANT REGARDING THE HIGH COST OF FOREVER-PET-LICENSES FOR LOW-INCOME CITIZENS TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

Council: Cancel Third Council Meeting in July Due to Renton River Days Activities

Mr. Persson noted that Council historically has canceled the third Council meeting in July due to the activities associated with Renton River Days. He stated that he would like this meeting to be canceled on an ongoing basis.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CANCEL THE THIRD COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY ON AN ONGOING BASIS DUE TO RENTON RIVER DAYS ACTIVITIES.*

City Clerk Bonnie Walton asked if this cancelation is in addition to the regularly scheduled Council holiday that occurs on the Monday in July immediately following the Renton River Days event.

Mr. Persson clarified that it is his intent to have the third and fourth Council meetings in July canceled on an ongoing basis.

*MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

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

TIME: 7:23 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
May 12, 2014
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