RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 9, 2014
Monday, 7 p.m.

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; TERRI BRIERE; ED PRINCE.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
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; NEIL WATTS, Development Services Director; KELLY
BEYMER, Parks & Golf Course Director; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director;
SONJA MEJLÆNDER, Community Relations & Events Coordinator;
COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
Community Services:
Nishiwaki Sister City

Roger Richert, Chairman of the Renton Sister Cities Association and the Renton-
Nishiwaki Sister City Committee, reported that he took part in the first
delegation to Nishiwaki, Japan in 1969. He stated that tonight’s presentation
will include comments from several speakers involved with Sister Cities
Associations in Washington State. He introduced Brian Chu, Education and
Cultural Programs Coordinator for the Hyogo Business and Cultural Center.

Mr. Chu stated that it has been his pleasure to work with the Renton Sister
Cities Association. He remarked that it is important in today’s age of
technology to be reminded of the importance of handshakes and hugs. He
introduced three additional guests: Norihisa Mizuguchi, Executive Director of
the Hyogo Business and Cultural Center; Sarah Johnston, Program Coordinator
for the Japanese Queens Scholarship Organization of Washington; and Terry
Nakano, Director for the Japanese Queens Scholarship Organization of
Washington.

Mr. Mizuguchi stated that the Renton-Nishiwaki Sister City relationship holds
special meaning for him, as Nishiwaki is his hometown. He stated that he has
been involved with Sister Cities programs since 2002, and noted that
Washington State has a Sister State of Hyogo, Japan. He announced that in
March of 2014 the Japanese Queens Scholarship Organization of Washington
sent four young Japanese American women to Hyogo to learn about their
Japanese heritage. He introduced Sarah Johnston, Program Coordinator for the
scholarship organization.

Ms. Johnston explained that the scholarship program provides participants a
first-time experience of the origins of their culture; helps expand their business
and personal networks on a global scale; and develops young women into
becoming future ambassadors for Washington State. She added that this trip
celebrated the 50-year relationship between Washington State and Hyogo,
Japan and the 45-year relationship between Renton and Nishiwaki. She
introduced Terry Nakano, Director of the Japanese Queen Scholarship
Organization of Washington.
Mr. Nakano reported that the Japanese Queen Scholarship Organization has been in existence since 1960, and he has been with the organization since 1976. He stated that the trip in March was the first time he visited Hyogo, and was honored to act as the official messenger for Renton and Seattle. He also shared several experiences from the trip, and added that the delegation was treated exceptionally well in Japan. He presented a letter to Mayor Law from the Mayor of Nishiwaki, Japan.

Concluding, Community Relations and Events Coordinator Sonja Meijaender reported that a citizen’s delegation from Nishiwaki will be visiting Renton October 18 to 21, 2014. She invited the community to become a part of the Renton-Nishiwaki Sister City Committee, and explained that a trip to Nishiwaki is being planned for April of 2015. Ms. Mejaender added that information regarding the Sister City Committees is posted on the City’s website.

Mayor Law thanked the speakers for their presentation. He remarked that he and several Councilmembers have had the opportunity to visit Nishiwaki in the past. He stated that it is a beautiful city and encouraged everyone to visit Japan.

The special presentation from the Parks Board was canceled.

Facilities Director Peter Renner introduced Greg Smith, King County Library Systems (KCLS) Facilities Director, to provide an update regarding the construction schedule for the Cedar River Library.

Mr. Smith reported that sealed bids were opened on May 20, there were a total of six bidders, and the low bid was $5.1 million and the high bid was $5.9 million. He reported that the engineer’s estimate was $6.1 million, so the project is well within budget. Mr. Smith stated that KCLS will be issuing the Notice to Proceed to the contractor, Construction Enterprises and Contractors of Tacoma, on June 30. He added that KCLS anticipates opening the newly constructed library in September of 2015.

Mr. Smith reported that KCLS has been working closely with the Community Services Department and the contractor to mitigate the impacts of construction at Liberty Park. He explained that the south parking lot will be closed and utilized as a staging area, and there will be times when the north parking lot will also be closed. He noted that the Cedar River Library will be closed on June 22.

Additionally, Mr. Smith reported that the temporary library will be opened on June 25, and is located at 64 Rainier Ave. S. He explained that this temporary facility is approximately 2,000 square feet; and will have a few computers, and a small collection of books. He stated that the hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Concluding, Mr. Smith highlighted some of the new building features, including:

- A new floor-to-ceiling glazed curtain wall that allows for more natural light and better views of the river;
- A new metal canopy at the interior perimeter that provides solar protection;
- Exposed roof structure that enhances the volume of the main collections area;
- High-Performance wall and roof assemblies to improve energy efficiency and thermal control and comfort;
- A large meeting room with sliding door panels so that it can be used by patrons when there are no meetings be held;
- Three small study rooms;
- Increased electrical services to support more computer stations and study tables with integrated power;
- New enclosure to hide trash/recycling and mechanical equipment;
- Seismic upgrades;
- Lighting upgrades,
- Heating and ventilation upgrades;
- High-performance fenestration systems and roof assemblies that meet or exceed current Washington State energy code requirements.

Councilmember Taylor asked why this presentation was not listed on the agenda. He questioned whether or not the public had been properly notified.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington took responsibility for the agenda mix-up, and explained that this was an informational update and did not require advance notification. He further explained that the administration felt it was necessary to provide the information to Council, and to the public as the meeting is televised, in a timely manner. Mr. Covington added that the library presentation will be rescheduled for the June 16 Council meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to comment on the issue.

Mr. Smith pointed out that KCLS will be advertising about the closure and temporary library in the local newspaper. He also noted that regular library patrons are well aware of the closure because signs have been posted at the library for some time.

Councilmember Corman added that Council Chambers is not necessarily the best way to get information to the public. He suggested publishing the closure information through the City’s regular processes.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Sidlofsky – Citizen Overlay Zones
Steven Sidlofsky (Cincinnati, OH) requested that City officials consider Citizen Overlay Zones. He explained that these overlay zones create four types of zoning designators that would 1) prevent life-ending medical procedures from being performed in the womb of a woman, 2) prevent life-ending medical procedures from being performed on a person seeking to terminate their life, 3) prevent animal research, and 4) prohibit the sale of firearms within these zones.

Citizen Comment: McOmber – Cedar River Library & Center of Hope 1st Anniversary Celebration
Howard McOmber (Renton) suggested posting the related library construction and bid information to the City’s website. He also invited everyone to attend the 1st Anniversary celebration of the Center of Hope Day Shelter. He remarked that the event is scheduled on June 16 at City Hall.

Councilmember Briere remarked that the library information is available on the internet. Mr. Covington stated that the administration will ensure the library information is summarized and posted to the City’s website.

CONSENT AGENDA
Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.
Council: Meeting Minutes of 6/2/2014


CAG: 14-035, 2014 Street Patch & Overlay with Curb Ramps, Lakeridge Paving Company

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/27/2014 for CAG-14-035, 2014 Street Patch and Overlay with Curb Ramps project; four bids; engineer’s estimate $1,283,895; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Lakeridge Paving Company, LLC, in the amount of $1,125,952.30. Council concur.

CAG: 14-065, NE 31st St Culvert Repair Project Replacement Alternative — Bridge, Quigg Bros

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/13/2014 for CAG-14-065, NE 31st St. Culvert Repair Project Replacement Alternative — Bridge; five bids; engineer’s estimate $471,525; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Quigg Bros., Inc., in the amount of $652,953. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee for discussion of funding.

Finance: Authorize Wang as LGIP Designee

Administrative Services Department recommended approval to name Iwen Wang, Administrative Services Administrator, as the individual authorized to amend, change, or alter Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) documentation and to designate other individuals to make contributions and withdrawals on behalf of the City of Renton. Refer to Finance Committee.

Lease: Rolling Hills Reservoir Antennae Location, Verizon Wireless

Community Services Department recommended approval of Site Lease Agreement and Memorandum of Lease with Verizon Wireless in the amount of $2,500 per month (plus a one-time processing charge of $7,500) to locate cellular antennae on the Rolling Hills Reservoir. Refer to Finance Committee.

Transportation: SW Grady Way Resurfacing, WSDOT Grant

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement, and all subsequent agreements, to accept $700,000 in grant funds from the Washington State Department of Transportation for resurfacing of SW Grady Way, from Rainier Ave. S. to Longacres Dr. SW. City’s match is $701,892. Council concur.

Utility: Amend RMC 9-5, Latecomer’s Agreements

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an ordinance amending Renton Municipal Code (RMC) 9-5, Latecomer’s Agreements, as required to conform with changes to the State’s Revised Code of Washington (RCW). Refer to Utilities Committee.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Committee of the Whole

Finance: Fiscal Sustainability & Revenue Options

Council President Persson presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding fiscal sustainability and revenue options. The Committee reviewed and considered the City’s options to maintain quality public services and provide capital resources to preserve assets, leverage grants and facilitate economic development and hereby directs the administration to develop necessary legislation to implement a Business and Occupations Tax effective 1/1/2016. The legislation shall minimize impact on small businesses and be as simple and convenient for taxpayers to comply with as possible.

The Committee further authorizes the administration to continue exploration and planning of a Regional Fire Authority to improve current Fire and Emergency Medical Services for Renton and participating communities.

MOVED BY PERRSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.
Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 329278 – 329925, 11 wire transfers and two payroll runs with benefit withholding payments totaling $11,585,227.77 and payroll vouchers including 1,457 direct deposits and 118 payroll checks totaling $3,226,087.86. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an advertising agreement with Ivar’s Inc. for ten-year term (2014-2024). The agreement provides for $20,000 per year of direct revenue to the City. 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 RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.

Councilmember Taylor announced that he attended an event that celebrated the state legislation sponsored by Senator Bob Hasegawa entitled the “Days of Faith Bill.” He explained that this legislation allows public employees and students in public schools to take two days off each year for reasons of faith or conscious that are outside of mainstream celebratory days.

Additionally, Mr. Taylor announced that he attended an event sponsored by the Washington State Supreme Court Minority and Justice Commission on Perceptions of Justice. He explained that three professors from outside Washington State presented a large amount of data regarding the perceptions of justice in Washington from 2012, and updated in 2014.

Councilmember Prince announced that he attended the Antonio Gonzales’ Lemonade Stand for Childhood Cancer Research event at Cascade Elementary School on June 9. He explained that Antonio is a cancer survivor, and his parents host this event every year to raise funds for cancer research. He praised the Gonzales family for hosting this great event in the Renton community.

Mayor Law added that it was a heart-warming event, and noted that Antonio is celebrating ten years of being cancer free. He pointed out that the Gonzales family has raised over $30,000 for cancer research over the years.

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

TIME: 7:48 p.m.

Jason A. Seth, GMC, Deputy City Clerk
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