RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 23, 2014
Monday, 7 p.m.

M I N U T E S

Mayor Denis Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Ed Prince, Council President Pro Tern; MARGE PALMER; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; ARMONDO PAVONE; TERRI BRIERE. MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; MARK BARBER, Senior Assistant City Attorney; JASON SETH, Deputy City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; CHIP VINCENT, Community and Economic Development Administrator; IWEN WANG, Administrative Services Administrator; KELLY BEYMER, Parks & Golf Course Director; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Planning & Natural Resources Director; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Community Relations & Events Coordinator; DEPUTY CHIEF ERIK WALLGREN and LEAD FIRE INSPECTOR TED HICKEY, Fire & Emergency Services Department; and COMMANDER PAUL CLINE, Police Department.

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring July 2014 to be “Parks and Recreation Month” in the City of Renton and encouraging all residents to enjoy and recognize the many benefits of the City of Renton parks and recreation facilities and programs. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Community Relations and Events Coordinator Sonja Mejlaender accepted the proclamation. She stated that the proclamation serves to raise awareness of the national campaign “Out is in.” She explained that 28% of adults do not spend any time outdoors or participating in leisure activities. She encouraged the public to utilize the City’s new interactive calendar that provides 31 days of suggested outdoor activities in Renton. She added that the month of July is already posted to the City’s website.

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring June 24, 2014 to be “Peace Run Day” in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to embrace the message of goodwill, benevolence, and compassion that the Peace Run promotes and to strive for harmony at home, in our schools, in our communities, and in our nations. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Rupasi Young, Regional Coordinator for the 2014 Peace Run, accepted the proclamation. She explained that the event started in 1987, and has traveled through more than 140 countries. She stated that the purpose of the run is to relay the simple message that peace starts in the heart of each person, and everyone can make a positive difference in their community. Ms. Young also noted that the event organizers will be meeting with several Boys and Girls Clubs in the region to promote their message of peace.
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Community Services: 4th of July Celebration/Fireworks Ban Information

Community Relations and Events Coordinator Sonja Mejlaender announced that this year marks the twelfth annual 4th of July Celebration at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. She explained that the event is free, the park opens at 7 a.m., there will be stage entertainment and activities for children, and the day culminates with a professional fireworks display from Ivar’s waterwalk at 10 p.m. Ms. Mejlaender also thanked event sponsors.

Lead Fire Inspector Ted Hickey reported that the Fire & Emergency Services Department has been working to educate citizens about the ongoing fireworks ban. He stated that data proves that City fire losses have been significantly lower since the ban was initiated. He reported that Fire and Police Department personnel will be working in teams to write citations for violations and to confiscate illegal fireworks. Mr. Hickey also reported that fireworks ban information has been announced via Renton Cable Channel 21, the Community Center and Fire Station #13 reader boards, press releases, and through the City’s emergency notification system, Code Red. He reiterated that fireworks will be confiscated, and citations will be given to people who violate the ban.

Responding to Councilmember Taylor’s inquiry, Mr. Hickey confirmed that there will be two teams of Fire and Police personnel working together. He added that there will also be other teams of Fire personnel supplementing the endeavor.

Mayor Law remarked that this issue is confusing because fireworks are still legal in unincorporated King County while most cities have opted to ban them. He explained that families can go to Fairwood and buy fireworks without understanding that they are illegal in Renton City limits. He added, however, that the City will be uniform in terms of confiscation and people who buy the very dangerous M-80 and M-90 types of fireworks will be criminally cited.

Councilmember Corman shared the history of the fireworks ban. He noted that after the ban was implemented the fireworks lobby funded a campaign to overturn the ban, but was voted down by a two to one margin.

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. One item noted was:

* The Rolling Hills Homeowners Association, which includes Rolling Hill Condo and Steeple Chase Hill Condo Associations, will hold their annual combined neighborhood picnic, this Wednesday, June 25, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at their common area, located at 1601 Rolling Hills Ave. SE.

Maplewood Estates Neighborhood will hold their annual picnic this Thursday, June 26, in their common area, located at Orcas & SE 2nd St., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to bring their favorite side dish and attend their designated picnic to get to know their immediate and surrounding neighbors and meet City representatives.
Those interested in pursuing a career in public safety are invited to attend the Public Safety Career Fair at the Renton Pavilion Events Center on Tuesday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Numerous career opportunities are available, including: Police officers and deputy sheriffs; corrections officers and juvenile detention officers; firefighters and paramedics; and 9-1-1 dispatchers and communication officers. Mini-seminars will be held throughout the day, including seminars on the background and polygraph process, navigation of the public safety hiring maze, and interviewing tips from an expert. Free admission and two hours of free parking located adjacent to the Renton Transit Station are provided. For more information please visit publicsafetytesting.com.

Come for “Green Day at the Renton Farmers Market” on Tuesday, July 8, Piazza Park, from 3 to 7 p.m., there will be demonstrations and information from King Conservation District, Seattle Tilth, Waste Management, Sustainable Renton, Shadow Habitat, Puget Sound Energy, and more. Green Day sponsor Younker Nissan will have the 100% electric Nissan Leaf® car on display. TV and radio host Ciscoe Morris will be there for all your gardening needs and questions. For more information visit rentonfarmersmarket.com.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Pergamo - Nuisance Ordinance Enforcement at Home Run Tavern

Anna Pergamo (Renton) stated that she believes the City passed a nuisance ordinance last year that allows for businesses to be fined if they exceed a certain amount of police calls. She stated that she knows the Home Run tavern has met that quota because she and her neighbors call the police every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for noise disturbances. She added that she was hesitant to complain about the Home Run tavern because her neighbors told her the City allows the business to stay open because it needs the revenue. Ms. Pergamo also stated that three people have been killed in their parking lot, and asked if the nuisance law had been applied to this business.

Mayor Law stated that the City is not allowing the business to stay open in order to collect revenues. He emphasized that he understands her frustration, and stated that the City has put a lot of resources into monitoring the business and being proactive by clearing the crowds before they get out of hand. Mayor Law also clarified that the nuisance ordinance requires that certain serious offenses have to occur within a set period of time, and Home Run has not yet met that threshold. He added that the ordinance will be reviewed to see if alterations are needed.

Continuing, Mayor Law stated that the administration is also frustrated with this business. He reported that there have been three shootings this year, and eight since 2012. He stated that with over 200 calls for police service since 2012, this business is clearly the City’s number one problem establishment. Mayor Law also remarked that he believes Renton is the only City to go after property owners who cannot control their tenants. He emphasized that the City is doing everything it can to change the pattern of behavior at this establishment.
Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Barber confirmed that the ordinance may need to be revised in order to be more effective. He also pointed out that the only way to truly know if the ordinance will work is by going to court.

Mayor Law added that he plans to communicate this public safety concern to the Liquor Control Board. He emphasized that there is a concern to Renton citizens and police officers because shots have actually been fired while officers were in their parking lot. He reiterated that the City is doing everything it can to get the situation under control.

Councilmember Corman remarked that problem businesses actually cost the City money. He stated that City finds business owners who cannot control their tenants unacceptable, and he believes it is not right that taxpayers are essentially subsidizing these types of businesses that place a high demand on the police department. Mr. Corman urged Ms. Pergamo to understand that City officials do care about what is happening in her neighborhood.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Council: Meeting Minutes of 6/16/2014**

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 6/16/2014. Council concur.

**Appointment: Planning Commission**

Mayor Law reappointed the following individuals to the Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring 6/30/2017: Michael O’Halloran and Kevin Poole. Council concur.

**Appointment: Parks Commission**


**Court Case: Hougland vs. Renton Police Department, Forfeiture Moved to District Court**

Court Case filed by Randall Hougland, represented by Robert Goldsmith, Attorney for Plaintiff, vs. 2001 Nissan Pathfinder, Defendant in Rem, and the Renton Police Department, regarding moving the forfeiture hearing from the Hearing Examiner to District Court. Refer to City Attorney.

**Community Services: 2015-2017 CDBG Grant Funds, King County**

Community Services Department recommended approval of the 2015-2017 Joint Interlocal Agreement for Community Development Block Grants with King County for the purpose receiving and allocating the estimated $664,905 in grant funds. Refer to Community Services Committee.

**CAG: 13-037, Emergency Power for CCTF 2013, High Mountain Electrical**

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-13-037, Emergency Power for CCTF 2013 project; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $5,475, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retainage in the amount of $6,285.81 to High Mountain Electrical, Inc., contractor if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 329926 – 330284, three wire transfers and one payroll run with benefit withholding payments totaling $8,034,350.46 and payroll vouchers including 725 direct deposits and 73 payroll checks totaling $1,655,400.93. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
Community Services: Cedar River Gabion Repair, Jansen Inc

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to award the construction contract for the Cedar River Gabion Repair project, as solicited through the small public works roster process, to Jansen Inc. in the amount of $192,424.35. The Committee also recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract.

The Committee further recommended that staff be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed the estimated total project budget amount of $269,346.79. Upon project closeout, staff will return to Council for a project update and final budget adjustment. The City's Grant Match Fund (316.332011.020.594.76.61.000) has been identified to cover potential increased project expenditures.

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

CAG: 11-176, Project #64, Community Connectivity Consortium

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the Consortium Fiber Project Agreement 64, which will provide a 288 count fiber optic cable for Consortium member use as a segment in the Consortium’s Ring Around the Lake goal and install a 72 strand count fiber optic backbone cable for the exclusive use of the City of Tukwila from SW Grady Way/Interurban Ave. S. to S. 120th Pl. and E. Marginal Way and Sabey Data Center.

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.

Finance: Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) Update

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to update the resolution authorizing investment in the State of Washington’s Local Government Investment Pool.

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this topic be presented for reading and adoption.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED. (See later this for resolution.)

Fire: Conversion of Fire Lieutenant Position to Fire Captain Position

Finance Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the conversion of a Fire Lieutenant position (grade f71) to a Fire Captain position (grade f72) due to the level of authority required to manage the department’s health and wellness programs. The additional cost is to be absorbed in the existing budget.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION #4217

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing investment of City of Renton monies in the Local Government Investment Pool. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.
The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading:

**ORDINANCE #5718**
Utility: Amend RMC 9-5, Latercomer’s Agreements

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-1-180 of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations), and Chapter 5, Latercomer’s Agreements, of Title IX (Public Ways and Property), of City Code, updating regulations and adding definitions regarding utility and street latercomer’s agreements pursuant to Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1717. MOVED BY PAVONE, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION & ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS (RCW 42.30.110.1.b.) WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 7:37 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jason Seth, Recorder
June 23, 2014

Jason A. Seth, CMC, Deputy City Clerk
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