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

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

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; GARMON NEWSOM, Senior Assistant City Attorney; JASON SETH, Acting City Clerk; IWEN WANG, Administrative Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; CHIP VINCENT, Community and Economic Development Administrator; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Deputy Public Affairs Administrator; JAMIE THOMAS, Fiscal Services Director; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Community Relations & Events Coordinator; DEPUTY CHIEF ED VANVALEY and COMMANDER TRACY WILKINSON, Police Department.

Mayor Law announced that the City of Renton is celebrating its 45th anniversary as the Sister City for the City of Nishiwaki, Japan. He stated that the City is honored to host Mayor Shozo Katayama and 19 other delegates from Nishiwaki that have been visiting Renton over the past weekend. He invited Community Relations and Events Coordinator Sonja Mejiaender to the podium to introduce the delegation.

Ms. Mejiaender reported that she is a member of the planning group for the Renton-Nishiwaki Sister City program. She recognized Wyman Dobson and Roger Richert who were in the audience, and thanked them for their help in establishing the Nishiwaki Sister City program 45 years ago. Ms. Mejiaender introduced Mayor Shozo Katayama of Nishiwaki, Japan.

Mayor Katayama expressed sincere appreciation for the hospitality the delegation has received from the Renton community. He stated that it is his pleasure to be in Renton to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Renton-Nishiwaki Sister City program. He remarked that that the scenery in Renton is picture perfect. Mayor Katayama stated that Renton and Nishiwaki have been promoting friendship among its citizens and students since 1969, and he hopes that it continues far into the future. He presented gifts of linen that symbolize the importance of the textile industry in Nishiwaki to City officials.

Ms. Mejlaender remarked that the delegation has spent the last couple of days visiting the Renton History Museum, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Nishiwaki Lane, the views from atop Renton Hill, and the Jimi Hendrix memorial at Greenwood Park. She added that the delegation also spent time in Seattle visiting the Space Needle, Pike Place Market, the original Starbucks location, Tillicum Village, and Westlake Shopping Center. She noted that the night concluded with a dinner event hosted at the home of Bernadine and Denny Dochnahl.
Concluding, Ms. Mejiaender remarked that earlier in the day the delegation visited the Renton Boeing Plant, the Meadowcrest Early Learning Center and Inclusive Playground, and were hosted to a wonderful lunch at Torero’s at The Landing by Ted Rodriguez. She added that a special dinner ceremony was hosted at Renton City Hall preceding the Council meeting.

Preeti Shridhar announced that Seattle South Asian Film Festival (SSAFF) approached the City to host their ninth annual event in Renton because the successes of the City’s annual, FilmFrenzy event, and hosting a portion of the Seattle International Film Festival’s (SIFF) annual event for four years in a row, have cemented Renton’s reputation as being the film festival destination in the State. Ms. Shridhar invited Dr. Alka Kurian to speak about the Seattle South Asian Film Festival.

Dr. Kurian invited City officials to attend the film screenings and gala hosted in Renton October 31 through November 9, 2014 at the Roxy theater. She stated that the festival is produced by Tasveer, which is a South Asian film and arts organization founded in 2002 in the aftermath of 9/11 with a goal of dispelling some of the stereotypical images of South Asian communities that were being projected by the media, and to offer images of South Asian people as peace-loving, progressive, and multi-dimensional. She added that the organization also connects South Asian stories to South Asian people who live in the Pacific Northwest.

Dr. Kurian stated that the mission of Tasveer is to bring thought-provoking, radical, provocative and meaningful cinema to the Pacific Northwest. She remarked that every year films from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka are screened at the festival. She reported that 41 movies, which include feature films, short films, and documentaries, will be screened during this year’s festival. She stated that in addition to the movie screenings, there will be discussion forums, critical panel discussions, and post screening question and answer forums. She noted that 18 film directors from around the world will also be attending the event.

Concluding, Dr. Kurian stated that it is an honor to host the festival in Renton. She stated that the theme for this year’s festival is “Stories that Dare.” She remarked that the opening event occurs in Renton on October 31; there will be additional screenings occurring in Bothell and Seattle throughout the week; and concludes with more screenings in Renton on November 8 and November 9. She displayed a 30-second video clip highlighting the event.

Mayor Law remarked that the City appreciates that Tasveer has decided to host its ninth annual Seattle South Asian Film Festival in Renton.

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 2015/2016 Biennial Budget.

Administrative Services Administrator Iwen Wang reported that the total combined funds for the 2015/2016 biennium are $487.5 million, and expenditures are $485.9 million. She remarked that there will be slight increase in the fund balance, but it is primarily in utilities, LEOFF1 medical, and Fire Pension reserves and is not available for general governmental operations.
Ms. Wang reported that 39% of city-wide resources are from taxes, 27% are from utility service charges, and smaller portions are from development services and other charges. She noted that the largest portion of expenditures occur in the department of Public Works. She explained that this is because the department constructs substantial capital projects throughout the City.

Ms. Wang reported that 38% of expenditures are due to personnel costs, 20% are from services and utilities, and 13% are from capital projects. She explained that utility costs are high because the City contracts wastewater treatment from King County Metro, and garbage services are contracted through Waste Management. Ms. Wang also reported that the proposed budget calls for a net increase of seven full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. She explained the positions were highlighted in the departmental budget presentations.

Continuing, Ms. Wang reported that the general governmental fund budget is primarily supported by tax dollars, and supports core essential services such as police, fire, street, recreation, and development services. She stated that revenue and expenditures are balanced at $230 million for the two year period. She noted that 77% of revenue is derived from taxes, and when the tax source declines it puts a substantial constraint on the City’s ability to provide these core essential services. Additionally, she reported that this budget proposal contains a Business and Occupation (B&O) tax. She stated that the City is projecting $3.8 million in net revenues when the tax becomes available in 2016.

Ms. Wang reported that 55% of general governmental expenditures are for public safety services such as fire, court, and police services. She noted that expenditures also include street and transportation projects, fleet maintenance, facility maintenance, and Information Technology needs. She explained that 75% of the total governmental general funds are personnel related because employees perform these services. She further explained that this means any changes in wages or benefits significantly impacts general governmental operations.

Ms. Wang stated that the 2015 property tax levy is calculated by adding one percent to the 2014 base levy, and then adding new construction, and the reviving of refunds from prior years. She reported that the total property tax amount for 2015 is $36.4 million. She pointed out that the overall assessed valuation in Renton increased by 12.6%, but the new property tax levy is only 2.5% higher than last year. Ms. Wang also reported that the next largest revenue source is sales tax. She pointed out that the Renton community is expected to generate over $240 million, but emphasized that the City will only receive about $21 million of that amount.

Ms. Wang reported that over the last decade the per capita tax revenue has decreased from nearly $900 to approximately $650. She noted that this rate compares favorably to nearby communities. Ms. Wang also reported that the City has made budget reductions of $32.7 million and reduced personnel by nearly 100 full-time equivalent positions since 2008. She noted that a budget gap was still projected even after these reductions were made. She explained that for this reason, the administration approached Council seeking authorization to explore the idea of a B&O tax.
Ms. Wang further explained that the B&O tax has a $1.5 million reporting threshold, a rate of .05% for retail activities and .085% for all other activities, and a cap of $5 billion a year in annual receipts for large businesses. She added that the cap will be adjusted for inflation annually, but the tax rate can only be adjusted by the rate of inflation with Council approval. She stated that on an annual on-going basis the B&O tax is expected to generate about $5.2 million per year starting in 2017.

Concluding, Ms. Wang reported that there is a manageable budget gap projected for 2017/2018 and an even larger gap projected for 2019/2020. She stated that these long-range budget projections allow the City to make adjustments to address the future budget gaps. She remarked that there will be eight ordinances and one resolution related to the budget requiring Council action. She stated that the legislation will be presented to Council at the October 27, 2014 Council meeting.

Public comment was invited.

Kevin Wright (SeaTac) stated that he is a volunteer board member for the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC). He remarked that KCSARC had to turn away about 30% of the people seeking treatment last year due to budget reasons. He stated that Renton has contracted KCSARC to provide 360 hours of service to approximately 90 people per year. He reported that KCSARC exceeded their contractual obligations by providing over 2,000 hours of service to approximately 190 people. Mr. Wright remarked that KCSARC has asked for a four percent increase in human services funding, and if that is declined, to at least not receive a reduction in funding.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 309 for more information on this topic.)

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Cavit & Sauve – Human Services Funding Allocations

Lani Cavit (Renton) expressed appreciation for the City’s support of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Anthony’s church in Renton. She explained that the agency is an all-volunteer organization that has been working with the poor in Renton since 1954. She stated that St. Anthony’s provides the group with office space, telephone, fax machine and printer, and the food bank at no cost. She added that in 2009 she was asked to explain the organization’s mission to the Human Services Advisory Committee. She remarked that since that time, the City has been granting $15,000 towards their efforts to help pay rent and utilities for people in need. She noted that if the budget is approved as written the increased funding the agency will receive will allow between 90 and 100 people to be helped next year.

Karen Sauve (Renton) remarked that many people are just one paycheck away from real hardship. She shared stories of the people the St. Vincent de Paul Conference has been able to help, and thanked City officials for considering the human services funding recommendations.

Mayor Law thanked Ms. Cavit and Ms. Sauve for their service to the community. He remarked that addressing the complexities and growing concerns in the community, especially homelessness, has been a priority for Council for some time. He stated that the City is appreciative to hear how their organization has been able to help people stay in their homes.
Howard McOmber (Renton) remarked that the most important thing is for everyone to work together in the community. He expressed appreciation for the City's support of the work the Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches (Renton) does in the community. He also advocated for more people to volunteer in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council: Meeting Minutes of 10/13/2014

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 10/13/2014. Council concur.

Court Case: Rubinchikov, Forfeiture Removal, CRT-14-007

Court case filed by Julia & Yevginiy Rubinchikov, represented by Scott Wonder, Attorney for Claimants, vs. the City of Renton, regarding removal of forfeiture case filed by the Renton Police Department. Refer to City Attorney.

City Clerk: Quarterly Contract List, 7/1/2014 – 9/30/2014


CAG: 14-108, Citywide Safety Improvements, Pioneer Cable Inc

City Clerk reported bid opening on 9/25/2014 for CAG-14-108, Citywide Safety Improvements project; five bids; engineer's estimate $256,668; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Pioneer Cable, Inc., in the amount of $245,235. Council concur.

Lease: 200 Mill Building 1st Floor, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

Community Services Department recommended approval of a five-year lease with Amazing Grace Lutheran Church for use of the first floor of the 200 Mill Building. Revenue generated is $705,279.36 over the duration of the lease. Refer to Finance Committee.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Utility: 2015/2016 Rates

Utilities Committee Chair Pavone presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the 2015/2016 revenue increase of 4% each year for surface water, maintain the current solid waste, water, and wastewater rates for 2015 and 2016; approve the increase of 5% each for the Commercial Roll Off Solid Waste Customer Class; approve the reduction of the King County rate stabilization charge from $1.16 to $0.58 for 2015 and 2016 per wastewater account; and approve the proposed 2015 and 2016 System Development Charges and updated utility development fees; and approve the changes to the City Code to clarify the water shut off fee and the definition of the qualifications for reduced rates.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinances be prepared to amend Chapter 1 Garbage, Chapter 2 Storm and Surface Water, Chapter 4 Water, and Chapter 5 Sewer of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code and be presented for first reading.

MOVED BY PAVONE, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.
RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE #5726
CED: Title IV (Development Regulations) Docket #D-102, Garage Setbacks

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading:

ORDINANCE #5726
An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-2-110 and 4-2-115 of Chapter 2, Zoning Districts – Uses and Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, establishing a minimum setback for garages and carports of twenty feet (20’) and allowing a front and side yard along a street setback reduction for properties fronting a turnaround for emergency service vehicles. MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5727
CED: Title IV (Development Regulations) Docket #D-103, Private Streets

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-4-080 of Chapter 4, City-wide Property Development Standards, Section 4-6-060 of Chapter 6, Street and Utility Standards, Section 4-7-170 of Chapter 7, Subdivision Regulations, and Sections 4-11-190 and 4-11-250 of Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, reducing the number of lots that can be accessed by a private street, precluding the creation of a private street in conjunction with a subdivision of ten (10) or more lots, limiting their length to two hundred feet (200’), requiring the private street be within a tract and precise language be recorded on the face of the plat, and revising references to easements and private streets to tracts and shared driveways. MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5728
CED: Title IV (Development Regulations) Docket #D-110, Lot Line Adjustments

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-7-060 and 4-7-170 of Chapter 7, Subdivision Regulations, and Section 4-11-120 of Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, clarifying the lot line adjustment definition and standards, requiring subject lots to be within the same zoning district, creating a “non-evasive” provision to prevent lot line adjustments from circumventing development standards typically required for subdivisions, and establishing a maximum width to depth lot line ratio for all residential lots. MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5729
CED: Title IV (Development Regulations) Docket #D-111, Parking Requirements

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-4-080 of Chapter 4, City-wide Property Development Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, establishing criteria by which a development may reduce or increase the number of parking spaces provided on site, and reducing the number of driveways permitted for uses other than Industrial, Warehouse, and Shopping Centers based on the amount of street frontage. MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Committee of the Whole
Budget: 2015/2016 Biennial Budget

Council President Persson presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding the 2015/2016 Biennial Budget. The Committee reviewed the Administration Proposed 2015/2016 Budget in the amount of $243,543,692 and $242,343,675 for 2015 and 2016, respectively, and recommends concurrence in the following actions:

1. **Property Tax Levy**: Set the 2015 property tax levy using the preliminary property tax worksheet provided by King County showing estimated property taxes of approximately $36,420,000, based on the 1% growth limit, plus new construction, annexation, and re-levying refunds and
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3. The total property tax levy is an increase of 2.5% from the amount actually levied in 2014. The base 2015 levy, without new construction, annexation, and correction is $35,160,000, 1.03% below last year’s actual levy.

4. Business & Occupation Tax: Affirm the action taken on B&O tax on September 15, 2014 and recognize the revenue is included in the Administration Proposed Budget.

5. Business License Fee Adjustment: Increase the per employee business license fee from $65 to $67.5 to reflect the rate of inflation since last adjustment; and make reporting schedule change to synchronize the timing with the new B&O tax.

6. Utility Rates and Fee Changes: Approve the proposed 4% Surface Water rate increase; the proposed rate increases for commercial garbage extra and roll-off services/rental changes; and the 5.6% proposed King County Metro Sewer rate increase as outlined in the draft ordinances included with the Proposed Budget.

7. Other Rates and Fee Adjustments: Approve the lower age threshold for senior low income pet license and eliminate the associated fees; adjust the Pet License fee for unaltered pets; Parks and Facilities Use and Rental fees; Aquatic Fees; Golf Course fees; Utilities System Development Charges, Land Use and other Development Service fees including Impact fees and Public Works Construction Permit fees as identified in the proposed Fee Schedule located in Section 7, Appendix of the Proposed Budget.

8. Legislation: Approve the 2015/2016 Budget action items listed above, and incorporate any adjustments made by the City Council, draft and present the related legislation for first reading at Council’s regular meeting on October 27, 2014.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL CONCUR WITH THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CANCEL THE 11/10/2014 COUNCIL MEETING. CARRIED.

Council President Persson requested that the 2015 Council President and President Pro Tem nominations be held on November 3, 2014 if there were no objections from Council.

There were no objections raised by Councilmembers.

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

TIME: 7:46 p.m.

Jason Seth, Recorder
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