MINUTES
City Council Regular Meeting

7:00 PM - Monday, June 22, 2015
Council Chambers, 7th Floor, City Hall – 1055 S. Grady Way

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Councilmembers Absent:
Ed Prince, Council President Don Persson
Randy Corman Greg Taylor
Marcie Palmer
Armondo Pavone
Ruth Perez

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS DON PERSSON AND GREG TAYLOR. CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Denis Law, Mayor.
Jay Covington, Chief Administrative Officer
Garmon Newsom II, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Megan Gregor, Deputy City Clerk
Chip Vincent, Community & Economic Development Administrator
Gregg Zimmerman, Public Works Administrator
Angie Mathias, Senior Planner
Chief Mark Peterson, Fire & Emergency Services Administrator
Commander Katie McClincy, Police Department

PROCLAMATION

a) Parks & Recreation Month - July 2015. A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring the month of July 2015 to be “Parks & Recreation Month” in the City of Renton, and encouraged all citizens to join him in this special observance. Recreation Manager Mary Jane Ortiz accepted the proclamation and thanked Council and the administration for their support.
MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCALAMTION. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

a) CARCO Theatre - Executive Director Jeff McCord and Theatre Manager Cassie Welliver delivered a brief presentation on the CARCO Theatre’s history, staffing, and support from Puget Sound Access. They also provided details about the recent revitalization and updated Council on new events happening at the Theatre.

b) Fireworks Ban Emphasis and Enforcement - Chief Peterson announced that the City has been working hard on planning the best way to handle fireworks within the City this year. He introduced Fire Marshall Angela St. John who explained what the Community Risk Reduction team is doing to ensure safety at the Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2015, and what is being done to enforce the fireworks ban.

Ms. St. John discussed safety improvements to the professional fireworks display show happening on the evening of the 4th at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park at 10 p.m. She specified that set up for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and take down will happen directly after the show, allowing the waterways to re-open first thing Sunday morning. She added that two inspectors are assigned to monitor the park that evening to focus on ensuring the display is safe for the public attending the show.

With the weather predicted to be mid to high 90s over the next two weeks, the Fire & Emergency Services department is focusing their efforts on attempting to change behaviors and hopefully reduce fire risk within the City. To guarantee the public is aware fireworks are banned and prohibited within the City limits, the following measures have been implemented:

- Media releases were sent out to local media sources and neighborhood groups.
- Messaging is posted on electronic boards at fire stations.
- Portable message boards notifying public of the ban are being coordinated by the Transportation Division.
- Posters and Pamphlets have been distributed throughout the City.
- There will be attempts to have maps indicating where fireworks are banned to be distributed at nearby fireworks stands in unincorporated king county.
- Phone, text, and email messaging will be sent out through the Code Red system on Thursday, 6/25/2015, reaching about 32,000 residents.

To ensure enforcement be as productive and efficient as possible, there will be three teams staffed by one fire inspector and one firefighter placed in the areas with the greatest volume of calls over the last two years. Additionally, the Police Department and the Prosecutor will be training Fire & Emergency Services staff how to write infractions so they can provide them on site. There will also be one firefighter who will be responsible for the picking up and confiscating of any consumer fireworks. Criminal explosives will continue to be handled by the police because they are criminal in nature.
PUBLIC HEARING

a) Moratorium on residential development within the CA (Commercial Arterial) and RMF (Residential Multi-Family) Zones - 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 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the Moratorium on residential development within the CA (Commercial Arterial) and RMF (Residential Multi-Family) Zones.

Senior Planner Angie Mathias reported that Council established a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for residential development in the CA (Commercial Arterial) and RMF (Residential Multi-family) zones on November 3, 2014, with the City Center Community Planning Area being exempt from this moratorium. She clarified that this public hearing is being provided due to the extension of the moratorium that Council approved at their meeting on April 27, 2015.

Ms. Mathias went on to describe where the RMF and CA zones are currently located throughout the City. She explained that high density residential development requires extensive planning and significant investment in infrastructure and services, especially transportation. She displayed a map of the City’s regional growth center and reported that the City has made significant infrastructure investments in this area as well as two other areas, the Sunset Community Area and the City Center Community Planning Area.

As part of the Comprehensive Plan Update, the Community & Economic Development (CED) Department has evaluated the land use designations and zones and have made a number of rezone recommendations. If the Comprehensive Plan update recommendations are to be adopted, the issues previously identified within the RMF zone would be resolved, therefore nullifying the need for a moratorium on new development in the RMF zone. However, given the density of the CA zone and the challenges that remain regarding adequate public facilities and services for high density growth, the moratorium on new development in the CA zones should be retained except in the City Center area. After discussing next steps, Ms. Mathias let Council know that the administration recommends advancement of a resolution at the next Council Meeting to repeal the moratorium on new development in the RMF zone, but retaining one in the CA zone.

There being no further public comment, it was,

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. TIME: 7:36 p.m.

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 2015 and beyond. Items noted were:

- Enjoy the Renton Farmers Market every Tues. from 3:00 p.m. - 7 p.m., June - Sept., at the Piazza Park in Downtown Renton. And don’t forget to visit Market West, located just across Logan Street for even more shopping opportunities!
• Rolling Hills & Steeple Chase Hills Homeowners Association will have their combined annual picnic on Wednesday, June 24th, at their neighborhood common area located at 1601 Rolling Hills Avenue SE.

• Sound Transit is preparing for possible expansion of routes. Visit www.soundtransit.org and take the “Where do you want to go next?” survey. This survey will be available until July 8th.

• Mon., June 22 – Fri., July 3; approx. 9:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., the King County International Airport Boeing Field Main Runway 13R/31L will be closed on weeknights. Therefore night time operations may increase at Renton Municipal Airport. Questions may be directed to King County Airport Operations at (206) 296-7334.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Robert Morrison (Renton) expressed his concern regarding vagrant behavior around the neighborhood of his business. Additionally, he requested that the City and Council take action to help put an end to the homelessness problem within Renton and offered ideas on how to improve the safety of Renton’s citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda were adopted with one motion, following the listing.


b) City Clerk reported bid opening on 6/9/2015 for CAG-15-118 - Central Renton Sewer interceptor Reline & Upsize project; and submitted staff recommendation to accept the lowest responsive bid submitted by Road Construction Northwest, Inc. in the amount of $393,970.05. Council concur.

c) Community Services department requested approval to waive park use and parking garage fees in the amount of $520 for the Return to Renton Car Show event on 7/12/2015. Council concur.

d) Community Services department requested approval to waive the shelter and boat launch fee in the amount of $500 for the 2015 Take a Warrior Fishing event on 9/19/2015. Refer to Community Services Committee.

e) Community Services department requested approval to waive the shelter and boat launch fee in the amount of $500 for the 2015 C.A.S.T. for Kids Fishing Event on 9/12/2015. Refer to Community Services Committee.

f) Transportation Systems Division requested approval of a Local Agency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the obligation of grant funding in the amount of $1,222,095; and all subsequent agreements required to complete the NE 31st St. Bridge Replacement project. Council concur.

g) Transportation Systems Division requested approval of a Local Agency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the obligation of grant funding in the amount of $481,474; and all subsequent agreements required to complete the N. 27th Place Bridge Scour Repair project. Council concur.
i) Transportation Systems Division requested approval to execute the agreement with BergerABAM, Inc. in the amount of $176,577 to provide construction management services for the S 7th St. and Shattuck Ave. S Intersection Improvements project. Council concur.

j) Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a consultant agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for the 2016 Long-range Wastewater Management Plan in the amount of $203,038. Council concur.

k) Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-14-054, Airport Lift Station Replacement, contractor Equity Builders, LLC; and requests acceptance of the project, approval of the final pay estimate in the amount of $3,657.50, and release of the retainage in the amount of $34,930.81 after 60 days, subject to the receipt of all required authorizations. Council concur.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS ITEM 8.H. CARRIED.

ITEM 8.H. - SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

h) Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a supplemental agreement with Perteet, Inc. for final design services for Sunset Ln./NE 10th St. Roadway Improvements Project, and to increase the maximum amount payable to $411,919. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee. Council concur.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 8.H. AS COUNCIL CONCUR. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Planning and Development Committee chair Corman presented a report recommending adoption of four ordinances, all associated with the adoption and implementation of the State-required 2015 update to the Comprehensive Plan. First, an ordinance that adopts the updated Comprehensive Plan, the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map, and the official zoning map. Second, an ordinance adopting changes to Title IV Development Regulations associated with the update to the Comprehensive Plan. Third, an ordinance regarding Owner-occupied and Multi-family Housing Incentives. Fourth, an ordinance repealing Ordinance #5724 which instituted interim zoning regulations that were needed to provide the City adequate time to review and consider zoning changes that were made in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan update. The Committee further recommends that the above-referenced ordinances be presented for first reading and advanced for second and final reading.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED. (See below for ordinances.)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ordinances for first reading and advancement to second and final reading:

a) **Ordinance No. 5758:** An ordinance was read adopting amendments to the City’s 2004 Comprehensive Plan to comply with mandated 2015 Growth Management Act review and update; adopting Comprehensive Plan text, maps, and data in conjunction therewith; and adopting by reference the zoning map of the city and the comprehensive planning – land use map.
MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE TO SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

Following the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 5758,

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

b) Ordinance No. 5759: An ordinance was read amending sections 4-2-010, 4-2-020, 4-2-050, 4-2-060, 4-2-080, 4-2-110, 4-2-120 and 4-2-130 of Chapter 2, Zoning Districts – Uses And Standards, sections 4-3-010, 4-3-040, 4-3-080, 4-3-090, 4-3-100 and 4-3-110, of Chapter 3, Environmental Regulations And Overlay Districts, Sections 4-4-030, 4-4-080, 4-4-100, 4-4-110 and 4-4-130 of Chapter 4, City-Wide Property Development Standards, Sections 4-7-150 and 4-7-230 of Chapter 7, Subdivision Regulations, Section 4-8-100 of Chapter 8, Permits – General And Appeals, Sections 4-9-065, 4-9-150, 4-9-200 and 4-9-240 of Chapter 9, Permits – Specific, Section 4-10-010 of Chapter 10, Legal Nonconforming Structures, Uses And Lots, And Sections 4-11-140, 4-11-160 and 4-11-190 of Chapter 11, Definitions, of Title IV (Development Regulations) and Section 8-7-4 of Chapter 7, Noise Level Regulations, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of the Renton Municipal Code, amending the city of Renton’s development regulations by revising land use designation and zoning district names; conditionally allowing multi-family in the commercial office zone; conditionally allowing expansion of nonconforming structures; providing townhouse-style development standards in the residential-14 zone; and revising, deleting and adding definitions.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE TO SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

Following the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 5759,

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

c) Ordinance No. 5760: An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-1-210 and 4-1-220 of Chapter 1, Administration And Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of the Renton Municipal Code, by revising the language related to waived fees for owner-occupied and rental housing and property tax exemption for multi-family housing in residential targeted areas, and adopting by reference the eligible areas for multi-family housing incentives map.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE TO SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

Following the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 5760,

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

d) Ordinance No. 5761: An ordinance was read repealing ordinance no. 5724 adopting interim zoning regulations for r-4 (residential four dwelling units per acre) and r-8 (residential eight dwelling units per acre) zones.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE TO SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

Following the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 5761,
MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

See attached Council Committee meeting calendar

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.
TIME 8:00 p.m.

Megan Gregor, Deputy City Clerk

Megan Gregor, Recorder
Monday, June 22, 2015