MINUTES
City Council Regular Meeting
7:00 PM - Monday, October 12, 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 at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:  
Ed Prince, Council President  
Randy Corman  
Armondo Pavone  
Don Persson  
Marcie Palmer

Councilmembers Absent:  
Ruth Pérez  
Greg Taylor

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS PÉREZ AND TAYLOR. CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Denis Law, Mayor  
Jay Covington, Chief Administrative Officer  
Lawrence J. Warren, City Attorney  
Megan Gregor, Deputy City Clerk  
Preeti Shridhar, Deputy Public Affairs Administrator  
Iwen Wang, Administrative Services Administrator  
Terry Higashiyama, Community Services Administrator  
Gregg Zimmerman, Public Works Administrator  
Jennifer Henning, Planning Director  
Leslie Betlach, Parks Planning & Natural Resources Director  
Karen Bergsvik, Human Services Manager  
Commander Paul Cline, Police Department

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Seattle South Asian Film Festival (SSAFF). After thanking Council for providing the opportunity for her to speak, Festival Director Kiran Dhillon explained the history and purpose of the Festival. She also introduced this year's theme of "Coming Home" and played a short video previewing some of the films being showcased. The Festival will be held from

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October 15 - 25, 2015 at theaters in Seattle, Redmond, and Renton. For more information please visit tasveer.org.

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. The items noted were in regards to:

- Preventative street maintenance continuing to impact traffic and result in occasional street closures.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

a) Howard McOmber, Renton, and Fortress C.A. Smith Sr., Renton, along with a number of individuals impacted by the positive efforts of REACH, thanked Council for its support and for helping "make Renton a place where everyone belongs."

b) Dr. Linda Smith, Renton, REACH Center of Hope Director, shared the REACH Board's appreciation to the City for supporting REACH in their efforts to eradicate homelessness and hunger in the Renton community.

c) Kirk King, Seattle, shared some of his concerns regarding the negative impact that homeless vagrants are having on businesses and residents in the City of Renton. Additionally, he requested that Council find a way to work with the challenges this problem poses to the safety of Renton residents.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a) Approval of the October 5, 2015 Council meeting minutes. Council Concur.

b) Community & Economic Development Department recommended waiving all fees associated with the Right-of-Way vacation petition, VAC-15-002, and that the alley located at 555 SW Grady Way (between Seneca Ave SW and Lind Ave. SW) be vacated to D&C Investments, LLC. (See below for ordinance.) Council Concur.

c) Human Resources and Risk Management Department recommended adopting an ordinance establishing an independent salary commission for the purpose of reviewing and establishing any and all compensation that may be paid to, or received by, Renton City Councilmembers. (See below for ordinance.) Council Concur.

d) Transportation Systems Division submitted South Lake Washington Roadway Improvements project (CAG-12-021); and requested approval of the project to initiate closeout, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $215,754.68, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retainage in the amount of $95,174.28 to ICON Materials, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council Concur.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

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RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ordinances for first reading:

a) Walker Street Vacation - An ordinance was ready vacating an alley adjoining 555 SW Grady Way between Seneca Avenue SW and Lind Avenue SW (Dale Walker of D&C Investments, LLC, petitioner; VAC 15-002).

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/19/2015. CARRIED.

b) Establishment of a Salary Commission - An ordinance was read amending Section 1-5-1 of Chapter 5, Council, of Title I (Administrative), adopting a new Chapter 20, entitled “Independent Salary Commission,” of Title II (Commissions and Boards), and amending Section 5-3-1 of Chapter 3, Salaries, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of the Renton Municipal Code, establishing an independent salary commission.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 10/19/2015. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

See attached Council Committee meeting calendar.

MOVED BY PAVONE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER A BRIEFING ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S PROPOSED STAFFING INCREASE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS, cont.

a) Issac Miles, Renton, suggested that City staff involve homeless people, and establish discourse with them, in their efforts to address the homelessness problem within the City of Renton.

b) Diane Dobson, Renton, shared her concerns about safety issues within her neighborhood due to the increasing number of homeless people within the City. She shared some of her positive and negative experiences, suggested that the Renton Police Department take a more proactive approach to the homelessness problem, and urged Council to increase the level of consistency in communication regarding this issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION & ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION - 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 7:32 P.M.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and Council meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Jason A. Seth, CMC, City Clerk

Megan Gregor, Recorder
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Tuesday

CANCELED
Transportation Committee, Chair Palmer

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Monday

4:15 PM  Community Services Committee, Vice Chair Palmer
   1. Recreation "Summer Wrap-up"

CANCELED  Public Safety Committee, Chair Pavone

5:00 PM  Finance Committee, Chair Persson – Council Conference Room
   1. Vouchers
   2. Emerging Issues in Revenue Streams
   3. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with LiDAR

6:00 PM  Committee of the Whole, Chair Prince – 7th Floor Conferencing Center
   1. Community Survey
   2. Regional Issues