MINUTES
City Council Regular Meeting
7:00 PM - Monday, October 26, 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
Ruth Pérez
Don Persson
Marcie Palmer
Greg Taylor

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT
Denis Law, Mayor
Jay Covington, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Tuttle, Assistant City Attorney
Megan Gregor, Deputy City Clerk
Chip Vincent, Community & Economic Development Administrator
Iwen Wang, Administrative Services Director
Terry Higashiyama, Community Services Department Administrator
Jamie Thomas, Fiscal Services Director
Jennifer Henning, Planning Director
Chief Kevin Milosevich, Police Department
Officer Rob Ylinen, Police Department
Commander Katie McClincy, Police Department

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**PROCLAMATION**

*Community Planning Month - October 2015.* A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring the month of October 2015 to be "National Community Planning Month" in the City of Renton, and all citizens were encouraged to join in this special observance. Planning Director Jennifer Henning accepted the proclamation, thanking the Mayor and Council for their support, and recognized the hard work of the Planning staff members.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

*Police Department - Employee Recognition.* Chief Milosevich recognized Officer Rob Ylinen's achievements for being selected as the Washington State Officer of the Year from the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and expressed appreciation for his outstanding contributions to the department. Judy Leu from VFW recognized Officer Ylinen and presented him with a plaque commemorating the award. Officer Ylinen accepted the plaque with appreciation.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*2015/2016 Mid-Biennium Budget Amendment.* 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 mid-biennium budget amendment and related legislation.

Fiscal Services Director Jamie Thomas reported that the City's mid-biennium budget amendment incorporates:
- Updates to General Fund revenue projections with changed conditions.
- Housekeeping adjustments to incorporate prior Council actions.
- Service change proposals to reflect business activity and Council priorities.

Additionally, to reflect the above changes, Ms. Thomas reported that Council will need to set a property tax levy for 2016, adopt the budget amendments, and provide two temporary interfund loans for capital activities.

Ms. Thomas further outlined the preliminary 2016 Property Tax Levy projections and explained adjustments regarding sales tax, utility taxes, development fees, Real Estate Excise Taxes, and State Shared Revenue. She followed with a summary of the total proposed General Fund Revenue Adjustment and explained reasoning behind the requested changes including staffing changes, contract adjustments/expenses, grant funded expenses, transportation projects, electricity savings, healthcare insurance premium savings, and a transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund Property Acquisition. She also explained that there are minimal long term impacts on the general fund balance. Additionally, budget adjustment requests are being made regarding non-general fund adjustments to the leased facilities fund, municipal capital fund, and to align the budget with the 2016 Transportation Improvement Plan.
Concluding, Ms. Thomas reported that the 2015/2016 Biennial Budget amendment is $28,522,952 for an amended total of $598,225,450 over the biennium. She stated that the proposed legislation will be presented for adoption at the next Council Meeting.

Questions were raised regarding projected budget deficits in 2019 and beyond. Ms. Thomas indicated the gap is attributed to slower revenue growth starting in 2018 that is partially due to the sunset of the annexation sales tax credit. Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington added that the Administration will examine and develop balancing options as part of 2017/2018 biennial budget process.

**MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.**

**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:

- The Department of Natural Resources and the City’s Parks Divisions are partnering in a joint project to enhance the shoreline and upland habitat of Bird Island. Located at Gene Coulon Memorial Park, this area has suffered erosion over the years. A part of this project will include removing a small portion of the boardwalk, and extending a new boardwalk into a loop system that will include interpretive signage and seating areas. DNR is funding and leading the project and will also use Washington Conservation Corp crews to remove invasive plants from the area. The City’s Park crews will be assisting with the installation of temporary irrigation. The ‘land work’ will be completed in 2016 and the ‘in-water’ work and completion of the project will be in the summer/fall of 2017.

- Public Works Maintenance Services workers Kip Braaten and Rob Blackburr will be competing in the state APWA ROADEO competition Thursday, October 29 in Yakima.

- Preventative street maintenance will continue to impact traffic and result in occasional street closures through October 31, 2015.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

a) Approval of the October 19, 2015 Council meeting minutes. **Council Concur.**

b) Mayor Law appointed Julio Amador, Violet Aesquivel, David Kroeger, Calvin Lyons, and Kimberly Searing to the 2015 Independent Salary Commission. **Council Concur.**

c) City Clerk submitted petition for street vacation for a portion of a right-of-way located in the vicinity of 300 Rainier Ave. N.; petitioner City of Renton (VAC-15-003). *(See below for resolution; Refer to Administration; set public hearing on 11/16/2015.*

d) Community Services submitted Sunset 8 Duplex Demo project (CAG-13-149 WO#41-15); and requested approval of the project to initiate closeout and authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $12,620.63, and commencement of a 60-day lien if all required releases are obtained. **Council Concur.**

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Community Services Committee Chair Pérez presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to confirm Mayor Law’s appointment of Avni Mungra to the Parks Commission in the youth position for a term expiring June 1, 2017.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolutions:

a) Resolution No. 4263: A Resolution was read adopting a moratorium on accepting applications for residential development within the CA (Commercial Arterial) Zone, except within the City Center Community Area and for previously approved and valid land use applications, and establishing a termination date.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

b) Resolution No. 4266: A resolution was read setting a hearing date to vacate a portion of right-of-way in the vicinity of 300 Rainier Avenue North (VAC-15-003).

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

See attached Council Committee meeting Calendar.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ELECTIONS MOVED TO NEXT WEEK’S (11/2/2015) AGENDA. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PRINCE, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.
TIME: 7:43 P.M.

Jason M. Seth, CMC, City Clerk

Megan Gregor, Recorder
Monday, October 25, 2015
Council Committee Meeting Calendar
October 26, 2015

October 27, 2015
Tuesday
CANCELED
Transportation Committee, Chair Palmer

November 2, 2015
Monday
CANCELED
Public Safety Committee, Chair Pavone

5:00 PM
Finance Committee, Chair Persson – Council Conference Room
1. Vouchers
2. Information Technology Division Reorganization
3. Emerging Issues in Revenue Streams

5:30 PM
Committee of the Whole, Chair Prince – Council Chambers
1. Mid-Biennium Budget
2. Lodging (Hotel/Motel) Tax Update/General Economic Development Update