MINUTES
City Council Regular Meeting

7:00 PM - Monday, November 23, 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

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Denis Law, Mayor
Jay Covington, Chief Administrative Officer
Lawrence J. Warren, City Attorney
Jason Seth, City Clerk
Iwen Wang, Administrative Services Administrator
Chip Vincent, Community & Economic Development Administrator
Gregg Zimmerman, Public Works Administrator
Cliff Long, Economic Development Director
Chief Mark Peterson, Fire & Emergency Services Administrator
Commander Kevin Keyes, Police Department
PROCLAMATION

a) **Small Business Saturday - November 28, 2015.** A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring Saturday, November 28, 2015 to be "Small Business Saturday" in the City of Renton, and all citizens were encouraged to 'buy local' and support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday, and throughout the year.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

a) **REACH Awareness Week - November 22 through 29, 2015.** Maggie Breen from Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches (REACH) updated Council on current events. Due to the State of Emergency (re: Homelessness) that was declared in Seattle and King County by Seattle Mayor Ed Murry and King County Executive Dow Constantine in the beginning of November, combined with November being homelessness awareness month, REACH is taking efforts this week to make the community aware of what the City and REACH have been doing together to combat the issue of homelessness and find solutions in Renton. Additionally, she provided some statistics regarding the homeless issues in Renton and provided information regarding different ways people can help homelessness reduction efforts within Renton.

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 2015 Independent Salary Commission will be meeting on November 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this commission is to review the salaries of Renton’s elected officials and recommend adjustments if needed.
- The Public Works Department would like to remind residents to help prevent local residential street flooding by monitoring catch basins near your home and keep them clear of leaves and other debris. Also, please remember that during snow and ice events, the department sanders and snow plows are dispatched to keep major arterials drivable. It is imperative that motorists do not park or abandon their vehicles within any portion of the traffic lanes. Abandoned vehicles impair snow and ice removal and impact response of emergency vehicles.
- Preventative street maintenance will continue to impact traffic and result in occasional street closures.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

a) Dave McCammon, Renton, addressed Council regarding the proposed Renton Fire Authority (RFA), and suggested the RFA Governance Board be comprised of one person from Fire District 25, one person from the City of Renton, and that the following four members be voted in from the RFA area. City Attorney Warren and Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington clarified that the governing body for an RFA is set forth by a state statute, but that once the board is established it can modify its governance structure.
b) Karen Wimberly, Renton, REACH Boardmember, thanked small business owners for their reception of outreach for the REACH Awareness Week. She shared a story from her experience with spreading the word about how REACH and the City are working together to end homelessness in Renton. Additionally, she thanked Council for the City's partnership.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a) Approval of the November 16, 2015 Council meeting minutes. **Council Concur.**

b) Human Resources / Risk Management Department recommended approval of the reclassification of a Secretary II to Administrative Secretary I position in the Public Works Department Transportation Division/Airport, effective 1/1/2016 with the increased cost of $2,796 to be absorbed by the division budget. **Council Concur.**

c) Transportation Systems Division requested approval of four agreements, in relation to the I-405/I-5 to SR 169 State 2 - Widening and SR 515 Interchange project, with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) regarding operation and maintenance of two State-owned luminaries, maintenance of the landscape strips and stormwater facilities, and transfer of right-of-way operation, maintenance, and ownership back to the City; and to adopt the related resolution. **Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Council President Prince presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to adopt the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Plan and direct the administration to develop a joint resolution with King County Fire District #25 to submit a ballot measure for April 2016 regarding the RFA and Fire Benefit Charge.

**MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.**

b) Planning and Development Committee Chair Corman presented a committee report recommending concurrence in staff’s recommendation that Council adopt an ordinance to amend the Property Tax Exemption for Multi-Family Housing in Residential Targeted Areas in RMC 4-1-220 to extend the sunset clause for accepting new applications for the multi-family housing property tax exemption for three years to December 31, 2018, unless further extended by City Council action. The Committee further recommends placing the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

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

c) Planning and Development Committee Chair Corman presented a committee report recommending concurrence in staff’s recommendation that Council approve the Exemption Agreement that addresses the terms and conditions for The Lofts at Second and Main project to receive a partial property tax exemption upon completion; and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement in substantially the same form.

**MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.**
Planning and Development Committee Chair Corman presented a committee report recommending concurrence in staff’s recommendation that Council adopt an ordinance to amend the Owner-Occupied Housing Incentive in RMC 4-1-210B and the Rental Housing Incentive in RMC 4-1-210C to extend the sunset clauses for three years to December 31, 2018, unless further extended by City Council action. The Committee further recommends placing the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

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

e) Utilities Committee Vice-Chair Corman presented a committee report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to grant a partial release of an existing utility easement contained and described under King County Recording #8312050539, subject to the collection of the requisite processing fee from the Chris Tonkin of Bellevue TT LLC related to the Renton Highlands Taco Time / Starbucks Redevelopment Project.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Ordinances for first reading:

a) Ordinance No. 5780: An ordinance was read vacating a portion of right-of-way in the vicinity of 300 Rainier Avenue N. (VAC 15-003).

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/7/2015. CARRIED.

b) Ordinance No. 5781: An ordinance was read amending Section 4-1-220, Property Tax Exemption For Multi-Family Housing In Residential Targeted Areas, of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of the Renton Municipal Code, by extending the property tax exemption.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/7/2015. CARRIED.

c) Ordinance No. 5782: An ordinance was read amending Section 4-1-210, Waived Fees, of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of the Renton Municipal Code, by extending the waiver of certain development and mitigation fees.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PAVONE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/7/2015. CARRIED.
Ordinance for second and final reading:

d) Ordinance No. 5779: An ordinance was read amending Section 4-1-160 of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of the Renton Municipal Code, setting the impact fee at $4,635 per new single-family home and $1,534 per new multi-family in the Issaquah School District; setting the impact fee at $4,990 per new single family home and $2,163 per new multi-family home in the Kent School District; setting the impact fee at $5,643 per new single family home and $1,385 per new multi-family home in the Renton School District; and adopting the Capital Facilities Plans of the Issaquah, Kent and Renton School Districts.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, 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 7:29 P.M.

Jason A. Seth, CMC, City Clerk

Megan Gregor, Recorder
Monday, November 23, 2015
November 23, 2015

November 26 & 27, 2015
Thursday and Friday

NO MEETINGS CITY HOLIDAY

November 30, 2015
Monday

NO MEETINGS Fifth Monday, Chair Prince

December 1, 2015
Tuesday

11:00 AM Transportation Committee, Chair Palmer, Council Conference Room
1. Seaplane Base Dredging & Shoreline Mitigation Supplemental Agreement
2. Project Agreements with WSDOT
3. Emerging Issues in Transportation

December 7, 2015
Monday

4:30 PM Public Safety Committee, Chair Pavone, Council Conference Room
1. Emerging Issues in Public Safety
2. Alcohol Impact Areas Briefing

5:30 PM Finance Committee, Chair Persson, Council Conference Room
1. Vouchers
2. Emerging Issues in Finance

6:00 PM Committee of the Whole, Chair Prince, Conferencing Center
1. Downtown Revitalization Update