MINUTES
City Council Regular Meeting
7:00 PM - Monday, March 13, 2017
Council Chambers, 7th Floor, City Hall – 1055 S. Grady Way

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Armando Pavone called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:
Armando Pavone, Mayor Pro Tem
Ed Prince, Council President Pro Tem
Randy Corman
Ryan Mclrvin
Carol Ann Witschi

Councilmembers Absent:
Don Persson
Ruth Pérez

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS DON PERSSON AND RUTH PÉREZ. CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Jay Covington, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Tuttle, Assistant City Attorney
Jason Seth, City Clerk
Gregg Zimmerman, Public Works Administrator
Jennifer Henning, Planning Director
Michael Kirk, Facilities Director
Commander Jeff Eddy, Police Department

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Library Advisory Board/KCLS Report: Library Advisory Board Chair Erica Richey and King County Library System Cluster Manager Amy Eggler provided a short briefing regarding 2016 library accomplishments in Renton. Items noted included:

- Dedicating the King Parker meeting room in the downtown library;
- Celebrating the opening of the Highlands Library;
• Partnering with the Renton School District so students have library access with their student IDs;
• Establishing a lending library in the REACH Center of Hope Women and Children's shelter located at City Hall.

Ms. Richey also noted that the Library Advisory Board meetings are open to the public and held the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., in the 7th Floor Conferencing Center at City Hall.

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 2016 and beyond. Items noted were:

• Inclement Weather Response Reminder: The Public Works Department would like to remind residents to help us prevent local residential street flooding by monitoring catch basins near your home and keeping them clear of leaves and other debris. Street sweepers are dispatched daily to clean up debris along major arterials. Also, snow is not far away. Please remember that during snow and ice events, the department sanders and snow plows are dispatched to keep major arterials drivable. Visit our website at http://rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=21258 to view our snow route maps. 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.
• The record rainfall last month caused some landslides in the Kennydale area and in two places along SR-169. After the devastating Oso mudslide in Snohomish County, the City conducted a comprehensive LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) analysis to identify potential future slide risks in Renton. Staff will present those findings, along with information from these latest slides, at the Council’s Committee of the Whole meeting on April 17th.
• Preventative street maintenance will continue to impact traffic and result in occasional street closures.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

• Doug Jones, Renton, stated that he is a member of Renton Resist and invited Council and the public to attend an immigration solidarity rally occurring on March 19, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the Renton Piazza.
• Howard McOmber, Renton, invited Council and the public to attend a fundraising gala for the Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches (REACH) occurring on March 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Renton Pavilion.
• AJ Johnson, Renton, stated that as the owner of G.H.Y. Bikes in Renton, his business will be severely impacted by the proposed street closure of the Main Ave S. and S. 2nd St. intersection. He added that construction activities near his storefront had already negatively impacted his business, and this new street closure will only exacerbate the problem.
CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the Consent Agenda were adopted with one motion, following the listing.

a) Approval of Council Meeting minutes of March 6, 2017. Council Concur.

b) AB - 1868 Public Works Department requested approval to purchase three pieces of equipment in the amount of $150,987. The funds required to purchase the equipment were included in the 2017/2018 Biennial Budget. Council Concur.

c) AB - 1867 Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with Murray, Smith, and Associates, Inc., in the amount of $517,228, for pre-design engineering services for the Downtown Utility Improvements Project, Phase I. Refer to Utilities Committee.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Utilities Committee Chair Mcirvin presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to execute the agreement for the Falcon Ridge Lift Station Replacement and Force Main Improvements project with RH2 Engineering, Inc. in the amount of $134,880 for design engineering services and services during construction.

MOVED BY MCIRVIN, SECONDED BY WITSCHI, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.

b) Utilities Committee Chair Mcirvin presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to execute the agreement for the Lift Station and Force Main Rehabilitation Group 1 Facilities - Predesign project with RH2 Engineering, Inc. in the amount of $176,379.

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

c) Finance Committee Vice-Chair Prince presented a report approving for payment on March 13, 2017 claims vouchers 354491, 354500-354516, 354536-354748, 5305-5316 and five wire transfers and two payroll runs with benefit withholding payments totaling $4,907,014.31 and payroll vouchers including 603 direct deposits and 38 payroll vouchers totaling $1,210,939.32.

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

d) Finance Committee Vice-Chair Prince presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the waiver of green fees at Maplewood Golf Course for the participants in the Senior Pro-Am Golf Tournament scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2017. The waiver is equivalent to $2,980.00 in green fees.

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

e) Finance Committee Vice-Chair Prince presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the contract with Schreiber Starling Whitehead Architects in the amount of $763,486.00 for architectural services for Fire Station #15 and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract.

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY WITSCHI, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.
f) **Planning & Development Committee** Chair Prince presented a report explaining that the City Center Community Plan contains goals and strategies to accomplish those goals over a twenty year horizon. The City Center Community Plan Advisory Board was tasked with making recommendations to the Council regarding which strategies should be prioritized and implemented through departmental work programs. The City Center Community Plan Advisory Board has made recommendations in 2013 and 2016. One of the implementation strategies in the plan was to “Create a greenway/promenade between the Cedar River and N 1st Street” (Goal 8.3). Residents of that area have expressed concerns about how this strategy might be implemented. In response to this concern, the Board has made two recommendations regarding this goal/priority. The Planning and Development Committee has reviewed the recommendations and directs staff--beginning in 2017--to develop a work program that engages the public so the community can participate in an actionable plan for this policy. The work plan will take into account the likely redevelopment of 200 Mill and the potentially significant changes within the Civic Node, and its potential impact on the surrounding neighborhood. The Committee further directs staff to hold a public hearing to consider adoption of a revision to the strategy 8.3.1: “Complete a detailed implementation strategy for the greenway/promenade based on the conceptual design” to add the statement: “The City shall not utilize Eminent Domain in furtherance of this strategy”.

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

g) **Planning and Development Committee** Chair Prince presented a report explaining that in order to ensure the Benson Hill Community Plan is implemented and successful, the City created the Benson Hill Community Plan Advisory Board. The Board was tasked with making recommendations regarding which strategies of the Plan should be prioritized for inclusion in departmental work programs. The Planning and Development Committee has reviewed the recommendations of the Board and directs staff to initiate work for the following strategies:

- Improve 116th Ave SE to provide a walkable, bikable, and environmentally-friendly way to connect to destinations.
- Provide skills training and support for immigrants at schools or a community center to welcome new residents and foster a sense of community across diverse neighbors.
- Complete missing links in sidewalks and add pedestrian-scaled street lighting and calm traffic on routes to schools, parks, and commercial areas.
- Continue improving the pedestrian environment around the Benson Shopping Center.

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

h) **Committee of the Whole:** Mayor Pro-Tem Pavone presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to direct the Administration to prepare a resolution authorizing the closure of all but one westbound traffic lane of the intersection of Main Ave S. and S. 2nd St. for the duration of 37 working days, plus any unworkable days not to exceed two months.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential impacts to local businesses, the impacts of a near full closure for 37 days versus closing portions of the road over a longer period of time, whether businesses and the Renton Regional Fire Authority were notified in a timely manner, and the need for creative ways to mitigate the impact to local businesses.
Councilmember Prince stated for the record that he was only voting to approve the Committee Report in order for the resolution to be brought forward at the next meeting. He added that he was disappointed by what he heard at the earlier Committee of the Whole meeting, and that he hoped staff would provide more information prior to the adoption of the resolution.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Please see the attached Council Committee Meeting Calendar

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY MCIRVIN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. TIME: 7:32 P.M.

Jason A. Seth, Recorder  
Monday, March 13, 2017
## Council Committee Meeting Calendar

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