August 2, 2010
Monday, 7 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS
DON PERSSON, Council President; MARCIE PALMER; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; RICH PERTEET, Deputy Public Works Administrator - Transportation; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR MARK PETERSON, DEPUTY CHIEF BILL FLORA, DEPUTY CHIEF ERIK WALLGREN, and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, Fire & Emergency Services Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXEL, and COMMUNITY PROGRAM COORDINATOR CYNDIE PARKS, Police Department.

PROCLAMATIONS
National Night Out 2010 - August 3, 2010
A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring August 3, 2010 to be “National Night Out 2010” in the City of Renton, and encouraging all citizens to help “Give Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party” by participating in a 27th Annual National Night Out event. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Police Chief Kevin Milosevich introduced Community Program Coordinator Cyndie Parks. Ms. Parks thanked City officials for their continued support of the National Night Out program. She remarked that she enjoys watching families and neighbors reconnect, and that many people volunteer for block watch programs at these events.

Budkis Day - August 8, 2010
A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring August 8, 2010 to be “Budkis Day” in the City of Renton, recognizing the fund which helps low-income seniors with pet expenses, and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Chuck and Mij Charbonneau accepted the proclamation with appreciation. Ms. Charbonneau stated that the program began 21 years ago at a birthday party for their dog Budkis. She explained that $200 was raised at the time and the program is now a $35,000-a-year grant program that helps local low-income seniors take care of their pets.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Fire: Citizen Recognition
Fire Chief and Emergency Services Administrator Mark Peterson recognized the following citizens for their actions on 7/8/2010 involving the rescue of a man who had fallen from his wheelchair into the Cedar River: Edward Franceschina, Timothy Chou, and Carl Zito. He noted that the crew of Engine 11 stated that the victim would have drowned if it were not for their actions that day.
Additionally, Chief Peterson recognized the following citizens for their actions on 6/6/2010 regarding a house fire on Rainier Ave. N.: Steven Perkins, Tyler McCracken, and Alexis Niemi. He remarked that these citizens helped Fire Department personnel give immediate aid to a victim, and also helped to prevent the fire from spreading to nearby properties.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

- **Citizen Comment: Watson** - Proposed West Hill Annexation
  - Robert Watson (King County) shared his history of growing up and living in the West Hill area. He described the transformation of nearby Seattle neighborhoods and stated that he believes the business corridors in West Hill and Skyway can also be transformed. Mr. Watson remarked that allowing residents to vote on annexation will inspire investment in the area.

- **Citizen Comment: Dennison** - Proposed Shoreline Master Program
  - Bud Dennison (Renton), Renton Shoreline Coalition, reported that significant progress has been made in regards to the Shoreline Master Program (SMP). He remarked that in his opinion progress has been made in critical areas, non-conforming structures, setbacks and buffers, shoreline protection, dock width, public access, height restrictions, and utilizing Army Corps of Engineers' regulations as guidelines.

- **Citizen Comment: James** - Proposed Shoreline Master Program
  - Greg James (Sammamish), operator of the Riviera Apartments, expressed appreciation to the Planning and Development Committee for the second extension of time regarding the SMP. Mr. James thanked Councilmember Briere for making a site visit to the Riviera Apartments. He also remarked that he hopes to see substantive changes to the SMP at the end of the process.

- **Citizen Comment: Ferguson** - Proposed West Hill Annexation
  - Dian E. Ferguson (Tukwila) shared her experiences working and living in West Hill and Skyway. She stated that the area mirrors Renton's diverse population, that there are economic opportunities present, and that the area should be annexed. Ms. Ferguson stated that there are businesses looking to move to Skyway and are only hesitant because they do not know what form of governance will take shape there. She encouraged Council to allow West Hill citizens the opportunity to vote because she believes that the area, in the long-term, will be a benefit to the City.

- **Citizen Comment: Berry** - Proposed West Hill Annexation
  - Paul Berry (King County) shared his experiences as a long-time resident and community activist in the West Hill area. He stated that the economic analysis that has been presented to Council is very optimistic and assumes that costs are going to be low and incomes will be high. He stated that the transition of

**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 2010 and beyond. Item noted:

- Residents are encouraged to bring their favorite potluck dish and attend their neighborhood picnic to get to know their immediate and surrounding neighbors and meet City representatives. The following picnics are upcoming:
  - The Liberty Ridge Homeowners' Association will hold its annual picnic on Wednesday, August 4, beginning at 6 p.m. at NE 1st St.
  - The Talbot Hill and Victoria Hill Neighborhood Associations' will have their annual combined picnic on Thursday, August 5, at 6 p.m. at Thomas Teasdale Park, 601 S. 23rd St.
the West Hill business district is not unlike the transition occurring in the Renton Highlands and to expect large-scale retail on West Hill is unrealistic. He also remarked that retail sales tax and property tax will not substantially increase over time.

Continuing, Mr. Berry remarked that Renton will have to increase its service level for Fire and Emergency Services to meet what is currently being provided on West Hill. He stated that area residents will not accept a reduction in services. Mr. Berry also pointed out that the original petition to annex was signed by only ten percent of property owners and that a similar petition was presented to Council at the same time by property owners who wished not to be annexed.

Ben Johnson (Renton) opined that the current sense of lawlessness in the Skyway and West Hill area is due to King County's lack of funding for local sheriffs and that Renton residents are burdened by this lack of funding. Mr. Johnson also remarked that although there is hope that the economic situation will get better and Skyway will be able to fund itself in the future, he believes that entering a business deal that is not good to begin with, will not necessarily get any better in the future.

Michele Savelle (King County) shared her experiences as a block watch captain and volunteer coordinator for Skyway Solutions. She explained that Skyway Solutions is a grass roots movement that is working hard to build connections in the investment community to bring development to the Skyway and West Hill area. She encouraged Council to allow residents in the area to vote on the issue of annexation.

Ron Minter (King County) stated that he is the owner of the Earlington Greenhouse and a member of the West Hill Business Association. He remarked that area residents are willing to share in the sizeable commitment the City will make to annex the West Hill area. Mr. Minter also stated that local groups such as Skyway Solutions, the West Hill Business Association, and the West Hill Community Council are working hard to build a stronger sense of community in the area. He remarked that Renton has the tools, leadership, and expertise to help with revitalization and urged Council to allow the question of annexation to go to a vote of the people.

Hamdi Abdulle (Renton) remarked that she is a volunteer who helps refugees from Somalia who live in the West Hill area. She stated that many of these people feel that they still are refugees because they live outside of Seattle and Renton and do not receive services from those cities. Ms. Abdulle expressed appreciation for the amount of redevelopment that is occurring in Renton but cautioned that many of the new businesses are not affordable to low-income residents. She also stated that many of these refugees are business-minded and need support from the local government to help their communities flourish.

Councilmember Taylor remarked that Renton offers many opportunities for its diverse community. He noted that the recently adopted City Business Plan calls for connecting people of other cultures to City services. He also pointed out that the City's Small Business Development Center may be of interest to Ms. Abdulle.
Citizen Comment: Vu - Glass-Steagall Separation Act

Linda Vu (Seattle) stated that she is a political organizer and activist for the LaRouche Political Action Committee (PAC). She explained the history of the Glass-Steagall Separation Act and remarked that it should be reenacted. Ms. Vu stated that many cities are facing financial problems and that she believes the Act would have prevented the current housing and banking crises. She urged Council to endorse a resolution supporting the Act.

Citizen Comment: Williams - Glass-Steagall Separation Act

Doug Williams (Seattle), with LaRouche PAC, read a resolution regarding the Glass-Steagall Separation Act and urged Council to endorse it. He stated that he believes the Act will enable the country to reindustrialize and bring manufacturing industries back to the United States for future generations.

Citizen Comment: Ciampini - Glass-Steagall Separation Act

Ed Ciampini (Seattle), with LaRouche PAC, stated that the purpose of endorsing the Glass-Steagall resolution is to allow for the reorganization of the banking system so it can provide federal credit for productive infrastructure development. He explained that large-scale infrastructure projects would put people back to work and reindustrialize American industries.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilmember Briere, item 7.i. was removed for separate consideration.

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 7/19/2010. Council concur.

Appointment: Library Advisory Board

Mayor Law appointed the following individuals to the Library Advisory Board: Catherine Ploue-Smith, for a term expiring 9/1/2011; Suzi Ure, for a term expiring 9/1/2012; Erica Richey, for a term expiring 9/1/2013; Jason Oleston, for a term expiring 9/1/2014; and Laurie Beden, for a term expiring 9/1/2015. Refer to Community Services Committee.

CAG: 10-084, Union Av NE / Duvall Av NE Storm System Repair, Hoffman Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/20/2010 for CAG-10-084, Union Ave. NE / Duvall Ave. NE Storm System Repair project; 13 bids; engineer’s estimate $95,090; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Hoffman Construction, Inc., in the amount of $71,978.05. Council concur.

CAG: 10-086, Madsen Creek Sediment Basin Cleaning - 2010, Sierra Pacific Construction

City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/27/2010 for CAG-10-086, Madsen Creek Sediment Basin Cleaning - 2010 project; 11 bids; engineer’s estimate $40,296; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Sierra Pacific Construction, LLC, in the amount of $31,207.50. Council concur.

CED: HOF Award, Habitat for Humanity of East King County

Community and Economic Development Department requested approval to award $75,000 from the Housing Opportunity Fund to Habitat for Humanity East King County to support the development and construction of the La Fortuna Phase I affordable home project. Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

CED: Fairwood PAA Prezoning Public Hearings, Planning Commission

Community and Economic Development Department recommended directing the Planning Commission to hold the two required public hearings regarding prezoning of the Fairwood Potential Annexation Area (PAA). Refer to Planning and Development Committee and Planning Commission.

Community Services: Fee Waiver Request, High School Golf Teams

Community Services Department recommended approval of a golf course fee waiver in the amount of $11,600 for the Renton, Hazen, Lindbergh, and Liberty High Schools’ 2010 golf season. Refer to Finance Committee.
Community Services Department recommended approval of a shelter rental fee waiver in the amount of $300 for an Eastside Domestic Violence Program sponsored fundraiser. Refer to Finance Committee.

Finance and Information Services Department requested a change of department name to Finance and Information Technology Department. Council concur. (See page 236 for ordinance.)

Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant funds in the amount of $121,546, to support the emergency management program. Council concur.

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an addendum to airport lease LAG-99-002 with Pro-Flight Aviation, Inc. to increase the total ground lease rate per appraisal to $22,068.90 annually through 7/31/2013. Council concur.

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of updated Airport Regulations and Minimum Standards. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-09-173, 126th Ave SE Utility project, and requested approval of the project, final pay estimate in the amount of $1,533, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $23,119.43 to Rodarte Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-09-157, 2009 Pump Station Electrical Upgrades project, and requested approval of the project, final pay estimate in the amount of $946.93, commencement of a 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $3,833.10 to EC Company, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Utility Systems Division requested approval to accept $226,076 from the King County Solid Waste Division's 2010-2011 Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant program to implement various recycling events and programs. Council concur. (See page 236 for resolution.)

MOVED BY PERSSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS ITEM 7.i. CARRIED.

Executive Department recommended adoption of a resolution declining to place the issue of West Hill annexation before voters in the area. Refer to Committee of the Whole.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPIC OF THE WEST HILL ANNEXATION ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.*

Discussion ensued regarding the continued deliberation of the West Hill annexation election.

* MOTION CARRIED.
Public Safety Committee Chair Taylor presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the adoption of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) with minor local amendments. The adoption of these updated standards will replace the 1997 Dangerous Building Code and Minimum Housing Standards. The Committee also recommended adoption of the following minor local amendments to the IPMC:

1. Amend the Administrative Section to comply with Renton procedures and policies;
2. Amend definitions to comply with existing Renton definitions for garbage;
3. Add additional requirements for maintenance of vacant structures; and
4. Add additional requirements for outdoor storage on residential properties.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 236 for ordinance.)

Public Safety Committee Chair Taylor presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the adoption of minor changes to the Unfit Building Regulations to clarify notification requirements and the cumulative impacts for penalty fees. The updates to Renton Municipal Code (RMC) Section 1-3-5, Unfit Building Regulations, will include the following amendments:

1. Clarify the notification requirements for posting of the Director and Hearing Examiner’s decisions on unfit building cases;
2. Clarify the cumulative effect of administrative fees for failure to comply with unfit building correction requirements;
3. Clarify the rules of evidence for unfit building hearings;
4. Correct three incorrect references to other City Code sections; and
5. Allow the City to record tax liens against the properties to recover costs and expenses for enforcement of unfit building decisions.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 236 for ordinance.)

Utilities Committee Chair Zwicker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to adopt new utility financial criteria to guide utility rate setting. The new financial criteria are needed to guide funding and rate setting for the utilities to provide financial stability and adequate funds to maintain the system. The new financial criteria will be phased-in over a five-year period. The new criteria will cover three areas - reserves, capital contingency, and funding. The reserves criteria set amounts for operation, rate stabilization, and fund balance for each utility. The capital contingency criteria set an annual system reinvestment goal and debt service coverage ratio. The funding criteria set guidelines for the use of bonds versus cash to fund programs and capital improvement projects. Programs and system reinvestment projects should be cash funded, while new infrastructure or growth projects should be funded using bonds.
Utilities Committee Chair Zwicker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to grant preliminary approval of the application for a latecomer’s agreement request from Wm. Wayne Jones, Jr., Manager, Classic Concepts V, LLC, petitioner, for a period of two years. The application for a latecomer’s agreement was submitted to recover the $162,376.87 estimated cost of sewer extension along SE 2nd Pl. and SE 2nd St., west of Hoquiam Ave. NE, so that adjacent properties will be required to share in the cost.

The Committee further recommended that the Council authorize the preliminary assessment roll to be forwarded to the City Clerk, who will notify the affected property owners. If no protests are received, after construction of the facilities and approval of the final costs, Council can authorize preparation of the final assessment roll and latecomer agreement. In the event there is a protest for valid cause, a public hearing will be held to resolve any issues prior to proceeding with this matter. 

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 294736 - 295086 and one wire transfer totaling $3,667,527.09, and 834 direct deposits, 176 payroll vouchers, and one wire transfer, totaling $2,825,265.85. 

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to transfer $70,000 from the Garden Ave. project to the Logan Ave. N. Stage 2 Lake Washington Trail South Lake Connector project to cover the estimated budget gap and increase the project budget; and to approve award of the project contract to the low bidder, EnD General Construction, Inc., in the amount of $878,600.36. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the contract.

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an amendment in the 2010 Budget appropriations in the amount of $8,116,407 with the total amended budget to be $257,544,458. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract with Blumen Consulting Group, Inc., in the amount of $157,975 for the completion of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Final EIS for the Quendall Terminals development project (LUA-09-151). Funding for this contract will be provided by the proponent, Altino Properties, Inc. and J.H. Baxter & Company.
RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION #4058
Utility: 2010-2011 Waste Reduction & Recycling, King County Solid Waste Division Grant

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement for 2010-2011 between King County and the City of Renton for a Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the 8/9/2010 Council meeting for second and final reading:

Finance: Amend Name to Finance and Information Technology Department

An ordinance was read amending Titles I-X of City Code by changing all references of “Finance and Information Services” to “Finance and Information Technology.” MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 8/9/2010. CARRIED.

Budget: 2010 Amendments

An ordinance was reading amending the City of Renton 2010 Budget, in the total amount of $8,116,407, with the total amended budget to be $257,544,458 as adopted by Ordinance #5510 and thereafter amended by Ordinance 5536. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 8/9/2010. CARRIED.

CED: Adopt 2009 IPMC with Local Amendments

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 5, Building and Fire Prevention Standards, and Chapter 9, Permits - Specific, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, to add a new section 4-5-130 entitled “International Property Maintenance Code,” renumber the current Sections 4-5-130, Appeals, and 4-5-140, Violations of the Chapter and Penalties, and repeal Sections 4-5-060, Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 4-5-080, Uniform Housing Code, and 4-9-050, Dangerous Buildings- Abatement Of. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 8/9/2010. CARRIED.

CED: Unfit Building Regulations Amendments

An ordinance was read amending Section 1-3-5, Unfit Dwellings, Buildings, and Structures, of Chapter 3, Remedies and Penalties, of Title I (Administrative), of City Code, to amend the regulations regarding unfit buildings. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 8/9/2010. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Savelle - Proposed West Hill Annexation

Michele Savelle (King County) noted that Skyway Solutions was awarded a grant to help identify ways to attract investment into the area. She stated that the program has made real progress in a short time and may also help to remove properties from absentee owners who have let them deteriorate. Ms. Savelle also stated that the measures currently being considered by Council regarding unfit properties are another reason that area residents want to be annexed to Renton.

ADJOINTMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.

Time: 8:22 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder
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