MINUTES
City Council Regular Meeting

7:00 PM - Monday, February 12, 2018
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:  Councilmembers Absent:
Ed Prince, Council President  Armondo Pavone
Randy Corman
Ryan McIrvin
Ruth Pérez
Don Persson
Carol Ann Witschi

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER ARMONDO PAVONE. CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT
Denis Law, Mayor
Jay Covington, Chief Administrative Officer
Leslie Clark, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Jason Seth, City Clerk
Ellen Bradley-Mak, Human Resources / Risk Management Administrator
Gregg Zimmerman, Public Works Administrator
Jennifer Henning, Planning Director
Amanda Askren, Property & Technical Services Manager
Commander Jeff Eddy, Police Department
**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**Seattle Public Utilities Project on Renton Hill:** Fernando Platin, Project Engineer for Seattle Public Utilities provided a brief presentation regarding the Cathodic Protection Project scheduled for water lines under Beacon Ave S., between Mill Ave S. and SE 8th Dr. Mr. Platin reported that the corrosion protection work will prevent exterior pipe corrosion, prolonging the life of the water lines. He indicated that work will begin next week and will take approximately four to six weeks to complete. He also noted that his team has coordinated project outreach efforts with residents, the Renton School District, and the manager of the utility replacement project also occurring on Renton Hill.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tasca Street Vacation:** 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 petition to vacate a portion of unimproved N. 38th St. right-of-way, approximately 50 feet in width and 130 feet in length, located between Meadow Ave. N. and 1-405; petitioner James G. Tasca (VAC-15-001).

Planning & Technical Services Manager Amanda Askren reviewed the history of the petitioner's repeated attempts to vacate this portion of City right-of-way. She reported that 100 percent of the abutting property owners have signed the vacation petition, and the City does not have any facilities in the subject area. She relayed that the petitioner, as public benefit, would like to develop the area in conjunction with adjacent parcels that he owns. Ms. Askren reported that upon circulation of the petition to City departments and outside agencies, there were no objections to the vacation petition. She also reported that this vacation request was presented to Council in 2006 and 2015, but expired both times before the petitioner was able to take further action. Concluding, Ms. Askren reported that the petitioner submitted an appraisal in late 2017, which was reviewed by the Utilities Committee. She stated that the staff recommendation is to approve the petition without conditions.

Responding to Councilmember Persson's inquiry, Ms. Askren remarked that if Council approves this attempt to vacate the property there should be no reason the petitioner cannot finish the process.

Following the discussion, it was

**MOVED BY WITSCHI, SECONDED BY MCIRVIN, COUNCIL 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 2018 and beyond. Items noted were:

- On Wednesday, February 7th at approximately 9:30 a.m., a significant sinkhole at 900 Rainier Avenue North was noticed by police. Officer Marty Leverton immediately contacted the Public Works Maintenance Division to report the sinkhole affecting the
northbound lanes. When maintenance crews arrived on-site it was discovered that the sinkhole was caused by a failed storm system situated 15 feet deep. Further inspection of the system showed failure across the entire width of Rainier Avenue North. City maintenance staff was required to close this portion of Rainier Avenue North in both directions and set up detour routes shortly before the afternoon commute began. Maintenance crews and the contractor worked non-stop from Wednesday through Friday to repair the failed storm system and restore pavement to a drivable condition before reopening the roadway.

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

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Dr. David Paul Zimmerman, Administrator of Renton Prep Christian School, provided an update on the school's history, mission, student diversity, and classroom technology integration. He also noted that educators from eighteen countries had recently visited the school's Renton campus to learn more about integrating technology in classrooms. Concluding, Dr. Zimmerman thanked Council for authorizing the administration to move forward on the 200 Mill proposal submitted by Cosmos Development Group, and indicated that the school supports their redevelopment vision.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a) Approval of Council Meeting minutes of February 5, 2018. **Council Concur.**

b) **AB - 2081** City Clerk reported the results from the January 23, 2018 bid opening for CAG-17-235, Fire Station 15 project; and submitted the staff recommendation to accept and award the lowest responsive bid from Par-Tech Construction, Inc., in the amount of $4,273,500, for the Fire Station 15 project. **Council Concur.**

c) **AB - 2082** Community Services Department recommended approval of a professional services agreement with Baylis Architects, in an amount not to exceed $106,000, for the design of programming spaces, concept development, community outreach, and other elements for the Family First Community Center project. **Council Concur.**

e) **AB - 2077** Public Works Administration requested authorization to purchase a 12-passenger vehicle to replace the existing Senior Center bus, in the amount of $42,000, using state bid contract 05916. Sufficient funds to cover this purchase were included in the 2017/2018 Biennial budget. **Council Concur.**

f) **AB - 2086** Utility Systems Division recommended adoption of a resolution declaring an emergency for the purpose of replacing the storm water infrastructure and failed City street in the vicinity of 901 Rainier Ave N. **Council Concur.**

**MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY MCIRVIN, COUNCIL CONCUR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, MINUS ITEM 7.d. CARRIED.**
Separate Consideration - Item 7.d.

d) **AB - 2080** Human Resources / Risk Management Department recommended approval of Mayor Law's appointment of Bob Harrison for the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) in the Executive Department, and requested authorization to enter into an employment agreement with Mr. Harrison with an effective start date of May 1, 2018.

Councilmember Persson remarked that confirming the Mayor's appointment of a Chief Administrative Officer is one of the most important decisions Council can make. He noted that Council supports Mr. Harrison's appointment and congratulated the Mayor for finding and hiring such a qualified candidate in advance of current Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington's pending retirement. Mayor Law thanked the Councilmembers who participated in the interview panels, and Council for confirming Mr. Harrison's appointment. He also noted that Mr. Harrison was in attendance at tonight’s meeting.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 7.d. AS COUNCIL CONCUR. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) **Committee of the Whole** Council President Prince presented a report recommending concurrence in the recommendation of the 200 Mill RFP Review Committee to authorize the City Administration to commence negotiations with Cosmos Development Group for the redevelopment of the City-owned parcels at 200 Mill Ave S.

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

b) **Utilities Committee** Chair Witschi presented a report concurring in the staff recommendation to accept the appraisal and set compensation for Street Vacation Petition VAC-15-001 at $13,000 for an approximately 6,500 square foot portion of land located south of 3804 Meadow Avenue N. The Utilities Committee also recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to waive the initial fees for street vacation due to the previous expiration period on the vacation request. Additionally, the Utilities Committee recommended the ordinance regarding this matter be prepared and presented for first reading.

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

c) **Finance Committee** Chair Persson presented a report concurring in the staff recommendation to approve the following payments:

1. Accounts Payable – total payment of $13,599,227.00 for vouchers 10048-10060 and 363154-363156, 363159-363161, 363175-363443; payroll benefit withholding vouchers 5730-5740 and 363162-363174; and eight wire transfers.
2. Payroll – total payment of $1,322,081.22 for payroll vouchers which includes 611 direct deposits and 42 checks (January 01-15 2018 pay period).

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PÉREZ, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. CARRIED.
d) **Finance Committee** Chair Persson presented a report concurring in the staff recommendation to waive the application fee for a setback variance for Juan Pablo and Esperanza Arroyos due to economic hardship. In addition, the Committee recommended that the Arroyos’ pay the applicable building permit fee, rather than a double-fee that is applied to permits with code compliance violations.

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

e) **Finance Committee** Chair Persson presented a report concurring in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the consultant contract, not to exceed $100,000, with Reid Middleton to review structural and non-structural plans submitted to the City of Renton. Reid Middleton has provided structural and non-structural plan review services, verifying compliance to Renton City Code requirements. The amount of reviews they conduct for the City of Renton has varied, based primarily on the level of projects being presented to the City, and also fluctuates with the level of City plan review employees on staff.

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

f) **Finance Committee** Chair Persson recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize converting the budgeted Limited Term Capital Project Coordinator position to a full time position.

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

**LEGISLATION**

**Resolution:**

a) **Resolution No. 4332:** A resolution was read declaring an emergency for the purposes of replacing a failed storm system at Rainier Avenue North.

**MOVED BY WITSCHI, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

**Ordinance for first reading:**

b) **Ordinance No. 5878:** An ordinance was read vacating a portion of N 38th St. between Meadow Ave N. and I-405 (James Tasca, Petitioner; VAC 15-001; PRM-25-0064).

**MOVED BY MCIRVIN, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. CARRIED.**

**Ordinance for second and final reading:**

c) **Ordinance No. 5877:** An ordinance was read amending Section 2-17-2 of the Renton Municipal Code adding one voting member from the Benson Hill Neighborhood to the Airport Advisory Committee, and providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

**MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY MCIRVIN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.**
NEW BUSINESS

Please see the attached Council Committee Meeting Calendar.

Councilmember Persson requested a report summarizing the final costs for the emergency repairs conducted to replace the failed storm system located under Rainier Ave. N.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PRINCE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED.
TIME: 7:39 P.M.

Jason A. Seth, Recorder
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