Mayor Kathy Keolker-Wheeler called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS**

TERRI BRIERE, Council President; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON; DENIS LAW.

**CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KENT CURRY, Police Department.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

King County: Year in Review

Julia Patterson, Metropolitan King County Councilmember for District 13, presented a year in review report for King County. Ms. Patterson reviewed events that affected the South King County area such as the Economic Engine Luncheon where a study was discussed which determined that the area has enormous growth potential, businesses established in the area tend to stay, and CEOs of major businesses in South King County do not live in the area. Another event was the Art and Cultural Summit, which resulted in the formation of the South King County Cultural Coalition.

Continuing, Ms. Patterson reported that all of the food banks in South King County are struggling. She also reported that the King County Council unanimously adopted their 2005 budget in the total amount of $3.4 billion, and the general fund amounted to $538 million. She reviewed issues facing South King County, including the redistricting of King County (voters approved a charter measure to reduce the number of King County Councilmembers from thirteen to nine), transportation project priorities, and annexation concerns.

Ms. Patterson commended Renton on its working partnerships with entities such as Valley Medical Center, Renton School District, Chamber of Commerce, and Renton Technical College, noting that Renton serves as a model for other cities. Additionally, she pointed out that King County is striving to find a stable, continuous revenue source for human services, and has implemented policies that have resulted in a significant reduction in the jail population.

**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 2005 and beyond. Items noted included:

- The S.T.A.R. (Special Theater Arts of Renton) production of *Grin and Bear It* will be presented at Carco Theatre on 1/28/2005 at 7:00 p.m.
- At a series of public open houses in January, Washington State Department of Transportation will present proposed designs and environmental study approaches to the I-405 Bellevue Nickel Project, I-405 Renton Nickel
CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

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Release of Easement:
Lakeshore Landing Site, Boeing, RE-04-001

City Clerk submitted City-initiated request for release or partial release of seven easements and one agreement granted by The Boeing Company for the Lakeshore Landing site development project (RE-04-001; BSP-04-081). Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

Annexation: Anthone’, Talbot Rd S & S 55th St

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 60% Notice of Intent to annex petition for the proposed Anthone’ Annexation, and recommended a public hearing be set on 1/24/2005 to consider the petition and future zoning; 4.84 acres located east of Talbot Rd. S. and south of S. 55th St. Refer issue of boundary expansion to Planning and Development Committee; set public hearing on 1/24/2005.

Annexation: Maplewood Addition, Maple Valley Hwy

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 10% Notice of Intent to annex petition for the proposed Maplewood Addition Annexation, and recommended a public meeting be set on 1/24/2005 to consider the petition; 60.5 acres bounded by Maple Valley Hwy. and the Cedar River. Council concur.

Plat: Cottages at Honey Creek, NE Sunset Blvd, PP-04-085

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Cottages at Honey Creek Preliminary Plat; 27 single-family lots on 3.7 acres located at 4821 NE Sunset Blvd. (PP-04-085). Council concur.

CAG: 03-168, Maplewood Water Treatment Facility Improvements, Economic and Engineering Services

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of Addendum No. 2 to CAG-03-168, contract with Economic and Engineering Services, Inc., for construction phase assistance in the amount of $116,510 for the Maplewood Water Treatment Improvements and Golf Course Improvements Project. Refer to Utilities Committee.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 233148 - 234008 and three wire transfers totaling $4,835,094.10; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 54878 - 55313, two wire transfers, and 1137 direct deposits totaling $3,712,831.56. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS


Council President Briere announced an informal meet and greet with the Renton School Board, Renton School District Administration, Issaquah School Board, Issaquah School District Administration, Renton City Council, and Renton Mayor at the Liberty High School library on January 13th, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Council: Meeting (1/17/2005)

Ms. Briere also announced that Council will not meet on January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Transportation: School Zone Traffic Signage

Noting that some cities have school zone traffic signs that state "20 miles-per-hour" as compared to Renton's signs that state "20 miles-per-hour when children
are present," it was MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ISSUE OF SCHOOL TRAFFIC SIGNS THAT STATE "20 MILES-PER-HOUR WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT" TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Sound Transit: Sound Move Phase II Planning Process

Councilwoman Palmer expressed the Transportation Committee's support for Mayor Keolker-Wheeler's letter to Joni Earl, Executive Director of Sound Transit, regarding potential Sound Transit Sound Move Phase II projects in Renton.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:00 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
January 10, 2005