CALL TO ORDER

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; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; MARCIE PALMER.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER TIM TROXEL, Police Department.

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:

- A leak occurred in the 12-inch water main in the 4000 block of Sunset Blvd. on February 9th at 7:15 a.m., and water to a number of customers was temporarily shut off. It was discovered that a cap had come off a three-quarter-inch water line, and once it was repaired, water was restored to the customers and Sunset Blvd. was reopened by 3:45 p.m.

- A meeting was held with three North Renton residents to discuss increased truck traffic in North Renton on February 7th. Additionally, these residents expressed concerns about illegal parking along Meadow Ave. N. near Bronson Way N. The Police and Planning/Building/Public Works Departments are working with the neighbors to reduce unauthorized truck traffic in North Renton and to eliminate unlawful parking in the areas of concern.

King County: Councilmember Introduction (Reagan Dunn, District 6)

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler introduced Metropolitan King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn, who was recently appointed to fill the vacancy in District 6 created by Rob McKenna's election as Washington State Attorney General. Mr. Dunn noted that Renton historically has not had the attention it deserves from the King County Council, and stated that he will continue to make sure that District 6 is well represented. Expressing his willingness to work with the Renton City Council, Mr. Dunn shared his plans to open a district office in the Renton Highlands, and his plans to work on transportation issues.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: La Rue - Fallen Tree Across Cedar River

Stan La Rue, 2505 Maple Valley Hwy., Renton, 98058, stated that he sent a letter to Council concerning a tree that fell across the Cedar River onto his property. He inquired as to what government entities are responsible for addressing this matter.

Gregg Zimmerman, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator, stated that the City became aware of the fallen tree at the beginning of February. He explained that in the past, the City traditionally removed logs that presented a safety hazard. However, over the last few years, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has been reluctant to issue permits for the removal of woody debris and logs from the river due to the beneficial habitat the debris provides for the fish. Pointing out that the fallen tree poses a safety hazard, Mr.

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Zimmerman reported that the City has scheduled a meeting with WDFW on February 16th to discuss the matter. He noted that the City will remove the fallen tree if a permit from WDFW is obtained.

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler assured Mr. La Rue that the City will inform him of the outcome of the meeting. Councilmember Corman thanked Mr. La Rue for his concern regarding the safety hazard created by the fallen tree.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Appeal: Park Place Preliminary Plat, Heritage Homes, PP-04-126

City Clerk reported appeal of Hearing Examiner's recommendation on the Park Place Preliminary Plat (PP-04-126); appeal filed on 1/21/2005 by Michael Witek, 1001 4th Ave., Suite 4200, Seattle, 98154, representing Heritage Homes, accompanied by required fee. Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

Appeal: Amberwood Phase II Preliminary Plat, Steve Beck, PP-04-117

City Clerk reported appeal of Hearing Examiner's recommendation on the Amberwood Phase II Preliminary Plat (PP-04-117); appeal filed on 2/1/2005 by Amy L. Kosterlitz, 2025 1st Ave., Suite 500, Seattle, 98121, representing Steve Beck, accompanied by required fee. Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

CAG: 05-001, Sunset Sewer Interceptor Phase II, RCI Construction Group

City Clerk reported bid opening on 2/8/2005 for CAG-05-001, Sunset Sewer Interceptor Phase II; 14 bids; engineer's estimate $2,323,479.49; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, RCI Construction Group, in the amount of $1,915,867.90. Council concur.

CAG: 04-113, 200 Mill Building Chiller Replacement, MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions

Community Services Department submitted CAG-04-113, 200 Mill Building Chiller Replacement; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $69,604.13 commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $5,588 to MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Public Works: Sound Transit Quit Claim Deed, BNSF Easement

Planning/Building/Public Works Department recommended acceptance of a quit claim deed from Sound Transit and approval of Sound Transit's request for an easement across City-owned property located in the vicinity of Oakesdale Ave. SW and SW 27th St. with Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company. Council concur.

Transportation: I-405 Mainline Alignment Concurrence, WSDOT

Transportation Systems Division recommended concurrence with the Washington State Department of Transportation's I-405 mainline alignment from the western Renton City limit to SR-169. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Transportation: I-405/SR-167 Interchange 5% Design Concurrence, WSDOT

Transportation Systems Division recommended concurrence with the Washington State Department of Transportation's five percent design for the I-405 and SR-167 interchange. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

Utility: Springbrook Creek Wetland & Habitat Mitigation Bank Concurrence, WSDOT

Utility Systems Division recommended concurrence with the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding the creation of the Springbrook Creek Wetland and Habitat Mitigation Bank. Refer to Utilities Committee.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole

Council President Briere presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding the Pavilion Building lease. The Committee recommended moving forward
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with negotiations with the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train to utilize the Pavilion Building as an event center. Staff will work with the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train to bring a proposal back for consideration. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development Committee

Planning and Development Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the boundary expansion for the proposed Mosier II Annexation. A public hearing on the Mosier II Annexation was held on 2/7/2005, after which Council authorized staff to invoke jurisdiction at the Boundary Review Board to request expansion of the annexation area to more reasonable boundaries. The Committee, therefore, recommended that the referral regarding the Mosier II Annexation boundary expansion be closed. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services Committee

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a contract with Richard C. Elliott, in the amount of $45,894.11, for his proposed work of art at the City Center Parking garage, and to approve the total project budget of $52,774.11. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the contract with Richard C. Elliott. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Councilwoman Nelson stated that the artwork will be a beautiful addition to the parking garage, and it should be completed in approximately one year.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 234347 - 234897 and two wire transfers totaling $3,718,131.47; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 55668 - 55892, one wire transfer, and 572 direct deposits totaling $1,821,258.51. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to implement service fees for special meter read, new utility account set up, and name change services. The Committee also recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to implement special service fees for utility outstanding balance searches. The Committee further recommended that the ordinances regarding these matters be presented for first reading.*

Councilman Persson explained that title and escrow companies request utility outstanding balances from the City at the close of property sales, and a fee is proposed for providing this service. He noted that the Committee recommended increasing the staff-recommended fee from $10 to $25 for an Internet water utility balance search, and from $30 to $50 for a search requested by fax, messenger, or letter.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 2/28/2005 for second and final reading:

*MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See below for ordinances.)
Finance: Special Water Meter Read Service Fees
An ordinance was read adding Section 5-1-2.K to Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code to adopt service fees for special meter readings, new utility account set up, and utility account transfers. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/28/2005. CARRIED.

Finance: Utility Outstanding Balance Search Fees
An ordinance was read amending Section 5-1-2.K to Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code to adopt service fees for utility outstanding balance searches. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/28/2005. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT
MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:56 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
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