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; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON; DENIS LAW. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN RANDY CORMAN. CARRIED.

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; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources Administrator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KENT CURRY, 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:

- This month, over 1,000 Renton School District third graders will learn about City of Renton services as they participate in an annual field trip to visit the Renton Historical Museum, Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Park Maintenance Division, Traffic Control Room, and the Mayor.

- The Community Services Department scholarship program recently received $6,100 in donations from Rotary of Renton, the Sam Chastain Memorial Fund, and the Rose Turner Guild. The program offers scholarships for low-income Renton residents to participate in educational and recreational activities offered at the Renton Community Center, Senior Center, and the Highlands and North Highlands Neighborhood Centers.

School District: Boundary Changes

Commenting on the letter sent to parents by the Renton School District regarding boundary changes affecting students who live in the Liberty Ridge and Monterey Terrace developments, Mayor Keolker-Wheeler emphasized that the Renton City Council and Administration has no authority over the decisions of the Renton School District.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Court Case: Western Surety Company, CRT-05-006

Court Case filed on behalf of Western Surety Company by Alexander Friedrich, Yusen & Friedrich, 215 NE 40th St., Suite C-3, Seattle, 98105, regarding the bonds the plaintiff furnished to The New Woodinville Public Auto Auction. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Community Services: Park

Community Services Department recommended approval of an amendment to
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Rules & Regulations Changes  the Park Rules and Regulations restricting the presence of domestic animals, except service animals, at specific events held in parks upon approval of the Park Board. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Annexation: Honey Creek East, Union Ave NE  Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended a public hearing be set on 5/16/2005 to consider the proposed Honey Creek East Annexation and R-8 zoning of 27.5 acres located west of Union Ave. NE (132nd Ave. SE) and south of SE 100th St. Council concur.


Planning: Highlands Sub-Area Plan Study Area Moratorium  Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended adoption of a resolution that declares a six-month moratorium on new development in the R-10 and RM-F zones in the Highlands Sub-Area Plan study area, and sets a public hearing on 5/16/2005. Council concur. (See page 159 for resolution.)

Transportation: NE 3rd/4th St Corridor Improvements Final Report  Transportation Systems Division recommended adoption of the final report on the NE 3rd and 4th Street Corridor Improvements Project that establishes the long range transportation plan for this corridor. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Committee of the Whole Utility: Clean Sweep Renton Program  Council President Briere presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding the Clean Sweep Renton program. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the implementation of the one-time Neighbor-to-Neighbor Curbside Cleanup and the public education and outreach campaign portions of the Clean Sweep Renton program.

The Committee also recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve appropriation of the one-time Neighbor-to-Neighbor Curbside Cleanup event projected to cost $299,225, and the associated public education and outreach campaign projected to cost $55,000, from the Solid Waste Utility fund balance in 2005. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Board/Commission: Organization & Process Modifications  Council President Briere presented a Committee of the Whole report regarding modifications to the organization and process of City boards, commissions, and committees. The Committee recommended concurrence in the Mayor's recommendations to:

1. Eliminate three advisory boards (Board of Ethics, Board of Adjustments and the Unfair Housing Practices Board) and one advisory committee (Transportation Advisory Committee);
2. Expand and rename the Human Rights and Affairs Commission into the Renton Advisory Commission on Diversity;
3. Provide for student representation on each board, commission, and committee (as appropriate); and

4. Redefine the Library Board by codifying its existence in the City Code under authority of RCW 35A.27.010.
In addition, the Committee recommended concurrence in the Mayor's recommendation to authorize staff to amend the City Code to implement these changes. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee
Lease: Vykor, 200 Mill Building (1st & 5th Floors), LAG-02-002

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the lease amendment with Vykor, Inc. for a three to five year extension of tenancy on the first and fifth floors of the 200 Mill Building. The net proceeds to the City are $180,054.29 for the first three years, and $380,529.80 for the two extension years. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the lease amendment. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3750
Planning: Highlands Sub-Area Plan Study Area Moratorium

A resolution was read declaring a moratorium on new development in the R-10 and RM-F zones within the Highlands Sub-Area Plan study area, establishing a public hearing date of May 16, 2005, and establishing a termination date for the moratorium of November 2, 2005. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ.*

Acknowledging that development in the Highlands was discussed during the Council Retreat, Councilman Clawson expressed his concern about the imposition of the moratorium and questioned the urgency and need for the action.

Pointing out that Highlands community residents have expressed the need for improvements in the area, Councilman Persson indicated that the area's current zoning is not of a level to encourage quality infill development. He stated his support for the moratorium.

Councilman Clawson inquired as to the number of proposed developments in the Highlands area nearing the permitting process. Economic Development Administrator Alex Pietsch stated that three pre-applications have been submitted within the past two months. He explained that the City needs time to develop new standards that reflect the City's vision for the area, which includes allowing higher densities to stimulate a larger redevelopment effort, and that subdividing lots at lower densities is inconsistent with that vision.

Responding to Councilman Clawson's request, City Clerk Bonnie Walton reviewed the methods of notification for public hearings. Mr. Clawson emphasized the importance of informing people of the reasons why the City is suspending development in the Highlands area.

*MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
School District: Activities

Councilwoman Nelson reviewed Renton School District announcements and activities, including: scholarship winners; the upcoming performance of the Renton High School Jazz Ensemble at the State PTA convention; and the participation of Sierra Heights Elementary School students in the second annual reading challenge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND
THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 8:01 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann

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