CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Pro Tem Terri Briere 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, Mayor Pro Tem; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; RANDY CORMAN, Council President Pro Tem; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON; DENIS LAW.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; RON STRAKA, Utility Engineering Supervisor; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; LINDA HERZOG, Interim Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER TIM TROXEL, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
King County: Briefing on Issues by Council
King County Councilman Reagan Dunn gave a briefing on a variety of issues affecting King County. Mr. Dunn commented on King County's negotiations for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway eastside rail corridor, saying that last week the King County Council authorized earnest money to allow the King County Executive to enter into negotiations with BNSF. He stated that he voted in support of the action; however, he opined that a vote to purchase the property is a different matter and requires a much higher level of satisfaction. Mr. Dunn indicated that the King County Council is aware of the economic benefit that the rail line provides to Renton and to the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train, and noted that he and King County Councilwoman Julia Patterson are sponsoring legislation indicating the intent of the King County Council to preserve the dinner train as a future use.

Continuing, Councilman Dunn commented on the election reform issue, and described the three committees that are taking steps to ensure that the elections department is improved. Additionally, he commented on the reported increase of methamphetamine-caused deaths Statewide and the increase of methamphetamine activity in Southeast King County. He indicated that he will soon propose legislation in regards to this issue. In conclusion, Councilman Dunn stated that he will continue to keep the City informed of new legislation.

In response to Council inquiries regarding rail line maintenance responsibilities if the line is obtained by King County and used by the dinner train, Councilman Dunn indicated that the matter will be further analyzed and discussed.

ESA: WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan
Ron Straka, Utility Engineering Supervisor, introduced Watershed Coordinator Jane Lamensdorf-Bucher who reported on the proposed Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan. Ms. Lamensdorf-Bucher noted that Puget Sound Chinook salmon were listed as a threatened species in 1999 under the Federal Endangered Species Act. She explained that 27 local governments, located in the urbanized, 692-square-mile Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed or WRIA 8, are supporting this planning process.

Ms. Lamensdorf-Bucher stated that although this is a salmon-focused plan, it also benefits citizens by addressing issues such as stormwater management, water quality, and quality of life. She indicated that the WRIA 8 plan is one of
14 plans that contribute to a Puget Sound-wide recovery plan, which will be presented to the State and Federal governments. She reviewed the purpose and focus of the plan, as well as the framework for implementing the plan. Ms. Lamensdorf-Bucher described the local governments' roles in carrying out the plan; and in regards to land use actions, she noted that the plan does not add an additional layer to the current requirements.

Continuing, Ms. Lamensdorf-Bucher stated that the focus for Renton in the WRIA 8 plan is the Cedar River and Lake Washington, especially the south end. She indicated that so far, 19 local governments have ratified the WRIA 8 plan. Ms. Lamensdorf-Bucher concluded by emphasizing the importance of clean, cool water for salmon as well as for people.

Councilman Clawson, a member of the WRIA 8 Steering Committee, praised Ms. Lamensdorf-Bucher for her work on the plan, pointing out that she is very patient in explaining things to people who have no expertise in the matter. He indicated that last week, the steering committee received a strong commitment from the State senators that they will seek federal funding for this effort.

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington praised the efforts of Ms. Lamensdorf-Bucher and the other WRIA staff members, and stated that the plan will help the salmon, the City, and the region in the long run. (See page 260 for Utilities Committee report.)

ADMIRERATIVE 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:

- IKEA Renton River Days, which runs from July 19th through July 26th, includes Kids' Day, Senior Day, the parade, the Rubber Ducky Derby, an art show, a book sale, and free entertainment throughout the weekend.

- The community is invited to view the preliminary final master plan for Heather Downs Park at a meeting on July 26th at the Highlands Neighborhood Center.

- The Police Department invites residents to join forces on August 2nd to give crime and drugs a going away party during National Night Out. Talk with neighbors and host a block party, barbecue, or a casual get-together. Register the event and Police Department staff will make every effort to attend each and every function.

Community Services: Gene Coulon Park Swimming Beach Closure, Unacceptable Levels of Bacteria in Water

Mr. Covington announced that the swimming beach at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park was closed on July 15th after water samples taken by the King County Health Department exceeded the acceptable water quality standards for fecal coliform and E. coli. The water continues to show unacceptable levels of bacteria.

In response to Councilman Law's inquiry, Mr. Covington stated that the cause of the problem may be geographic due to the current and location, or man-made due to a sewer leak. He assured that the matter is being investigated.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Johnson - Hanging Flower Baskets

Arland "Buzz" Johnson, 334 Wells Ave. S., #306, Renton, 98055, expressed his appreciation for the City's hanging flower baskets. Displaying a photograph of a hanging flower basket in the City of Lake Oswego, Oregon, Mr. Johnson noted its large size, and stated that businesses in Lake Oswego decorate their entryways with flowers. Additionally, he praised the impressive flower display at the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train depot.
CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. Councilman Corman noted the addition of item 6.h., and Councilman Persson requested the removal of item 6.d. for separate consideration.

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Human Services: 2006-2008 CDBG Interlocal Agreement, King County

Human Services Division recommended approval of the 2006-2008 joint interlocal agreement with King County to receive Community Development Block Grant funds through the King County consortium. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Development Services: Oakesdale Commerce Center-East Binding Site Plan ROW Dedication, Springbrook Creek

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for a 40-foot-wide strip of land known as Tract F on the east side of Springbrook Creek for trail purposes to fulfill a requirement of the Oakesdale Commerce Center-East Binding Site Plan (LUA-03-089). Council concur.

Annexation: Falk II, 102nd Ave SE & S 50th St

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 50% Notice of Intent to annex petition for the proposed Falk II Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 8/1/2005 to consider the petition and future zoning; 6.4 acres located in the vicinity of 102nd Ave. SE and S. 50th St. Council concur.

Plat: Rutledge/Bent Nose, Hoquiam Ave NE, PP-05-017

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Rutledge/Bent Nose Preliminary Plat; ten single-family lots on 2.5 acres located at 990 Hoquiam Ave. NE (PP-05-017). Council concur.

Vacation: NE 4th St, City of Renton, VAC-04-006

Utility Systems Division reported submittal of the appraisal performed for the vacation of a portion of NE 4th St., east of Rosario Ave. NE, and requested that Council accept the appraisal and waive compensation for the vacation area (VAC-04-006; City of Renton, petitioner). Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

Added Item 6.h.

Airport: Layout Plan Update, FAA Grant

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval to accept a $150,000 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to update the Airport Layout Plan component of the 1997 Airport Master Plan. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE ADDED ITEM 6.h., AND TO REMOVE ITEM 6.d. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration Item 6.d.

Annexation: Querin II, Hoquiam Ave NE

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 10% Notice of Intent to annex petition for the proposed Querin II Annexation and recommended a public meeting be set on 8/1/2005 to consider the petition; 7.3 acres located in the vicinity of Hoquiam Ave. NE, SE 112th St., and SE 114th Pl.

Councilman Persson suggested that this item be held until the Committee of the Whole discusses the City's annexation policy. He stated that important policy decisions need to be made regarding annexations, and he does not want to accept annexations until the annexation policy issues are resolved.

Responding to Council inquiry, Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington confirmed that the Querin II Annexation is within the City's potential annexation area. He acknowledged Councilman Persson's concerns, and noted that current annexation policy is being followed with the annexations that are brought forward to Council. Mr. Covington explained that the current policy...
indicates that the East Renton Plateau area is an area of priority, that the City is not actively seeking annexations but considers annexation requests, and that the City only consider annexations that ultimately provide a benefit to the City.

Zanetta Fontes, Assistant City Attorney, reported that State law requires that a public meeting be held within 60 days of the time the petition is filed with the City. She noted that the proposed August 1st public meeting date is already outside the 60-day limit.

Councilman Clawson recommended going forward with this item, but agreed with Mr. Persson that an annexation policy discussion is necessary.

Councilman Persson expressed concern regarding the lateness of the item coming before Council, and concerns regarding the costs related to sewer and parks improvements needed for the annexation area. Additionally, he noted that although the City keeps annexing property, City staff and equipment is not being added. Pointing out that it takes time for staff to prepare the annexation reports, Mr. Covington stated that staff will try to forward the information to Council in a more timely manner.

Mayor Pro Tem Briere noted the need to discuss the annexation policy soon, including discussion on those areas that are and are not contained within Renton's potential annexation area.

Alex Pietsch, Economic Development Administrator, pointed out that Council accepted a 10% petition for the Querin Annexation in November 2004. He explained that since then, the boundaries were revised, and the subject 10% petition to annex reflects a smaller area.

Councilmembers Nelson and Law spoke in support of moving forward with this item. Councilman Law also noted the importance of having a discussion on the annexation policy.

MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 6.d. AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Transportation (Aviation)
Committee
Transportation: Street Closure Ordinance

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report regarding the street closure ordinance. The current City Code requires Council action for all road closures. A change is proposed to City Code to allow road closures of one day or less to be governed by administrative action. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation that the City Council authorize the revision of the City Code to allow road closures of one day or less to be governed by administrative action. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation: Supplemental Street Lighting Standard for Arterial Street Lighting

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to adopt supplemental street lighting standards for arterial streetlights in order to provide a choice of using decorative fixtures as an alternative to the industrial cobra heads. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation: Maple Valley Hwy Improvements Project Funding, TIB

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to sign the Fiscal Year 2006 Program Project Funding Status Report for submittal to the Transportation Improvement Board certifying committed City of Renton funds for the Maple
Valley Hwy. (SR-169) project. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the operating permit and agreement with WorldWind Helicopters, Inc. for the purpose of providing aircraft charter and taxi services and an aircraft maintenance and repair facility as part of their sublease with AirO, Inc. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the operating permit and agreement with Aero-Copters, Inc. and their sublease with AirO, Inc. for the purpose of providing aircraft maintenance and repair services to AirO, Inc. to continue until 11/1/2013. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report regarding the monthly rent increase for Airport T-Hangar units. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the following:

1. A rent increase for all City-owned T-Hangar units from $200 per month to $285 per month, plus 12.84% leasehold excise tax.

2. Application of the Seattle/Tacoma Consumer Price Index every three years to the rental rate of all City-owned T-Hangars.

MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the bid award for the City Hall P-3 Parking Lot Resurfacing project. Epic Construction, LLC, was the sole bidder on the project, there were no irregularities with their bid, and their bid was under the budgeted amount for the project. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to award the bid submitted by Epic Construction, LLC, in the amount of $118,374.40. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 262 for resolution.)

Utilities Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) I-405 project concurrence letter regarding the Johns Creek Outfall. WSDOT requested the City's approval of a concurrence letter for the Johns Creek Outfall to discharge stormwater runoff from I-405 and the upstream tributary area to Johns Creek, in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, as part of the future widening of I-405.
The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the concurrence letter with WSDOT for the proposed Johns Creek Outfall stormwater system. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the following grant awards:

1. Ginger Creek Community Association - Continue development of a pocket park on Seattle Public Utilities owned right-of-way in Renton. The area is approximately one-quarter of an acre and is bordered by Puget Drive SE, Beacon Way SE, and SE 16th St. ($1,538).

2. Geneva Court Homeowners Association - Install fence slats and secure eroding area around retention pond by adding fill dirt, and eliminate entrance into neighborhood through wooded area with fencing ($1,544).

3. North Renton Neighborhood Association - Improve exterior of the Sartori Education Center with landscaping and create a rock garden in open space with the addition of two picnic tables ($12,586).

4. Sir Cedric Homeowners Association - Remove litter, weeds, and rocks from the perimeter of the property to improve City right-of-way property located on Monroe Ave. NE, Lynnwood Ave. NE, and NE 12th St. ($737).

5. Valley Vue Homeowners Association - Plant trees on unimproved right-of-way in front of homeowners' property ($2,600).

The Committee further recommended approval of funding for the following administrative newsletter applications:

1. Kennydale Neighborhood Association - Annual printing expenses for a printed and mailed quarterly newsletter ($2,000).

2. Renton Hill Neighborhood Association - Annual printing expenses for a printed and mailed quarterly newsletter ($410).

3. Windwood Homeowners Association - Annual printing and postal expenses for a quarterly newsletter ($109).

4. Winsper Homeowners Association - Annual printing and postal expenses for a quarterly newsletter ($92).

The total cost of materials for the NE 4th St. Corridor community planting project, held on 4/23/2005, was $18,257. Clear Channel Corporation generously donated $8,000, leaving a final cost to the neighborhood program grant funds of $10,257, with a sweat equity match from residents, the community, and City staff volunteers of $13,000. Therefore, the first round of grants total $31,873, leaving a remaining budget of $18,127 available for a second round of funding. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the 2005 neighborhood grant projects. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the following grant awards:

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding parking for class participants at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation that no action be taken regarding reserved parking at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach.
Park for class participants. While the Committee realizes that parking can be a problem at various sites during certain times, warm weather, special events, etc.; preferential parking cannot be given to one group of participants and preclude others. Additionally, there is not sufficient staff or resources to monitor and enforce these proposed parking restrictions. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3761
ESA: WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan

A resolution was read ratifying the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and advanced for second and final reading:

Police: Street Racing Event Attendance Prohibition

An ordinance was read amending Title VI (Police Regulations) of City Code by adding Chapter 6-28, Race Attendance, that prohibits race attendance within a "No Racing Zone" and imposes criminal penalties. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5150
Police: Street Racing Event Attendance Prohibition

Following second and final reading of the above ordinance, it was MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation: I-405 Corridor Charette Team

Councilman Persson reported that he attended a meeting on July 14th of the I-405 Corridor charette team, which consists of consultants, and Renton and Washington State Department of Transportation staff members. The team reported out innovative ideas to resolve some of the challenging issues associated with the Renton I-405 Corridor project. Mr. Persson noted that two access ramps to the Renton Hill area were included. Mayor Pro Tem Briere stressed the importance of the team's work to the Renton community.

Airport: Honorary Name, Clayton Scott Field

Councilman Corman stated that he and Councilwoman Palmer attended the 100-year birthday celebration for Clayton Scott, where Ms. Palmer read the City proclamation announcing the decision to add the honorary name of Clayton Scott Field to the Renton Municipal Airport. He noted that the extra effort that Council made to approve the honorary name change in time for the celebration was worth it. Mr. Corman reported that plans are moving forward to install artwork depicting Clayton Scott at the entry of the Airport.

Community Events: Parking

Councilwoman Nelson encouraged citizens to park at the downtown City Center Parking garage for the Renton River Days events, and for events such as the Renton Farmers Market and the Cinema on the Piazza. She pointed out that parking is free for these special events.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:43 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk