RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

September 26, 2005
Council Chambers
Monday, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES
Renton City Hall

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
RANDY CORMAN, Council President Pro Tem; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON; DENIS LAW. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; JULIE BREWER, Community Relations Manager; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; DON ERICKSON, Senior Planner; LINDA HERZOG, Interim Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KENT CURRY, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
AJLS: Sister City Delegation
Visit to Cuautla, Jalisco, Mexico
Julie Brewer, Community Relations Manager, reported that a 12-member delegation visited Renton's Sister City, Cuautla, Jalisco, Mexico at the end of August. She noted that the delegates, which included public officials, Cuautla Sister City Committee members, business representatives, community volunteers, and educators, were responsible for their own trip expenses. Ms. Brewer introduced Cuautla Sister City Committee Co-Chair Andee Jorgensen who displayed photographs of the trip, and described the many activities experienced, people met, and the sights seen during the trip.

The presentation concluded with a performance of the national dance of Mexico by the dance group El Grupo Folklorico, Corazon de Mexico, which is made up of Hazen High School students (Francisco Ramirez, Jessica Huerta, Adriana Valdez, Giancarlo Miramontes, and Jeannette Zanabria) under the direction of Celeste Brady.

PUBLIC HEARING
Annexation: Hoquiam, 140th Ave SE & SE 122nd St
This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Keolker-Wheeler opened the public hearing to consider the 60% Notice of Intent to annex petition and R-8 zoning for the proposed Hoquiam Annexation; 20.49 acres, including the abutting street right-of-way, located between 140th Ave SE, if extended, on the west, and 144th Ave. SE, if extended, on the east, and between SE 122nd St., if extended, on the north, and SE 124th St. on the south.

Senior Planner Don Erickson reported that the area contains 19 single-family dwellings, and slopes to the southwest and southeast from 142nd Ave. SE. The area is served by the following public services: Fire District #25, Water District #90, Renton sewer, and the Renton School District. He stated that existing King County zoning is R-4 (four dwelling units per gross acre), and the Renton Comprehensive Plan designates the site as Residential Single Family, which allows for R-8 (eight dwelling units per net acre) zoning.

Mr. Erickson noted the annexation site issues raised by City staff, including the needed improvements on NE 6th St., which are typically performed by developers during the subdivision process; and the potential flooding, which will be managed by flood control measures applied at the time of development.
He explained that the fiscal impact analysis indicates a surplus of $15,417 at full development, and there is an estimated one-time parks acquisition and development fee of $58,322.

Mr. Erickson indicated that the proposed annexation is generally consistent with relevant Boundary Review Board (BRB) objectives and City policies. He stated that staff recommends invoking the BRB's jurisdiction in order to expand the annexation's boundaries further to the east.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was moved by Clawson, seconded by Nelson, Council close the public hearing. Carried.

Moved by Clawson, seconded by Law, Council accept the Hoquiam 60% direct petition to annex, and authorize the administration to submit the notice of intent package to the BRB, invoke the BRB's jurisdiction to expand the annexation area's boundaries further to the east, and prepare the relevant ordinances. 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 2005 and beyond. Items noted included:

- At the October 13th Citizen of the Year Banquet, Del Mead and Norm Abrahamson will be recognized as Outstanding Citizens and Al Talley will be honored as the 2005 Citizen of the Year.

- The City of Renton is joining over 90 cities to "Walk Across Washington" on October 15th to raise awareness of the importance of physical activity and the availability of recreational opportunities offered by community parks and trails.

- Renton participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program, which enables every Renton citizen to obtain flood insurance discounts of up to 15%.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

- Citizen Comment: Johnson - Hanging Flower Baskets, Tonkins Park, Senior Center

  Arland "Buzz" Johnson, 334 Wells Ave. S., #306, Renton, 98055, expressed his admiration of the hanging flower baskets in the City of Port Angeles, and suggested that Renton hire a different contractor to maintain its flower baskets next year. He also stated that Tonkins Park, located at 399 Williams Ave. S., is underutilized and suggesting planting shade trees and holding children's events in the park. Additionally, Mr. Johnson reported that he participated in a hike organized by the Renton Senior Activity Center, and expressed his appreciation for the funding of the center.

- Citizen Comment: O'Halloran - Heather Downs Park Development

  Mike O'Halloran, 4420 SE 4th St., Renton, 98059, relayed the appreciation of the Union Ave. SE area residents for the City's support of the Heather Downs Park development.

- Citizen Comment: Johnston - Heather Downs Park Development

  Julie Johnston, 252 Vashon Ave. SE, Renton, 98059, stated that she attended many of the Heather Downs Park development meetings, and expressed her appreciation for the City's support of the park. She pointed out that the park will be an asset to the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.
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<td>CAG: 05-144, Benson Rd S, Dennis R Craig Construction</td>
<td>City Clerk reported bid opening on 9/13/2005 for CAG-05-144, Benson Rd. S. (Main Ave. S. to S. 26th St.); eight bids; engineer’s estimate $514,045.10; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Dennis R. Craig Construction, Inc., in the amount of $459,508.35. Council concur.</td>
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<td>Vacation: Aberdeen Ave NE, Dohrn, VAC-05-003</td>
<td>City Clerk submitted petition for street vacation for portion of unopened Aberdeen Ave. NE, south of NE 40th St. at Monterey Pl. NE; petitioner Ron G. Dohrn, 3767 Monterey Pl. NE, Renton, 98056 (VAC-05-003). Refer to Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; set public hearing on 10/17/2005 to consider the petition. (See page 328 for resolution.)</td>
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<td>Community Services: Heather Downs Park Development, Master Plan</td>
<td>Community Services Department recommended adoption of the Heather Downs Park Master Plan; 9.18-acre site located on Union Ave. SE, south of NE 4th St. Council concur.</td>
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<td>Annexation: Leitch, SE 136th St &amp; 140th Ave SE</td>
<td>Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 10% Notice of Intent to annex petition for the proposed Leitch Annexation, and recommended a public meeting be set on 10/10/2005 to consider the petition; 14.6 acres bounded by SE 136th St., 140th Ave. SE, SE 138th St., if extended, and 143rd Ave. SE. Council concur.</td>
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<td>Finance: Business License Fee Reporting Period</td>
<td>Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of changes to the business license fee reporting period. Refer to Finance Committee.</td>
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<td>Plat: Wedgewood Lane Division 1, Hoquiam Ave NE, PP-03-053</td>
<td>Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Wedgewood Lane Division 1 Preliminary Plat; 18 single-family lots on 3.07 acres located at 980 Hoquiam Ave. NE (PP-03-053). Council concur.</td>
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<td>Plat: Kristen Woods, Benson Dr S, PP-05-056</td>
<td>Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Kristen Woods Preliminary Plat; 20 single-family lots on 3.84 acres located at 3200 block of Benson Dr. S. (PP-05-056). Council concur.</td>
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<td>Transportation: Maple Valley Hwy Improvements, TIB Grant</td>
<td>Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with the Transportation Improvement Board to accept a $2,208,000 grant for the Maple Valley Hwy. (SR-169) Improvements Project. Council concur. (See page 328 for resolution.)</td>
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| Citizen Comment: Goodwin - Gene Coulon Park, Public Safety, Broken Pay Box | Correspondence was read from Maureen and Kelly Goodwin, 1102 N. 30th St., Renton, 98056, concerning public safety at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, lack of enforcement of City ordinances, lost City revenue due to the broken pay box at the park’s boat launch, and the refunding of money due to the broken pay box.  
Mayor Keolker-Wheeler noted that the issue regarding the broken pay box has already been handled by the Administration. Councilman Law recommended that the issues concerning public safety be reviewed during budget deliberations. |
| Added                                                                | Correspondence was read from Julie Gonzalez, 1811 SE 8th Pl., Renton, 98055, regarding safety concerns in the downtown area and the lack of police presence at the Renton Transit Center and Piazza.                                                                                                                                           |
Concerns

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE GONZALEZ CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE SAFETY ISSUES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE GOODWIN CORRESPONDENCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CONSIDERATION DURING BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. CARRIED.

Councilman Law requested that the Administration send a letter to the Goodwins to inform them of the resolution of the broken pay box matter at Gene Coulon Park.

Added

Citizen Comment: O'Halloran - Heather Downs Park Development, Additional Traffic Calming Measures

Correspondence was read from Mike O'Halloran, 4420 SE 4th St., Renton, 98059, asking that two bump-out traffic calming measures be installed at the intersection of Union Ave. SE and SE 2nd Pl. in addition to the four already proposed for the Heather Downs Park development. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending that the subject of a memorial for former Renton Police Chief Ang Busato and any financing of such a memorial be referred to the Administration for further action. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Services: 2006 CDBG Funds Allocation

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the Human Services Advisory Committee recommendation that 2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds be distributed as follows:

CDBG Public Services Funds:

- Community Health Centers of King County/Dental Program $10,076
- Communities in Schools of Renton/Family Liaison Program $7,176
- Domestic Abuse Women's Network/Confidential Shelter $7,907
- ElderHealth NW/Day Health Program $7,176
- Emergency Feeding Program/Food Program $9,344
- Visiting Nurse Services of the NW/Senior Health Promotion $7,176
- Total $48,855

CDBG Capital Funds:

- City of Renton Housing Repair Program $164,546
- Multi-Service Center $21,104
- Total $185,650

CDBG Planning and Administration $48,855

The Committee further recommended adoption of the 2006 CDBG Contingency Plan as recommended by the Human Services Advisory Committee should the amount of funding available for 2006 increase or decrease. If there is an increase in CDBG public services funding, the increase is to be applied proportionally to: Communities in Schools of Renton/Family Liaison Program; Community Health Centers of King County/Dental Program; Domestic Abuse Women's Network/Shelter Program; ElderHealth/Connection Day Health Program; and Emergency Feeding Program of Seattle and King County. Should there be a decrease in public services funding, any decrease is to be applied proportionally to all funded programs.
If there is an increase in CDBG capital funding, any increases are to be allocated to the Housing Repair Assistance Program, with funding not to exceed $166,000. Any additional funds are to be allocated to the Multi-Service Center Employee Development Program. If there is a decrease in capital funding, the decrease is to be shared equally by all capital programs with the exception of the Housing Repair Assistance Program. There is to be no decrease to the Housing Repair Assistance Program.

If there is an increase in planning and administration funds, the City is to take the maximum amount allowable to plan and administer the CDBG program. If there is a decrease in planning and administration funds, funding is to be decreased by that amount. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**Finance Committee**

**Finance: Vouchers**

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 241079 - 241478 and two wire transfers totaling $1,889,902.16; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 59933 - 60208, one wire transfer, and 602 direct deposits totaling $1,902,320.45. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**City Clerk: Cable Television Franchise Consultant Services, Bradley and Guzzetta**

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the consultant agreement with Bradley and Guzzetta, LLC for on-going cable television franchise management assistance in the amount of $2,000 per month, and for franchise renewal process services for an amount not to exceed $157,500 over the period of 2006-2008. The Committee recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the consultant agreement. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

**Resolution #3773**

Vacation: Aberdeen Ave NE, Dohrn, VAC-05-003

A resolution was read setting a public hearing date on 10/17/2005 for vacating an unopened portion of Aberdeen Ave. NE, south of NE 40th St. at Monterey Pl. NE (Ron G. Dohrn; VAC-05-003). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

**Resolution #3774**

Transportation: Maple Valley Hwy Improvements, TIB Grant

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with the Transportation Improvement Board for the costs associated with the construction of the Maple Valley Hwy. (SR-169) Improvements (Sunset Blvd. N. to Blaine Dr. SE). MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #5153**

Planning: Development Regulations (Title IV) Docket & Amendments

An ordinance was read amending Chapters 4-1, 4-2, 4-4, 4-6 through 4-9, and 4-11 of Title IV (Development Regulations) and Chapter 9-11 of Title IX (Public Ways and Property) of City Code by clarifying zone density controls over zone lot size provisions and removing Green River Valley landscaping...
requirements; and by amending administrative, interpretation, and enforcement procedures; fees and fee refunds and waivers; binding site plan regulations; planned unit/urban development regulations; nonproject SEPA requirements; and definitions. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5154
Planning: Growth
Management Hearings Board, Filing of Appeals
An ordinance was read adding Section 4-8-110.A.7 and 4-8-110.I to Chapter 8, Permits - General and Appeals, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code regarding the filing of appeals to the Growth Management Hearings Board. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5155
Board/Commission: Organization & Process Modifications
An ordinance was read amending Title II (Commissions and Boards) of City Code by eliminating the Boards of Adjustment, Ethics, Public Works, Emergency Services Organization, Human Rights and Affairs, and Unfair Housing Practices; adding the Advisory Commission on Diversity, Library Board, Environmental Review Committee, LEOFF Disability Board, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, and Airport Advisory Committee; and updating all remaining chapters. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5156
Board/Commission: Organization & Process Modifications
An ordinance was read amending Chapters 4-2, 4-4 and 4-6 through 4-9 of Title IV (Development Regulations) and Chapter 8-7 of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) and Chapter 9-2 of Title IX (Public Ways and Property) of City Code by changing references from the Board of Public Works to the Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5157
Board/Commission: Organization & Process Modifications
An ordinance was read repealing Chapter 1-6 of Chapter 6, Code of Ethics, of Title I (Administrative), and amending Chapters 4-1, 4-4, 4-5, 4-8 and 4-9 of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by changing references from the Board of Adjustment to the Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5158
Vacation: Bremerton Ave NE, Liberty Ridge, VAC-04-007
An ordinance was read vacating three portions of Bremerton Ave. NE, located south of NE 4th St. and north of SE 2nd Pl. (Liberty Ridge LLC; VAC-04-007). MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Fire: Emergency Preparedness
Councilman Clawson expressed concern regarding the emergency preparedness of individuals, families, and businesses, and inquired as to the possibility of the City serving as a coordinating agency for other agencies and community groups for the formulation of an emergency preparedness plan that applies to everyone. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR CITIZENS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler commented that an evaluation is currently taking place of the existing disaster plan, which is coordinated throughout King County. She noted the importance of continually updating and revising the disaster plan.

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington stated that faith-based or social
service organizations are more proficient at conducting quick assessments than
governments, and he noted that issue will be addressed in the disaster plan
review. Additionally, he noted the challenge of evacuating this area.
Councilman Persson pointed out the possibility of not being able to evacuate the
area and the importance of planning for that situation as well.

Councilwoman Palmer reported that disaster preparedness will be the topic of a
presentation at the Kennydale Neighborhood Association meeting on October
25th. Councilman Clawson asked that the Administration ensure that
emergency preparedness information is available on the City's website.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time:  8:31 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
September 26, 2005