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; LINDA KNIGHT, Solid Waste Coordinator; MICHAEL BAILEY, Finance and Information Services Administrator; DENNIS CULP, Community Services Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; BEN WOLTERS, Economic Development Director; REBECCA LIND, Planner Manager; NORMA MCQUILLER, Neighborhood Coordinator; COMMANDER TIM TROXEL, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Solid Waste Coordinator Linda Knight stated that since 1991, the City has promoted its Business Recycling Program, which provides direct assistance to businesses with the goal of increasing waste diversion and encouraging resource conservation through waste prevention, recycling, and other strategies. Ms. Knight recognized the following Renton businesses for their outstanding efforts in waste reduction and recycling: Bank of America Renton Hills Branch, United Way of King County, Park Avenue Antiques, St. Vincent de Paul, United Tile, Jet City Espresso, Renton Veterinary Hospital, Cugini Florists, and Reliable Distributors.

Norma McQuiller, Neighborhood Coordinator, gave a year-end report on the Neighborhood Program, saying that two new neighborhoods were added in 2005, and 21 City employees volunteer as liaisons. More than 1,500 participants representing 21 neighborhoods attended the 13 neighborhood picnics held during the year.

Ms. McQuiller reported that a total of ten neighborhood project grants and five newsletter grants were awarded in 2005, and she displayed photographs of completed projects. Ms. McQuiller stated that she is looking forward to bigger and more innovative projects in 2006, as well as additional workshops. In conclusion, she acknowledged the project grants that were awarded during the year by presenting certificates to representatives of the neighborhood groups.

Councilman Law noted that this is one of the best programs the City has, and he thanked Ms. McQuiller for her hard work. Mayor Keolker-Wheeler added that this is a program where a small amount of money goes a long way when people get involved in their neighborhoods.

Councilman Corman presented a certificate of appreciation to Terri Briere in recognition of her outstanding service to the City and the Renton community as President of the City Council during 2005.
Finance: Issaquah School District Impact Fee

accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Keolker-Wheeler opened the public hearing to consider the adoption of a $5,115 impact fee for each new single-family home built within the boundaries of the Issaquah School District in the City of Renton.

Rebecca Lind, Planner Manager, stated that the City currently collects an impact fee in the amount of $2,937 on behalf of the Issaquah School District. She pointed out that Renton has never collected the full amount that the district has requested based upon three factors: available capacity at schools serving Renton residents, the lower price of new single-family homes in Renton as compared to other jurisdictions, and the low proportion of funds expended locally.

Ms. Lind reported that the Issaquah School District's 2005 Capital Facilities Plan shows that nearly every school in the district is at, or over, capacity, including those serving Renton residents. She explained that the facilities plan does not yet have money assigned to local improvements; however, the school district's board has approved a bond measure that will appear on the ballot in February, which includes significant improvements to schools that serve Renton residents. Ms. Lind described the improvements proposed for Liberty High School, Maywood Middle School, and Briarwood Elementary School.

Ms. Lind indicated that staff recommends collection of the $5,115 impact fee as requested by the Issaquah School District. She emphasized that the district is responding to growth by proposing improvements to Renton area schools, and assessment of the full impact fee ensures that those who contribute to the growth pay a share of the growth-related costs.

Noting that this item has been in the Finance Committee for some time, Councilman Persson stated that the Committee was impressed with the Issaquah School District's presentation which pointed out that the money will be spent in the City of Renton.

Public comment was invited.

Craig Christensen, Executive Director of Operations, Issaquah School District, 565 NW Holly St., Issaquah, 98027, thanked City staff for their work on this matter. Pointing out that the impact fees are a critical element of the district's Six-Year Capital Facilities Plan, he stated that the fees fund new capacity needed to house students that come from new growth. Significant growth is anticipated in the south end of the district, and a large portion of the bond proposal, to be decided by voters in February, will be used to accommodate this growth. Mr. Christensen encouraged Council approval of the impact fee.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 451 for Finance Committee Report.)

APPEAL
Planning & Development Committee
Appeal: Honey Brooke West, Haynes, PP-05-055

Planning and Development Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the appeal of the Honey Brooke West Preliminary Plat. The Committee met on this appeal on 12/8/2005. The Committee found that there was no substantial error in fact or law in the Hearing Examiner's decision on the original appeal, and recommended that the Hearing Examiner's decision be affirmed.

The subject property is Honey Brooke West Preliminary Plat, located at the 500 - 600 block of Hoquiam Ave. NE. The original appeal was withdrawn by
applicant/appellant C. Thomas Foster, Langley Development Group, on 10/6/2005. Blueberry Place Homeowners Association (HOA), by its president Kay Haynes, filed an appeal on 10/3/2005, and Ms. Haynes appeared before the Committee as the lone appellant for this proceeding. Blueberry Place is an adjacent property development to the subject site.

Appellant Haynes alleged errors of fact and law by the Hearing Examiner in that there was no evidence or information by the Fire Department to justify the extension of NE 6th St. However, the record contains information supporting the Fire Department's position that the NE 6th St. roadway extension is both necessary and warranted for emergency access. Despite Haynes and Blueberry HOA's objection to the access road, the community as a whole would be better served by this extension to allow both residents and emergency services to find the quickest and most direct route in emergency situations.

The Committee's decision is solely limited to the record, the Hearing Examiner's report, the notice of appeal, and additional submissions by parties (City Code 4-8-100G(6)). No new or additional testimony or evidence can be considered. Therefore, based on the foregoing, this Committee cannot find that a substantial error in fact or law exists in the record. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. 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:

- A Stage One Burning Ban went into effect at 5:00 p.m. on December 9th for King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. No burning is allowed in uncertified stoves or fireplaces, and all outdoor burning is prohibited, even in areas where outdoor burning is not permanently banned.

- Initiative 901 went into effect on December 8th. The initiative prohibits smoking inside or within 25 feet of any entry, exit, operable window, or ventilation intake of a business or public building.

- City staff will meet with representatives from the North Renton neighborhood regarding concerns about traffic associated with The Landing project on December 13th.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Laulainen - Neighborhood Program

Angela Laulainen, 314 Garden Ave. N. Renton, 98055, thanked Council for the resources provided to help improve neighborhoods. Stating that she lives in the North Renton neighborhood, Ms. Laulainen stressed that City staff has been very responsive to the concerns of the residents, and all of the resources have empowered the neighborhood.

Citizen Comment: Bullock - Parking Strips

Walt Bullock, 1700 Beacon Way SE, Renton, 98055, said the City needs to abandon the concept of parking strips, noting that they are not maintained properly and the land could be used instead for left turn lanes. He asked that an ordinance be considered to stop the establishment of parking strips, and that the existing ones be done away with.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Court Case: Steven Morris,

Court Case filed by David A. Snyder, Snyder & Hoag, LLC, on behalf of Police
Officer Steven Morris who seeks damage and equitable, injunctive, and declaratory relief as a result of the City's requirement that the plaintiff submit to an allegedly unlawful medical examination, which was held on 12/24/2004. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Human Resources and Risk Management Department recommended approval of the Local 2170, Washington State Council of County and City Employees American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO labor agreement for 2006-2008. Council concur.

Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of an agreement for information services management with GM2 Systems (George McBride) in the amount of $117,012 for 2006. Refer to Finance Committee.

Municipal Court recommended approval of an agreement with the State Administrative Office of the Courts for the purchase and reimbursement of personal computers for the court. Council concur. (See page 451 for resolution.)

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with Skyway Water and Sewer District for design and construction of an emergency water system intertie between the Skyway Dimmitt Booster Station and the Renton water system. City's cost share is estimated at $154,494. Refer to Utilities Committee.

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

Council President Briere presented a Committee of the Whole cleanup report for the following two items listed on the Committee's referral list and recommended that the referrals be closed:

1. Referral 1664 - City Budget Policies, Possible Revision. The Committee met on 8/19/2002 to discuss this issue and has decided to make no changes at this time.

2. Referral 2063 - Southport Development Concerns. The Committee met on 3/7/2005 to discuss this issue. The concerns were addressed in August when Council amended the property tax abatement ordinance.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning and Development Committee Chair Clawson presented a cleanup report for the following item listed on the Committee's referral list and recommended that the referral be closed:

Referral 1970 - Permit Fee Exemption for Low-Income Disabled Senior Citizens. This was a request from a citizen, Jeffrey Colee, in order for him to conduct repairs to the foundation of his house. However, according to the permits tracking system, the building permit for this repair expired on 1/1/2005.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee Chair Corman presented a cleanup report for the following two items listed on the Committee's referral list and recommended that the referrals be closed:
1. Referral 1714 - Seattle Public Utilities Cedar River Sockeye Hatchery. The Committee is finished with this issue and staff is working with the City of Seattle regarding conditions.

2. Referral 2071 - Recycling Services. This item can be closed at this time since changes to services and recycling will be handled with the next contract approval.

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

Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 243440 - 243895 and one wire transfer totaling $2,810,525.01; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 61086 - 61306, one wire transfer, and 594 direct deposits totaling $1,954,599.39. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Budget: 2005 Year-End Amendments

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending adoption of the 2005 Year-End Budget Amendments Ordinance, which appropriates funds from fund balance and new revenue increasing the 2005 expenditures in various fund and departments. This ordinance increases the 2005 Budget by $4,025,395 to a new total of $181,261,110.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first and second reading.*

Councilman Persson explained that these are items that Council discussed throughout the year, and the money now needs to be transferred into the right accounts.

*MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 451 for ordinance.)

AJLS: Sister Cities Fund, Renton Community Foundation

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the agreement establishing a special purpose Renton Sisters Cities Fund within the Renton Community Foundation. The Committee also recommended approval of a grant from the City of Renton to this fund in the amount of the unexpended balance of the Sister City program allocation in the City's 2005 Budget. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Library: Catalog & Circulation Tracking System Software Migration, Dynix

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the contract with Dynix, Inc. for the software migration and maintenance of the library's catalog and circulation tracking system. The existing system is based on outdated database software that has been superseded by newer technology. The cost of the migration, in the total amount of $43,267, will be spread over two years, and the money will come from the existing budgets of the Library and Information Services Divisions. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the contract. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
Finance: Issaquah School District Impact Fee

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an increase in the school mitigation impact fee collected on behalf of the Issaquah School District. The fee shall be increased to $5,115. The Committee recommended that the City adopt by reference the Issaquah School District Capital Facilities Plan in the Renton Comprehensive Plan. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee

Transportation: Transportation (Aviation) Committee Agenda Item Cleanup Report

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a cleanup report for the following three items listed on the Committee's referral list and recommended that the referrals be closed:

1. Referral 2012 - Edmonds Ave. SE Traffic Safety Concerns. The Committee met on 9/2/2004 and 2/3/2005 to discuss this issue and believes that these concerns are addressed in the City's traffic calming program.

2. Referral 2027 - One-Way Streets. Traffic flow will be reviewed in the context of new development currently under review.

3. Referral 2062 - School Zone Traffic Signage. This issue was added in the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program that was approved on 8/1/2005.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3785

Municipal Court: Computer Purchase, State Reimbursement

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an information technology purchase primary agreement with the State Administrative Office of the Courts regarding a limited reimbursement for expenses incurred in purchasing a personal computer for use by the City of Renton Municipal Court judge or staff. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

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

Budget: 2005 Year-End Amendments

An ordinance was read providing for the 2005 year-end budget amendments in the total amount of $4,025,395. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADVANCE THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5174

Budget: 2005 Year-End Amendments

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

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

Ordinance #5175

Annexation: Lindberg, 138th Ave SE & SE 132nd St

An ordinance was read annexing approximately 10.6 acres generally located north of the centerline of SE 132nd St. and east of the eastern edge of the 138th Ave. SE right-of-way (Lindberg Annexation). MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.
An ordinance was read establishing the zoning classification of approximately 9.72 acres located east of 138th Ave. SE and north of SE 132nd St. annexed within the City of Renton from R-4 (Urban Residential - four dwelling units per acre; King County zoning) to R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) zoning; Lindberg Annexation. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-1-150, Fire Prevention Fees, of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by amending the fire prevention fees. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title V, Finance and Business Regulations, of City Code by increasing certain golf course greens fees. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

An ordinance was read amending Sections 8-2-2.G and 8-2-3.E.1 of Chapter 2, Storm and Surface Water Drainage; Sections 8-4-24 and 8-4-31 of Chapter 4, Water; and Section 8-5-15 of Chapter 5, Sewers of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code by increasing fees. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

An ordinance was read adopting the annual City of Renton 2006 Budget in the total balanced amount of $172,019,527. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

An ordinance was read adopting the 2005 amendments to the City's 2004 Comprehensive Plan, maps, and data in conjunction therewith. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: SIX AYES: BRIERE, LAW, CLAWSON, NELSON, CORMAN, PALMER; ONE NAY: PERSSON. CARRIED.

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the Griffin Home and vicinity properties consisting of approximately 6.8 acres located along Lake Washington Blvd. N. and N. 26th St. from R-1 (Residential - one dwelling unit per acre) to R-4 (Residential - four dwelling units per acre) zoning; LUA-05-006, CPA 2005-M-07, Southport. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the Southport development property consisting of approximately 17 acres located south of Lake Washington from COR (Commercial Office Residential) to UC-N2 (Urban Center - North 2) zoning; LUA-05-006, CPA 2005-M-07, Southport. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the Jones Ave.
Rezone: Jones Ave Properties, Jones Ave NE, R-8 to RC
properties consisting of approximately 5.4 acres located along Jones Ave. NE from R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) to RC (Resource Conservation) zoning; LUA-05-006, CPA 2005-M-1, Area E1. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5185
Rezone: Monterey Court Properties, NE 31st St, R-4 to R-1
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the Monterey Court properties located in a native growth protection easement as part of the Brookridge Plat from R-4 (Residential - four dwelling units per acre) to R-1 (Residential - one dwelling unit per acre) zoning; LUA-05-006, CPA 2005-M-1, Area E2. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5186
Rezone: NE 28th St & Edmonds Ave Properties, R-8 to R-1
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the NE 28th St. and Edmonds Ave. properties from R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) to R-1 (Residential - one dwelling unit per acre) zoning; LUA-05-006, CPA 2005-M-1, Area E3. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5187
Rezone: Maplewood Glen & Vicinity, SE 5th St, R-8 to R-4
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the Maplewood Glen and vicinity properties from R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) to R-4 (Residential - four dwelling units per acre) zoning; LUA-05-006, CPA 2005-M-1, Area L2. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5188
Rezone: Panther Creek Wetland, SR-167, R-8 to R-1
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the Panther Creek Wetland properties from R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) to R-1 (Residential - one dwelling unit per acre) zoning; LUA-05-006, CPA 2005-M-1, Area P. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5189
Rezone: Maplewood Addition, SE 11th St, R-8 to R-4
An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of the Maplewood Addition properties from R-8 (Residential - eight dwelling units per acre) to R-4 (Residential - four dwelling units per acre) zoning; LUA-05-006, CPA 2005-M-1, Area K3. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5190
Comprehensive Plan: 2005 Amendments, R-1 and RC Zones
An ordinance was read amending Chapter 2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by revising land uses in the RC (Resource Conservation) and R-1 (Residential - one dwelling unit per acre) zones. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

Ordinance #5191
Planning: Residential Uses in the Commercial Arterial Zone
An ordinance was read amending Chapter 4-2, Zoning Districts - Uses and Standards, Chapter 4-3, Environmental Regulations and Special Districts, and Chapter 4-4, Citywide Property Development Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by changing the provisions for residential uses within the CA (Commercial Arterial) zone. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT
MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:16 p.m.
Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
December 12, 2005