CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kathy Keolker-Wheeler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

DON PERSсон, Council President; MARCIE PALMER; TERRI BRIERE; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN.

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; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, DEPUTY CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, COMMANDER TIM TROXEL, COMMANDER KENT CURRY, COMMANDER CHARLES MAR palsISI, and COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION

Red Cross Month - March, 2004

A proclamation by Mayor Keolker-Wheeler was read declaring the month of March, 2004, to be "Red Cross Month" in the City of Renton and urging all citizens to join in this special observance, as the American Red Cross serving King and Kitsap Counties reaches out to those whose lives have been touched by adversity and helps thousands of others prevent and prepare for crises yet to come. MOVED BY PERSсон, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED. Red Cross volunteers Betty Casey and Bill Casey accepted the proclamation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Police: Employee Recognition

Chief of Police Garry Anderson announced the Police Department employee recognition awards as follows:

- Detective Christine Mathews and Officer Brett Ferguson were recognized for coordinating fund raising efforts to raise money for Special Olympics of Washington.
- Sergeant John "Bob" Tomkins and Detective Robie Grigsby were recognized for their service in the military.
- Sergeant Tracy Merrill, Sergeant Paul Summers, Commander Charles Marsalisi, and Commander Tim Troxel were recognized for their recent promotions.
- Detective Randall Body, Officer Jason Trader, Evidence Technician Chad Jay, and Secretary Susan Liska were honored as Employees of the Quarter for 2003. Additionally, Evidence Technician Chad Jay was recognized as Police Department Employee of the Year for 2003.

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 2004 and beyond. Items noted included:

* Mayor Keolker-Wheeler delivered her first State of the City address at a Renton Chamber of Commerce luncheon last week. A copy of her speech is posted on the City's website at www.ci.renton.wa.us, and her speech will be recablecast on Cable Channel 21 beginning in March.
More than 190 senior citizens celebrated Valentines Day at the Senior Activity Center with lunch, entertainment, and a special recognition of 29 couples who have been married 50 years or more.

Stop signs and one-truck-on-the-bridge-at-a-time signs have been installed for the Monster Road Bridge in order to reduce loads and impacts to the bridge while repairs are being designed.

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler announced that there are several openings on various City boards, commissions and committees, and she encouraged interested residents to apply.

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

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Appointment: Municipal Arts Commission

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler appointed Linda Middlebrooks, 510 Seneca Ave. NW, Renton, 98055, to the Municipal Arts Commission to fill the unexpired three-year term of Paul Webb, who has resigned (term to expire 12/31/2004). Refer to Community Services Committee.

Development Services: Nicks Short Plat, ROW Dedication at Morris Ave S, SHP-03-047

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of the dedication of additional right-of-way along Morris Ave. S. to fulfill a requirement of the Nick's Short Plat (SHP-03-047). Council concur.

Planning: Auto Mall Area Sign Height Amendment

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended an amendment to the sign code to permit maximum sign heights of 50 feet for auto dealerships with more than one acre of property in the Auto Mall area. Refer to Planning and Development Committee; set public hearing for March 22, 2004.

Transportation: Trans-Valley Corridor Traffic Management System Interlocal Agreement

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an agreement with King County, Tukwila, and WSDOT for the design and construction of the Trans-Valley Corridor Intelligent Traffic Management System. Renton's cost is $50,000. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

SAD: NE 2nd St

Utility Systems Division requested preliminary authorization to establish the NE 2nd St. Special Assessment District (SAD), and to proceed with establishing the final SAD upon completion of construction of the sanitary sewer facility in NE 2nd St. Installation estimate is $45,000. Council concur.

CAG: 02-048, North Talbot Pump Station Rehabilitation, Omega Contractors

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-02-048, North Talbot Pump Station Rehabilitation; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $544, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $10,279.92 to Omega Contractors, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS
Transportation (Aviation) Committee

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the recommendation of staff to approve the Transportation Capital Improvement Fund 317 2004 reallocation. The
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appropriation remains the same as projected in the 2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program at $6,960,400 with the addition of the North Renton Redevelopment road improvement design funding of $1,500,000 for a total 2004 appropriation of $8,460,400.

The reallocation includes four new projects as follows: North Renton Redevelopment, Rainier Ave. S. (SW 7th St. to S. 4th Pl.), Benson Rd. S. Pedestrian (S. 26th St. to Main Ave. S.), and Monster Road Bridge emergency design and construction. The new projects, which have not yet come before Council, are forthcoming in the near future. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Airport: Kenmore Air Harbor Lease, 608 Building

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that Kenmore Air Harbor, Inc. be selected to initiate lease negotiations for the 608 Building at the Airport to establish the following:

1. Aircraft radio and instrument repair station;
2. Aircraft and float sales office;
3. Float conversions; and
4. Potentially conduct partial to full-service maintenance for wheeled aircraft and seaplanes.

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

Planning & Development Committee
Planning: R-1 Zone Community Separators

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report regarding the revision to City Code for R-1 zone community separators. The Committee met on February 19, 2004, to consider the request from D. J. Rollins (January 26, 2004) to include a City Code amendment addressing clustering requirements in the R-1 zone in the 2004 work program. The Committee recommended that this item be moved in priority ahead of the annual City Code amendment docket due to current annexation activity in the portion of the Potential Annexation Area prezoned R-1. The intent of the work program will be to evaluate opportunities to increase consistency between King County’s policies and zoning and Renton's requirements. The issue will remain in Committee pending staff and Planning Commission analysis and recommendation. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Councilman Clawson thanked D. J. Rollins and other citizens for bringing this matter to the City's attention.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Planning: Density Credit Transfers

Planning and Development Committee Chair Briere presented a report regarding density credit transfers. The Committee met on February 19, 2004, to consider correspondence from Davie Petrie (January 26, 2004) requesting that the City petition the King County Council in opposition to King County’s density credit transfer program. Renton already commented on this issue in the context of the King County Comprehensive Plan update, and is on record as opposing the Transfer of Development Rights policies as now adopted. The Committee recommended that the Administration prepare a letter to the King County Council setting forth the City’s concerns about application of the density credit transfer program in Renton's Potential Annexation Area. MOVED BY
Utilities Committee

Latecomer Agreement: SE 100th St, Holmes (Hanson Consulting), Sewer Installation

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the Robert Holmes' latecomer request (January 5, 2004) for sewer main extension. Mr. Holmes wanted to apply for a latecomer agreement for the installation of approximately 500 lineal feet of eight-inch sewer main, which was installed in April, 2003, under permit. In April, 2003, Mr. Holmes began construction of a 500-foot extension of eight-inch sewer main needed to serve his two lots. The construction of this line was completed in May, 2003.

City Code requires application for a latecomer agreement to be made 30 days prior to issuance of the construction permit. City Code also requires that benefiting property owners be notified by mail and upon that notification, the owners may request an appeal hearing within 20 days of mailing. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to deny Mr. Holmes' request for a latecomer agreement. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Council President Persson pointed out that staff presented Mr. Holmes with an alternate solution.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 223589 - 224086 and 0 wire transfers totaling $2,609,668.65; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 49169 - 49392, one wire transfer and 566 direct deposits totaling $1,762,427.03. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Lease: Intensive Asset Management, 200 Mill Bldg (6th Floor)

Finance Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the three-year lease with Intensive Asset Management, Inc. for the sixth floor of the 200 Mill Building. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the lease with Intensive Asset Management, Inc. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services: Summer Recreation Positions

Pointing out that there are many summer recreation employment opportunities with the City, Councilman Corman stated that a Summer Job Fair will be held at the Renton Community Center on March 10th, and information is also available via a Community Services Department employment opportunities brochure.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

Ordinance #5063

Development Services: National Electrical Code

An ordinance was read amending Sections 4-5-040.A and C and adding a new Section, 4-5-040.D, of Chapter 5, Building and Fire Prevention Standards, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by adopting the current
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National Electrical Code and amendments. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning: SW Sunset Blvd Corridor Zoning

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER SW SUNSET BLVD. CORRIDOR ZONING, FROM RAINIER AVE. TO CITY LIMITS, TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Development Services:

Temporary Signage & Temporary Businesses

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER REGULATIONS REGARDING TEMPORARY SIGNAGE AND TEMPORARY BUSINESSES TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

School District: Activities

Councilwoman Nelson announced that Michael Kaeshammer will perform at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center (at Renton High School) on March 2.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:13 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann

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