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

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SANDRA MEYER, Transportation Systems Director; NICK AFZALI, Transportation Planning and Programming Supervisor; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; MIKE WEBBY, Human Resources Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, Police Department.

PUBLIC HEARING
Transportation: TIP, 2005-2010
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 annual update of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 2005-2010.

Sandra Meyer, Transportation Systems Director, stated that 2003 was a very good year for the Transportation Division. She listed some of the completed projects, including the construction of the S. Grady Way concrete approach, the Logan Ave. Bridge Seismic Retrofit, and the design of the SW 7th St. and Lind Ave. SW Intersection. Ms. Meyer noted that the Transportation Advisory Committee reviewed the TIP, and topics of discussion included the Strander Blvd. extension, the I-405 corridor program, and the Duvall Ave. NE corridor improvements.

Nick Afzali, Transportation Planning and Programming Supervisor, explained that the TIP is mandated by State law, and is a multi-year work/funding plan for the development of transportation facilities within the City. The plan supports many efforts including the Comprehensive Plan, the Growth Management Act, and the City's Business Plan goals. Mr. Afzali reviewed the transportation challenges and opportunities the City faces on the following projects: SW 27th St. and Strander Blvd. Extension, Rainier Ave. Improvements, and I-405 and North Renton Improvements.

Mr. Afzali stated that transportation projects are placed in five categories within the TIP. The total six-year expenditure plan is $164,214,305, of which $32,500,798 is funded and $131,713,507 is unfunded. He reviewed the various funding sources and noted the 2003 grants received for the Rainier Ave. S. ($2,202,000) and Benson Rd. S. ($150,000) improvements projects.

Continuing, Mr. Afzali detailed the five new projects added to the TIP, which are as follows: SR-169 (Maple Valley Hwy.) Corridor Study; Rainier Ave. S. Improvements from SW 7th St. to S. 4th Pl.; Benson Rd. S. from S. 26th St. to Main Ave. S.; South Lake Washington Area Roadway Improvements; and
Monster Rd. Bridge. He concluded by noting the City's funding partnerships with WSDOT for the SR-169 HOV and Queue Jumps Improvements and SR-169 Corridor Study projects; and with King County for the Duvall Ave. NE Corridor Improvements and Transit Signal Priority projects.

Public comment was invited. There being none, it was MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED. (See page 249 for Transportation Committee report.)

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:

- The Henry Moses Aquatic Center will host a Renton resident-only swimming session on July 28th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. A second Renton resident-only swimming session is scheduled for August 25th. Regular admission fees will be required.

- King County has just issued a Notice to Proceed for the electrical cogeneration plant at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Renton. Therefore, the impact mitigation for the City in the amount of $2.2 million will arrive soon. This funding will be used for several transportation and sidewalk projects, as well as for other City needs.

- As part of the Mayor's focus on quality of life issues in the Highlands, police patrols have been redirected to the designated area between NE 7th St. to NE 27th St., and Edmonds Ave. NE to Monroe Ave. NE. From July 21st to 23rd, officers wrote 58 citations in this area, the majority of which were parking violations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At Councilwoman Briere's request, item 6.f. was removed for separate consideration.

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Appointment: Library Board

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler appointed Ken Ragland, 2912 Kennewick Pl. NE, Renton, 98056, to the Library Board to fill the unexpired five-year term of Cynthia Columbi, who has resigned (term to expire 6/1/2006). Refer to Community Services Committee.

CAG: 04-096, Maplewood Creek Sediment Basin Maintenance, Santana Trucking & Excavating

City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/20/2004 for CAG-04-096, Maplewood Creek Sediment Basin 2004 Maintenance; four bids; engineer's estimate $40,060.16; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Santana Trucking & Excavating, Inc., in the amount of $46,250.88. Council concur.

Vacation: Lyons Ave NE, Bales, VAC-04-002

City Clerk submitted petition for street vacation for portion of unopened Lyons Ave. NE, south of NE 4th St.; petitioner Steve Beck and Core Design, representing property owner Robin Bales (VAC-04-002). Refer to Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; set public hearing on 8/23/2004. (See page 249 for resolution setting the public hearing.)

Development Services: Park Place II Short Plat ROW

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of the dedication of additional right-of-way at Smithers Ave. S. to fulfill a requirement of the Park
Dedication, Smithers Ave S Place II Short Plat (SHP-03-042). Council concur.

Human Resources: Probation Clerk & Airport Operations Specialist Grade Establishment

Human Resources and Risk Management Department recommended approval to establish the grade of a08 for the new Probation Clerk position (salary range $2,981 - $3,634); and the grade of a23 for the new Airport Operations Specialist position (salary range $4,318 - $5,258). The positions were approved via Ordinance 5072. Council concur.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 6.f. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration

**Item 6.f.**

Plat: Shamrock, NE 4th St, PP-04-030

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Shamrock Preliminary Plat; 11 single-family lots on 4.68 acres located at the 5500 block of NE 4th St. (PP-04-030).

Councilwoman Briere expressed her concern that while landscaping is required for the plat's perimeter, ongoing maintenance of that landscaping is not specifically addressed. She noted some problems with the maintenance of landscaping at developments along the NE 4th St. corridor, and stated that she wants to make sure that a requirement is placed on this project regarding landscape maintenance.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE SHAMROCK PRELIMINARY PLAT.*

Council President Persson affirmed that the record now shows it is the intent of staff to have the plantings maintained.

*MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

Community Services: Maplewood Golf Course Tournaments Organization

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the organization of Maplewood Golf Course tournaments. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation that golf course and restaurant personnel communicate more effectively to charity tournament groups about the variety of tournament booking options that could potentially increase an event's net profit for their charity organization. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Councilwoman Nelson explained that golf course and concessionaire personnel are going to communicate more effectively with potential tournament holders by discussing all of the options such as available dates and menu choices, as well as what other area golf courses charge.

*MOTION CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Vice Chair Law presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 228617 - 229044 and two wire transfers totaling $2,860,017.46; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 51921 - 52316, one wire transfer, and 614 direct deposits totaling $1,983,568.64. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Human Resources: 2004 Group Health Cooperative Medical Coverage Agreements

Finance Committee Vice Chair Law presented a report concurring in the staff recommendation to approve the annual renewal of the Group Health Cooperative medical coverage agreements as follows: LEOFF 1 (Law
Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters) Employees (Contract No. 0390400); LEOFF 1 Retirees (Contract Nos. 0057500 and 4057500); and all other City of Renton covered employees (Contract No. 1162600). Funding was previously approved by Council in the 2004 Budget. The revisions are applicable to all three of the renewal contracts. As in prior years, Group Health does not send confirming contracts for signature until mid year.

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contracts. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to adopt the annual update to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 2005-2010, and the Arterial Street Plan. The proposed TIP includes five new projects: South Lake Washington Roadway Improvements, SR-169 Corridor Study, Rainier Ave. S. Improvements (SW 7th St. to S. 4th Pl.), Benson Rd. Pedestrian (S. 26th St. to Main Ave. S.), and Monster Rd. Bridge emergency design and construction. Four completed projects were dropped from the program.

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for resolution.)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A resolution was read setting a public hearing date on 8/23/2004 to vacate a portion of Lyons Ave. NE, located approximately 144 feet south of NE 4th St., on the westerly half of the road, for a distance of approximately 100 feet (Steve Beck and Core Design; Bales Vacation - VAC-04-002). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

A resolution was read updating the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, 2005-2010. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

School District: Activities

Councilwoman Nelson reviewed current Renton School District announcements and activities, which included: the receipt of a Smaller Learning Communities grant from the U.S. Department of Education that will benefit high schools throughout the district; the release of the new mystery novel "Red Tide" by Black River High School teacher Jerry Ford; and the qualification of 1993 Renton High School graduate Aretha Hill to her second Olympic Games in the women's discus.

Community Services: IKEA Renton River Days

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler thanked City staff and the many volunteers who assisted with Renton Rivers Days. She stated that the festival was a great celebration for this community.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time:  8:17 p.m.