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

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; DON ERICKSON, Senior Planner; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, Police Department.

PUBLIC MEETING

Annexation: Anthone’, Talbot Rd S & S 55th 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 meeting to consider the 10% Notice of Intent petition for the proposed Anthone’ Annexation for 4.84 acres located east of Talbot Rd. S. and south of S. 55th St.

Senior Planner Don Erickson reported that the subject site is within the City's Potential Annexation Area and contains two existing single-family dwellings, one of which appears to be vacant. The public services are provided by Fire District #37, Renton water and sewer, and Kent School District. He noted that existing King County zoning is R-4; and Renton's Comprehensive Plan designates this area as Residential Low Density, for which R-4 (four dwelling units per net acre) zoning is likely.

Mr. Erickson stated that this is a smaller than normal annexation, and future development is limited to 16 lots. However, the proposed annexation is a potential catalyst for the annexation of a larger unincorporated area to the south around the Springbrook Springs watershed. Additionally, the annexation would facilitate upgrading the intersection of Talbot Rd. S. and S. 55th St. He indicated that the fiscal impact analysis reveals a surplus of $875 at full development, and there is an estimated one-time parks acquisition and development cost of $425.

Continuing, Mr. Erickson said the proposed annexation is consistent with Renton annexation policies, except for size, and it is consistent with Boundary Review Board criteria. He pointed out the potential of flooding and suggested Level 2 flow control for new development. In conclusion, Mr. Erickson stated that the annexation serves the best interests and general welfare of the City, particularly if it facilitates the annexation of a larger area to the south.

Public comment was invited.

Jim Biteman, 19203 98th Ave. S., Renton, 98055, expressed his support for the annexation. He confirmed that one of the existing dwellings on the site has been unoccupied for a long time, and noted that it is an eyesore.

Bruce Taggart, 9621 S. 194th St., Renton, 98055, introduced himself as the
President of the Talbot Estates Homeowners Association, and asked what the impact of the proportional share of the City's existing indebtedness is to homeowners, and what the advantages and disadvantages are of being part of the City of Renton.

Mr. Erickson pointed out a number of advantages that Renton residents have, including well-maintained parks, excellent utility services, and ready access to local government. In regards to the bonded indebtedness, he explained that the annexed-homeowners will assume whatever the other taxpayers in the City are paying.

Dave Gallagher, 19225 Talbot Rd. S., Renton, 98055, stated that his family owns Springbrook Trout Farm, and he expressed concern about the runoff water from the annexation area, and where it will enter Springbrook Creek.

Mr. Erickson said water drainage issues will be addressed during the development process, and he assured that the public will have opportunity to comment on that process.

Harry Trapp, 19223 98th Pl. S., Renton, 98055, identified himself as the current president of Springbrook Terrace Homeowners Association, and verified that the aforementioned vacant dwelling has been unoccupied for approximately two years. Mr. Trapp expressed his support for the annexation, noting that the zoning is appropriate and the quality of the homes will be an asset to the area.

Aleksandr Kozhenevsky, 9533 S. 192nd St., Renton, 98055, voiced his opposition to the proposed annexation. He pointed out that the area is historical, having been established 100 years ago, and expressed his concern that any changes to the site would affect its historical value.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC MEETING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL: ACCEPT THE ANTHONE’ ANNEXATION 10% NOTICE OF INTENT TO ANNEX PETITION; AUTHORIZE CIRCULATION OF THE 60% DIRECT PETITION TO ANNEX; STIPULATE THAT THE SITE BE REZONED R-4 UPON ANNEXATION CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY LAND USE DESIGNATION; AND REQUIRE THAT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSUME A PROPORTIONAL SHARE OF THE CITY’S BONDED INDEBTEDNESS. 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 2004 and beyond. Items noted included:

– Renton's Nishiwaki Sister City Advisory Committee is seeking Japanese-speaking volunteers to serve as translators for the visiting Sister City delegation from Nishiwaki, Japan, for events scheduled from August 29th to September 1st.

– During the week of July 26th, the Renton Police Department Traffic Unit continued to work the Highlands Emphasis Patrol. Officers wrote twelve criminal citations, issued twenty-two parking tickets, and impounded seven abandoned vehicles. The animal control officer also issued two citations.
EDNSP: Ahead of the Curve Banners

Alex Pietsch, Economic Development Administrator, reported that 125 new "Ahead of the Curve" street pole banners are being installed at 60 intersections throughout the City of Renton. He explained that the Renton Community Marketing Campaign initiated this effort, and the $15,300 cost of the banners was funded by the marketing campaign and hotel/motel tax revenues.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Larson-Kinzer - Comprehensive Plan Revision, Open Space Retention

Sue Larson-Kinzer, 1733 NE 20th St., Renton, 98056, commented on the proposed changes to Renton's Comprehensive Plan. Pointing out that she owns the Kennydale Blueberry Farm, she detailed the history of the farm and indicated that development of neighboring areas threaten the farm's microclimate. Ms. Larson-Kinzer stated that a development behind her farm will result in the loss of trees that serve as a wind buffer, and the farm is experiencing de-watering due to a development project across the street. She noted that Kennydale Creek is drying up, as well as many ponds. Stating that the long-term effect of the lack of groundwater is unknown, Ms. Larson-Kinzer expressed concern regarding the future of her farm.

Continuing, Ms. Larson-Kinzer said there are discrepancies between the City's policies and zoning code, and although some of the issues are being addressed in the new Comprehensive Plan, she noted the importance of retaining larger pieces of land and open spaces.

Councilman Corman commented that if water availability from Kennydale Creek is diminishing due to temporary construction reasons, perhaps the City can supplement the water loss in some way. He requested that the Administration investigate the matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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Community Services: Community Center Roof Replacement, Lloyd A Lynch

City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/22/2004 for CAG-04-097, Renton Community Center Roof Replacement; six bids; engineer's estimate $60,000 - $80,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Lloyd A. Lynch, Inc., in the amount of $81,029.89. Council concur.

Community Services: Landscape Maintenance Services, Canber Corps

Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of $77,732.43 with Canber Corps to provide landscape maintenance services for 24 sites including rights-of-way, one park, fire stations, libraries, and trails. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Planning: R-4 Zone, Citywide Landscape Requirements

Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted proposed new R-4 zone and zoning text amendments to Citywide landscape requirements. Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

Finance: Institutional Network Services, King County

Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of a contract with King County for Institutional Network Services (I-Net) at an annual cost of $9,000. Refer to Finance Committee.

Fire: Emergency Management Plan

Fire Department recommended adoption of the updated City of Renton Emergency Management Plan which gives direction and outlines responsibilities in the event of a local or regional disaster. Council concur. (See later this page for resolution.)

Human Services: 2005 CDBG

Human Services Division recommended acceptance of an estimated $507,905 in
Funds, King County

Community Development Block Grant funds from King County for 2005. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Human Services: CDBG & HOME Investment

Human Services Division recommended approval of the amendments to the Community Development Block Grant (CAG-02-105) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (CAG-99-106) interlocal agreements, which reflect the increase of city representation and the decrease of King County representation on the Joint Recommendations Committee. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Human Services: 2005 CDBG Consortium Housing Stability Program Participation

Human Services Division recommended approval to continue participating in the Community Development Block Grant Consortium Housing Stability Program in 2005, which assists low-to-moderate income families with rent or mortgage payments due to a temporary crisis in their lives. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Development Services:

Portable Generators, Noise Ordinance Revision

Legal Division recommended adoption of an ordinance allowing the use of portable generators during periods when there is no electrical service available from the primary supplier due to natural disaster or power outage. Council concur. (See page 259 for ordinance.)

Municipal Court: State Reimbursement for Computer for Municipal Court Judge

Municipal Court recommended approval of an agreement with the State Administrative Office of the Courts to accept $1,259.67 in reimbursement for a personal computer for Renton's Municipal Court Judge. Council concur. (See later this page for resolution.)

CAG: 03-126, Wetland Mitigation Bank Site Fence, Construct Co

Utility Systems Division submitted CAG-03-126, Wetland Mitigation Bank Site Fence Project; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $3,623.85, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $2,697.04 to Construct Co., LLC, contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3704

A resolution was read adopting the City of Renton Emergency Management Plan. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3705

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative 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. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 8/09/2004 for second and final reading:

Development Services:

Portable Generators, Noise Ordinance Revision

An ordinance was read amending Section 8-7-3.C of Chapter 7, Noise Level Regulations, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code by allowing the use of portable generators when electrical service is not available due to a power outage or natural disaster. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 8/09/2004. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Persson reported receipt of an informal petition from Sue
Citizen Comment: Brown - Drug Dealing & Value Village Non-Compliance, 1200 Block of N 2nd St

Brown, 1203 N. 2nd St., Renton, 98055, containing seven signatures, and expressing concern regarding drug dealing in the 1200 block area of NE 2nd St., and regarding City Code non-compliance issues pertaining to the illegal use of outside storage by Value Village, located at 1222 Bronson Way N. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

Development Services: Nuisance Abatement

Referencing a (Longview) Daily News article regarding the City of Kelso's nuisance abatement ordinance that allows the prosecution of people in criminal court for nuisances on their property, Councilman Corman requested that the Administration investigate the possibility of emulating Kelso's nuisance abatement program.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:21 p.m.

Bonnie Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
August 2, 2004