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; TERRI BRIERE; DENIS LAW; DAN CLAWSON; TONI NELSON; RANDY CORMAN.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELEER, Mayor; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; KELLY BEYMER, Golf Course Manager; SONJA MEJLAENDER, Community Relations Specialist; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Police: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies

Chief of Police Garry Anderson reported that assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) are currently conducting an on-site evaluation of the Renton Police Department. He explained that CALEA has established more than 400 standards that reflect the best police practices in the nation, and police departments can voluntarily attempt to meet these standards and then be recognized after the on-site evaluation confirms the standards have been met. The Renton Police Department first received accreditation by CALEA in 1991, and this is the department's third re-accreditation effort.

Chief Anderson stated that public comment about the Renton Police Department has been solicited, and an assessor-hosted public information session will be held on August 17th. In conclusion, he noted that the Renton Police Department was the 202nd agency in the United States to be accredited. Currently there are over 18,000 police agencies in the United States, and approximately 650 have received accreditation by CALEA.

Community Event: IKEA Renton River Days Wrap-Up

Community Relations Specialist Sonja Mejlaender introduced Mark Kotlan, IKEA Renton River Days Board of Directors Chairman, who gave a briefing on the 2004 IKEA Renton River Days community festival held during the week of July 20th through 25th. Mr. Kotlan acknowledged the assistance and support provided by the City of Renton, and he thanked the many sponsors and contributors for their support of the festival. Mr. Kotlan reviewed the events, activities and entertainment that took place, such as the pony rides for kids, the parade, the Senior Day Picnic, the car shows, and the Rubber Ducky Derby.

Mr. Kotlan expressed his appreciation for the assistance of the Renton service clubs, and to the many volunteers who contributed over 9,500 hours in planning for and assisting with the community festival. Additionally, he announced that the charitable giving net proceeds amounted to an estimated $27,800, which will be donated as a result of events such as the Sam Chastain Memorial Golf Tournament and the River Days Run for Kids.

Councilwoman Nelson thanked Mr. Kotlan and Ms. Mejlaender for all their hard work, and sadly announced that Beth Donofrio, Renton River Days Treasurer for 18 years, died last week.

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler pointed out that the Renton River Days community festival does more in one week than most communities do in an entire year. She expressed her gratitude for the amount of time the volunteers contributed, and
for the efforts of Ms. Mejlaender and Mr. Kotlan.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Derek Todd, Assistant to the CAO, 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:

- Many of the recreation day camps came to a close last week. Approximately 1,400 campers participated in art camps, sports camps, Itty Bitty camps, teen camps, and Kidz Kaleidoscope and Sum R Craze day camps.

- As of August 10th, 40 states reported the presence of the West Nile Virus disease. The State of Washington has reported no detected virus. So far this year, there have been a total of 495 human cases with ten deaths. In comparison, in 2003 there were 9,862 human cases with 264 deaths.

- Between July 21st and August 15th, Police Patrol Services issued 126 citations in the areas from NE 7th St. to NE 27th St. and Edmonds Ave. NE to Monroe Ave. NE, the majority of which were parking related. As a result of this emphasis, there has been a decrease in the number of vehicles being left on the street and parking violations have noticeably declined.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: DeMastus - Highlands Community Association

Sandel DeMastus, 1137 Harrington Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, announced that she has decided to step down as president of the Highlands Community Association (HCA), and the association is searching for a new president. She indicated that she is now trained to be a producer for the new public access cable channel 77, and will be a member of the channel's community outreach committee. Additionally, Ms. DeMastus announced that the HCA's community picnic will be held on August 19th.

Councilman Corman thanked Ms. DeMastus for her many years of service in the Highlands Community Association.

Citizen Comment: Wigren - Teen Center

Luke Wigren, 1201 1/2 N. 3rd St., Renton, 98055, stated that he is a sophomore at Renton High School, and proposed the establishment of a teen center in Renton. He reported that the cities of Bellevue and Redmond have teen centers, and every weekend he and his friends go to the teen center to listen to live music. In response to the Mayor's question regarding funding, Mr. Wigren stated that he did not know if the cities fund the teen centers.

Councilman Clawson stated that the need for a teen center has been a topic of discussion over the years. He thanked Mr. Wigren for bringing up the topic, and noted that this is something the City would like to do if it can. Councilmembers Corman and Nelson agreed that this matter merits further investigation. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPIC OF A RENTON TEEN CENTER TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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AJLS: Mayor City Vehicle Benefit Modification

Administrative, Judicial and Legal Services Department recommended approval of the modification to the Mayor's city vehicle benefit to a monthly vehicle
allowance of $400. Annual savings to the City is $4,899.96. Refer to Finance Committee.

CAG: 04-101, Maplewood Golf Course 8th Green and Hillside Drainage, Buchanan
City Clerk reported bid opening on 8/09/2004 for CAG-04-101, Maplewood Golf Course Reconstruction of 8th Green and Hillside Drainage; two bids; engineer's estimate $110,000 - $120,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Buchanan General Contracting Company, in the amount of $154,333. Council concur.

Vacation: Alley, NE 30th St & Kennewick Pl NE, Renton School District, VAC-04-003
City Clerk submitted petition for street vacation for portion of unimproved alley located south of NE 30th St. and west of Kennewick Pl. NE; petitioner Rick Stracke, representing Renton School District, 1220 N. 4th St., Renton, 98055 (VAC-04-003). Refer to Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; set public hearing on 9/20/2004. (See page 276 for resolution setting public hearing.)

CAG: 02-177, Fire Station #12 Construction, E Kent Halvorson
Community Services Department submitted CAG-02-177, Fire Station #12 Construction; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay application, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $166,912.92 to E. Kent Halvorson, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Refer to Finance Committee.

Plat: Brookefield, Hoquiam Ave NE & NE 10th Pl, FP-04-058
Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Brookefield Final Plat; 47 single-family lots on 7.16 acres located at Hoquiam Ave. NE and NE 10th Pl. (FP-04-058). Council concur. (See page 276 for resolution.)

Planning: Owner-Occupied Housing Incentive Extension and Modification
Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval to extend to 10/01/2007 and modify the eligibility criteria for the Owner-Occupied Housing Incentives, which help encourage owner-occupied housing in the Center Downtown and the Residential Multi-Family Urban zoning areas downtown. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

Airport: Apron C Utilities Project, 2004 CIP Amend, 2004 Budget Amend
Transportation Systems Division requested authorization to: amend the 2004 Capital Improvement Program in the amount of $420,968 for the Airport Apron C Utilities Project; and appropriate and adjust the 2004 Budget for the Airport 402 account to $740,605 from the Airport Reserve Fund. Refer to Transportation (Aviation) Committee.

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

Added CORRESPONDENCE
Citizen Comment: DeMastus - Speed Hump Installation at Highlands Elementary School
At the request of Councilman Clawson, a letter was read from Sandel DeMastus, Highlands Community Association (HCA) Board President, PO Box 2041, Renton, 98059, requesting the placement of 25-miles-per-hour speed humps at NE 7th St. and Harrington Ave. NE, to protect the safety of students attending Highlands Elementary School. She noted the City of Bellevue's success with mitigating community traffic problems by using road humps and other traffic calming options. Ms. DeMastus additionally asked that the City take measures to shift community traffic safety to the top of its priority list. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES
Resolution #3709
A resolution was read setting a public hearing date on 9/20/2004 to vacate the
Vacation: Alley, NE 30th St & Kennewick Pl NE, Renton School District, VAC-04-003

unimproved alley located south of NE 30th St., west of Kennewick Pl. NE, and north of the abandoned Pacific Coast Railroad right-of-way. (Petitioner: Renton School District; VAC-04-003.) MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3710

Plat: Brookefield, Hoquiam Ave NE & NE 10th Pl, FP-04-058

A resolution was read approving the Brookefield Final Plat consisting of approximately 7.16 acres located in the vicinity of Hoquiam Ave. NE and NE 10th Pl. (FP-04-058). MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Police: Drug Dealing and Value Village Code Non-Compliance, 1200 Block of N 2nd St, Brown

In response to Council President Persson's inquiry, Police Chief Anderson confirmed that he had sent a response to Sue Brown and the other parties in regards to the informal petition they submitted concerning drug dealing in the vicinity of N. 2nd St. and Value Village City Code non-compliance issues.

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

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk