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

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE
KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER, Mayor; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; KAREN MCFARLAND, Engineering Specialist; KAREN BERGSVIK, Human Services Manager; ALEX PIETSCHE, Economic Development Administrator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO.

PROCLAMATION
Day of Concern for the Hungry
- September 25, 2004
A proclamation by Mayor Keolker-Wheeler was read declaring September 25, 2004, to be "Day of Concern for the Hungry" in the City of Renton urging all citizens to join the Emergency Feeding Program and food banks in their efforts to nourish those who are hungry. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

Salvation Army Captain Christine Giffey-Brohaugh accepted the proclamation with appreciation. She stated that the Salvation Army is committed to the Renton community to see that children do not go to school hungry.

Councilwoman Nelson reported that the Emergency Feeding Program's annual food drive will be held this Saturday at area grocery stores, and the donations and food collected will be given to the local food banks.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
SCA: New Executive Director, Karen Goroski
Mayor Keolker-Wheeler introduced Karen Goroski, the new Executive Director of the Suburban Cities Association (SCA). Ms. Goroski stated that SCA is open to any city with a population of 150,000 or less, and 37 of the 39 cities in King County are members of the association. She emphasized that SCA is a member driven association, and the involvement of the cities will make or break its success.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT. CARRIED.

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:

- The Renton Senior Activity Center will celebrate its 25th anniversary on September 26th, and everyone is invited to join in the celebration anytime between 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The official ceremony takes place at 12:30 p.m.

- As of September 16th, the City street crew picked up a total of 389 stray shopping carts from throughout the City - 148 of those carts were from Wal-Mart and 97 from Fred Meyer. The carts are classified as garbage and
will be destroyed. The City will talk to Wal-Mart about an "amnesty" return of their carts, but wants assurance that they will take measures to improve recovery of their shopping carts.

* As of September 17th, a total of 1,508 human cases of West Nile Virus with 45 deaths have been reported in 39 states. Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii have no detection of the virus.

Streets: Grocery Cart Abandonment

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler commented on the Administrative Report item concerning abandoned shopping carts, and emphasized that the "amnesty" return of the carts will only be allowed one time, and only if the store agrees to pick up its own carts.

Council President Persson noted the expense of the loss of the shopping carts to the stores. The Mayor stated that she hopes the stores will comply with retrieving their shopping carts on a voluntary basis.

PUBLIC HEARING

Vacation: Alley, NE 30th St & Kennewick Pl NE, Renton School District, VAC-04-003

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 street vacation petition submitted by Rick Stracke, on behalf of the Renton School District, for portion of the unimproved alley located east of I-405, west of Kennewick Pl. NE, and south of NE 30th St. (Kennydale Elementary School Vacation; VAC-04-003).

Karen McFarland, Engineering Specialist, stated that the 448-foot by 12-foot alley right-of-way is located within the Kennydale Elementary School site, and has been overbuilt with playfields, asphalt play surfaces, and a school building. Ms. McFarland explained that the Renton School District plans to replace Kennydale Elementary School, and the vacation will create a unified site for the redevelopment project. Stating that the vacation petition received no objections when circulated to City department and outside agencies, Ms. McFarland noted that the City's 15-foot easement sufficiently protects the existing six-inch water line.

Ms. McFarland relayed that City Code (9-14-5E) states: "When a street or alley is vacated for a governmental agency, and compensation is required, compensation shall be based upon the administrative costs of the vacation and may, at the discretion of the City Council, be based upon original cost to the City of acquisition." She explained that the City did not incur any original acquisition costs, as the property was acquired through a plat dedication, and City funds were not expended to maintain the right-of-way. Therefore, staff recommends that Council approve the request to vacate the alley right-of-way and set compensation based solely on the administrative costs as per City Code.

Public comment was invited.

Owen Dennison, 316 Occidental Ave. S., Suite 320, Seattle, 98104, representing the Renton School District, stated that vacation of the right-of-way will provide more latitude in the design of the new school. Pointing out that no public cost or detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public will occur as a result of this vacation, Mr. Dennison requested approval of the vacation as recommended by City staff.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE
THE REQUEST TO VACATE THE ALLEY AND SET COMPENSATION BASED ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. CARRIED.

David Hamilton, 283 SW 41st St., Renton, 98055, asserted that the process by which the Council made its decision to rename SW 41st St. to SW IKEA Way was poorly handled. Mr. Hamilton stated his concerns as follows: public comment was discouraged and the lack of input from interested parties led to an uninformed decision, the anti-competitive decision is not supportive of the affected business district, the replacement of the highway and street signs is a poor use of the taxpayer's money, the precedent it sets is poor, and the possibility that IKEA will move out of Renton when its lease expires in 2009 should be considered. Stressing that the wrong decision was made, he urged Council to leave SW 41st St. as is and find another way to honor IKEA.

Shelley Williams, 253 SW 41st St., Renton, 98055, stated that the street name change from SW 41st St. to SW IKEA Way greatly impacts the Dressler Stencil Company, which is primarily a mail order business and a manufacturing facility. She indicated that the company has three to five years worth of materials that list this address, and the costs to change the catalog, portfolio, letterhead, note cards, and instruction sheets is a financial burden. Pointing out that the Dressler Stencil Company is incurring the cost to advertise for IKEA, Ms. Williams stated that the City is honoring a big company like IKEA while turning away from the small companies.

In response to the Councilmembers questions, Ms. Williams estimated that the cost the company will incur due to the street name change is $157,000 in a three-month period. She detailed the nature of the business and how often various materials are ordered and updated.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THIS MATTER. CARRIED.

The following e-mail was read into the record in opposition to the renaming of SW 41st St. to SW IKEA Way: Dr. Gerald T. Kuwada and Office Manager Caroline Stone, Valley Podiatric Physicians & Surgeons, 274 SW 41st St., Renton, 98055; Dave Mitchell (no address given); Bret Neely, Vice President, Kenco, 421 SW 41st St., Renton, 98055; Jill Davis, Capital Lighting, 287 SW 41st St., Renton, 98055; and David Hamilton, President, Delivery Express, Inc., 283 SW 41st St., Renton, 98055. Objections included the expense of new stationary, business cards, advertising, and other related costs; the lack of reimbursement for the expenses; the setting of a precedent; and giving IKEA free advertising at the expense of the affected businesses.

Councilman Clawson stated that he is willing to review the matter again, and wants specific proof from the affected businesses of the costs related to the street name change. He indicated that he was not aware that a business faces a large financial loss, and would like the opportunity to assess this new information.

Councilwoman Briere said the matter was discussed at two Transportation Committee meetings at which multiple citizen comments were heard. She noted that the name-change costs submitted by the affected businesses were reviewed. Ms. Briere informed that she is a business owner who has experienced a street name change, and noted that it gave her an opportunity to connect with her clients again when informing them of the change.
Councilwoman Palmer explained that this was not a sudden decision made in secret. Comments were listened to and the matter was carefully reviewed.

Councilwoman Nelson described how donations were solicited for Renton River Days and the Performing Arts Center, and noted that IKEA’s generous donations were the reason the festival and the arts center were named for IKEA. She pointed out that there are many opportunities for businesses to donate so as to have an event named for their business. Ms. Nelson also indicated her willingness to look at the matter again.

Mayor Keolker-Wheeler pointed out that staff forwarded all of the information it has concerning this matter to Council.

Councilman Corman stated that he would like to know if any businesses are being disproportionately affected by the street name change.

Council discussed whether the matter should be brought before Council again. It was determined that Council would accept additional information for the next two weeks, review the information, and then make a determination as to whether the matter should be taken up again.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- **Council Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2004**
  
  Approval of Council meeting minutes of September 13, 2004. Council concur.

- **CAG: 04-116, Gene Coulon Park Gangway Improvements, American Civil Constructors West Coast**
  
  City Clerk reported bid opening on 9/14/2004 for CAG-04-116, Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park Gangway Improvements; four bids; engineer’s estimate $145,000 to $170,000; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, American Civil Constructors West Coast, Inc., in the amount of $128,980. Council concur.

- **CAG: 03-173, Kiwanis Park Improvements, Advanced Construction**
  
  Community Services Department submitted CAG-03-173, Kiwanis Park Improvements; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of $17,870.46, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of $6,187.42 to Advanced Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Approval was also sought for an interfund transfer of $6,900.10 for the irrigation controller and utility locate. Refer to Finance Committee.

- **Annexation: Wedgewood Lane, NE 10th St & Jericho Ave NE**
  
  Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department submitted 10% Notice of Intent to annex petition for the proposed Wedgewood Lane Annexation, and recommended a public meeting be set on 10/4/2004 to consider the petition; 12.73 acres located south of NE 10th St. (SE 116th St.), and east of Jericho Ave. NE. Council concur.

- **CAG: 00-104, Business Recycling Program, Cascadia Consulting Group**
  
  Utility Systems Division recommended approval of Addendum #4 to CAG-00-104, contract with Cascadia Consulting Group, Inc., in the amount of $74,000 to continue the Business Recycling Program for 2004-2005. Refer to Utilities Committee.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Finance Committee**

  Finance: Unfunded Positions

  Finance Committee Chair Corman presented a report increasing the number of positions in the 2004 Budget of the Police Department for the purpose of meeting service demands. The Committee recommended concurrence in the
Creation, Police Department

Staff recommendation to immediately create two additional positions in the Police Department, one police officer and one non-commissioned position, for the purpose of covering long absences by regular full-time employees, such as for absences of Police Department employees who are serving in the armed services. The appropriation authority does not need to be increased for these positions, as funding is available in the current budget.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance to authorize these positions be presented in the 2004 end of the year budget amendments ordinance. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services Committee

Public Works: Surplus of City-Owned Property, 901 Harrington Ave NE

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to declare surplus old Fire Station #12, located at 901 Harrington Ave. NE, and set compensation at $475,000.

The Committee further recommended that the administrative costs associated with the Surplus Real Property Procedures be reimbursed to the Property Services Section from the proceeds of the sale, and that the balance of the proceeds be credited to the Fire Department's Fire Mitigation Fund. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 316 for resolution.)


Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the 2005/2006 General Fund funding recommendations and 2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding recommendations. The Committee acknowledges the hard work and long hours the members of the Human Services Advisory Committee have given to the year-long funding process, both in expanding their knowledge of the needs and gaps in Renton services, in identifying new trends, and in application review and agency interviews.

The City is currently developing a plan to implement the Human Services Element in the City's Comprehensive Plan. This will address several of the issues raised this funding cycle such as how to meet emerging needs while continuing to fund current services. Until the plan is complete and funding guidelines for the 2007/2008 funding process have been developed, funding will not be decreased to agencies currently receiving General Funds or CDBG public services funding, contingent upon agencies meeting contract requirements.

It is recommended that funding be restored to all agencies to their 2004 levels, with inclusion of one new program, Hearing, Speech and Deafness Center, to be funded.

The funding process has raised a number of issues this year. For the 2007/2008 funding process, an ad hoc committee will develop funding guidelines that are sensitive to the needs of agencies for stable funding, while addressing the changing needs of the community's diverse population.

The Committee further recommended adoption of the 2005 CDBG Contingency Plan. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee

CAG: 03-034, Water System Plan Update, RW Beck

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence with the Planning/Building/Public Works Department's recommendation that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Addendum #2 to the consultant contract with R.W. Beck (CAG-03-034), in the amount of $65,448, to complete the update of the Water System Plan.
The Committee further recommended that Council approve the transfer of $46,000 from the Reservoir Re-Coat project budget (421.500.018.5960.34.65.055260) to the Water System Plan Update project budget (421.500.018.5960.34.65.055140) to cover the cost of Addendum #2. The transfer will not increase the total appropriation of the Water Utility 2004 Capital Improvement Project budget. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Public Safety Committee
Police: Jail Administration
Interlocal Agreement, Various Cities

Public Safety Committee Chair Law presented a report concurring in the recommendation of staff to approve the interlocal agreement for jail administration, and to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the interlocal agreement. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for resolution.)

Transportation (Aviation) Committee
Airport: Ace Aviation
Operating Permit & Agreement

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the operating permit and agreement with Ace Aviation. Ace Aviation executed a new sublease agreement with Bosair, LLC on 4/1/2004. The new operating permit and agreement extends the term of the sublease to 12/31/2010. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the operating permit and agreement with Ace Aviation. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation: I-405
Congestion Relief & Transit Projects Memo of Understanding, WSDOT

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Palmer presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the memorandum of understanding establishing a cooperative relationship between the City and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the I-405 congestion relief and transit projects. 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 page 317 for resolution.)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3715
Public Works: Surplus of City-Owned Property, 901 Harrington Ave NE

A resolution was read declaring surplus the old Fire Station #12, located at 901 Harrington Ave NE, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign such documents as necessary to transfer title. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3716
Police: Jail Administration
Interlocal Agreement, Various Cities

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement between Algona, Auburn, Town of Beaux Arts Village, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Bothell, Burien, Carnation, Clyde Hill, Covington, Des Moines, Duvall, Enumclaw, Federal Way, Hunts Point, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Mercer Island, Milton, Newcastle, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Seattle, Shoreline, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Tukwila, Woodinville, and the Town of Yarrow Point, Washington, municipal corporations organized under the laws of the State of Washington (collectively the "cities"), establishing the purpose, membership, and governance of oversight groups to administer the jail contracts with Yakima and King County. MOVED
 Resolution #3717
Transportation: I-405
Congestion Relief & Transit Projects Memo of Understanding, WSDOT

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a memorandum of understanding establishing a cooperative relationship between the City of Renton and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the I-405 congestion relief and transit projects. MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Development Services:
Nuisance Abatement

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE CITY ATTORNEY'S MEMORANDUM (8/13/2004) REGARDING THE CITY OF KELSO'S NUISANCE ABATEMENT ORDINANCE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES TO DISCUSS LITIGATION WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 8:43 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
September 20, 2004