

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

March 10, 2008  
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Denis Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS**

MARCIE PALMER, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON.

**CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; TERRY HIGASHIYAMA, Community Services Administrator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS and DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, Fire Department; CHIEF KEVIN MILOSEVICH, DEPUTY CHIEF TIM TROXEL, DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES MARSALISI, COMMANDER PAUL CLINE, COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE and COMMANDER CHARLES KARLEWICZ, Police Department.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**  
Police: Employee Promotions and Recognitions

Police Chief Milosevich announced Police Department employee promotions as follows:

- Officer Bill Judd, promoted to Sergeant;
- Officer Christine Matthews, promoted to Sergeant;
- Officer Russell Radke, promoted to Sergeant;
- Officer David Skelton, promoted to Sergeant;
- Officer Ed Van Valey, promoted to Sergeant;
- Sergeant Paul Cline, promoted to Commander;
- Sergeant Charles Karlewicz, promoted to Commander; and
- Commander Charles Marsalisi, promoted to Deputy Chief.

Additionally, Chief Milosevich announced that Parking Enforcement Officer Dianne Ford and Officer Robert Dreher were each selected by their peers and honored as Employee of the First Quarter and of the Third Quarter, respectively, in 2007. Evidence Technician Chad Jay, the Employee of the Fourth Quarter, was also named Employee of the Year.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer 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 2008 and beyond. Items noted included:

- \* Five red maple trees along S. 3rd St., between Shattuck Ave. S. and Burnett Ave. S., that were severely damaged during the windstorms in November 2007 are to be removed. Replacement trees will be planted during the spring planting season.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Council Meeting Minutes of

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 3/3/2008. Council concur.

3/3/2008

- Community Services: City Space Planning & Move Management, Heery International  
Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$224,000 with Heery International for space planning, architectural, and move management services necessitated by the Benson Hill Communities Annexation. Council concur.
- Community Services: Parks Consultant Roster  
Community Services Department recommended approval of the Parks Consultant Roster, valid from March 2008 to December 2010, listing 66 professional consultants. Council concur.
- Community Services: Police Department Locker Purchase, Saxton Bradley  
Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$251,442.48 with sole source supplier Saxton, Bradley, Inc. to purchase lockers for the Police Department. Council concur.
- Fire: Records Management System, FDM Software  
Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$24,340.78 with FDM Software Ltd. for software support and maintenance related to the department's records management system. Council concur.
- Utility: Annual Consultant Roster, Telemetry & SCADA  
Utility Systems Division recommended approval of the annual roster of consultants chosen to provide telemetry and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) services, which is valid from March 2008 to March 2009 and lists nine professional consultants. Council concur.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
**Planning & Development Committee**  
Planning: Development Regulations (Title IV) Docket Review  
MOVED BY PALMER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.
- Finance Committee**  
Finance: Vouchers  
Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the City Code Title IV (Development Regulations) docket. The Committee recommended that a public hearing be set on 3/24/2008 to consider the proposed commercial office residential (COR), assisted living, helipad, and utilities height zoning text amendments. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
- Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 269561 - 270146 and three wire transfers totaling \$5,365,841.39; and approval of 163 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 699 direct deposits totaling \$2,420,934.61. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
- Community Services: Urban & Community Forestry Development Plan, Worthy and Associates  
Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the contract with Worthy and Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$119,654 to provide consulting services for an Urban and Community Forestry Development Plan. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.
- Utility: Low-Income Senior Utility Rates  
Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding utility discount rates for low-income senior/disabled residents. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the following:

- Eliminate the two-tier structure (40 percent and 75 percent) and implement a single discount level of 50 percent.
- Eliminate the 900 cubic feet of water subsidy to send a consistent water

conservation message to all customers.

- Under the new 50 percent discount program, offer customers the option of a 32-gallon can for solid waste service.
- For the lowest income customers, retain the existing 75 percent subsidy program only for those customers (approximately 100) currently enrolled.
- Provide additional outreach to low-income senior/disabled customers to increase participation, assist in determining eligibility and help with the application process.

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

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

**Ordinance #5360**  
EDNSP: Farmers Market Funding, Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending the City of Renton 2008 Budget as adopted by Ordinance 5325 creating a new fund for Farmers Market revenues and expenses and appropriating revenues and expenses in the net amount of \$46,492.19. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5361**  
Budget: 2008 Amendment, Benson Hill Communities Annexation

An ordinance was read amending the City of Renton 2008 Budget as adopted by Ordinance 5325, in the total amount of \$1,189,368, to provide for costs to serve the Benson Hill Communities Annexation area. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5362**  
Finance: Carry Forward Ordinance

An ordinance was read amending the City of Renton 2008 Budget as adopted by Ordinance 5325, in the total amount of \$31,097,336, to carry forward to 2008 funds appropriated in 2007, but not expended in 2007. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #5363**  
Legal: Parking Sign Regulations

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 10, Parking Regulations, of Title X (Traffic), of City Code by amending Section 6, Signs And/Or Markings Required. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
Council: Workshop (3/6 & 3/7)

Councilmember Corman extended his appreciation to Council President Palmer and City staff for their work related to the Council offsite workshop held on March 6 and 7. He stated that new territory was covered and the workshop was very productive.

Citizen Comment: Patti - 116th Ave SE, Speed Limit Increase

Councilmember Taylor reported receipt of an e-mail from Frank Patti (Renton) requesting that the speed limit be increased from 25 to 35 miles per hour on a one-mile stretch of 116th Ave. SE, from SE 168th St. to Puget Dr. SE, to match the rest of the street's speed limit of 35 miles per hour. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Annexation: Benson Hill Communities, Open House

Councilmember Zwicker and Mayor Law acknowledged the success of the Benson Hill Communities Annexation area informational open house held on March 8, and they thanked everyone involved for coordinating the event.

Citizen Comment: Guthrie -

Councilmember Zwicker reported receipt of an e-mail from Trish Guthrie (King

Shamrock Annexation,  
Application Fee Waiver

County), Co-President of Ellis Park Homeowners Association, requesting waiver of the \$2,500 filing fee for the proposed Shamrock Annexation. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**  
Citizen Comment: Andrews -  
Cedar River/Lake Washington  
Interface, Silt Build-up Hazard

Frederick Andrews (King County) expressed his concerns regarding the build-up of silt below the water level at the interface between the mouth of the Cedar River and Lake Washington, pointing out that this is a potential hazard to boaters. Additionally he noted that despite the number of agencies that are involved with this area, none seem to take responsibility for the situation. Mr. Andrews suggested that the City take the initiative to apprise the stakeholders (those who benefit from the amenities) of the situation.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington stated that the City has worked on this matter for many years, but has been unsuccessful in doing much more than maintenance dredging. He assured that the City is doing what it can in the wake of the habitat impacts and jurisdictional disputes.

Citizen Comment: Dere -  
Spirit of Washington Dinner  
Train

In response to the inquiry of Jeff Dere (Renton), Chief Administrative Officer Covington stated that the City does not know of any plans to reinstate the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train. He explained that the dinner train could no longer run from Renton to Woodinville due to the abandonment of a portion of the railroad tracks, and to the I-405 expansion that affects the Wilburton Trestle.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:42 p.m.

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Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann  
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