

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

March 16, 2009
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Law requested that a moment of silence be observed in memory of Bretta Hawkins, Police Service Specialist.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; SUZANNE DALE ESTEY, Economic Development Director; FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS and DEPUTY CHIEF MARK PETERSON, Fire Department; and COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

Fire: Aspirational Response
Time Goals - HB 1756
Compliance Report

Fire and Emergency Services Administrator I. David Daniels reported on department response times. He stated that state law requires the department to provide level of services, deployment methodology, and response time objectives annually. He clarified that the City passed Resolution 3976 (10/13/2008) that set an aspirational goal of seven and one half minutes for response times in non-disaster situations under current funding, staffing, and equipment levels.

Chief Daniels reviewed response times based on activity, such as turn-out time, emergency medical, fire suppression, and hazardous materials calls. He reported that there were 7,818 incidents in 2008. Chief Daniels explained that incidents and total responses are not necessarily the same. He stated that incidents are the calls the department receives from Valley Communications, which can then generate anywhere from one to six vehicle movements or responses. He stated that the department's total response time for the ninetieth percentile for 2008 was seven minutes and fifty seconds. He noted that the average total response time was five minutes and twenty-four seconds.

Concluding, Chief Daniels reported that the four major factors causing extended response times are: 1) the distance of the call to the fire station, 2) weather, 3) responding out of the department's normal area, and 4) out of position. Chief Daniels reported that the Fire and Emergency Services Department met their aspirational goal eighty-three percent of the time in 2008.

Fire: Renton Heart Month
Wrap-Up, February 2008

Chief Daniels reported that Renton Heart Month is a community risk reduction effort. He stated that the Fire and Emergency Services Department provided blood pressure and blood sugar screenings at 25 different locations around the City in 2008. He reported that 4,445 citizens were screened, and that 724 were identified with high blood pressure, 143 with high blood sugar, and 822 alerts were provided. Chief Daniels explained that an alert is given to individuals who are on the border of having either high blood pressure or blood sugar, and are then encouraged to see a medical professional.

Chief Daniels reported that in partnership with the Red Cross, CPR Saturday (February 28) was conducted at Renton Technical College. He remarked that this was the first time the Red Cross taught this class outside of Seattle, and that 589 citizens were taught CPR, 64 of who were taught in Spanish, and seven in American Sign Language.

Council discussion ensued praising the Fire and Emergency Services Department for their pro-activeness, acknowledging that Renton is one of the safest places in the world to experience a heart attack, and commenting on the availability of other first aid classes, costs involved for CPR Saturday, statistics regarding aid call responses, number of fires, dollar amounts of property damages, and possibly doing screenings at local schools.

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 2009 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The new traffic signal at Sunset and Hoquiam near Hazen High School has been activated.
- * Enjoy bites of great local food at nine participating downtown restaurants at the Bite of Downtown Renton on Monday, March 30, from 4 to 9 p.m. Tickets for the Bite of Downtown Renton can be purchased at the Renton History Museum for \$20 and allow holders to visit each restaurant for a taste of their signature food. The Bite of Downtown Renton was inspired by the travelling Smithsonian Institute exhibit “Key Ingredients: America by Food” at the Renton History Museum
- * Community and business volunteers will spend the morning of Saturday, April 4, cleaning up graffiti, litter, and weeds in the downtown business core. Additional volunteers can join this clean-up effort by meeting at the Piazza at 9 a.m. Please bring work gloves. The downtown community thanks the Kiwanis Club of Renton and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Renton for volunteering for this event.

AUDIENCE COMMENT:
 Citizen Comment: McOmber -
 Townhall Meeting Event in
 Renton Highlands

Howard McOmber (Renton) encouraged Council to set up a townhall-style public meeting event in the Renton Highlands where citizens can share their ideas and suggestions with City officials and staff. He suggested that the meeting focus on budget and volunteerism efforts.

Citizen Comment: Clawson -
 Smithsonian Institute
 Traveling Exhibit at Renton
 History Museum

Laura Clawson (Renton), Board of Trustees President of the Renton Historical Society, announced the long-awaited and unprecedented exhibit opening this Saturday entitled, “Key Ingredients - America by Food.” She stated that this is the Renton History Museum’s first Smithsonian Institute exhibit and that ours is the only Seattle area museum to host the exhibit. Ms. Clawson explained that the exhibit traces 500 years of food in America and is travelling from coast to coast using Smithsonian photos, illustrations, and objects. She commented that a companion exhibit entitled, “Sustaining a City,” about the ways that food has brought people together to form a community, is also open at the museum. She stated that both exhibits are open Saturday, March 21, from 10 am to 7 pm.

Citizen Comment: Kumar -
 Parking Loading & Driveway
 Regulations

Bimal Kumar (Renton) stated that he appeared before Council on March 17, 2008, (concerning driveway and sidewalk regulations) and came again to ask that (alleged) lies and corruption by City individuals involved in his issue be investigated. He stated that he had provided a transcript as evidence in the matter and had thereafter received a two-page response from the City administration that was untruthful and unjust.

Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Kumar’s dissatisfaction with the administrative decision, Council’s knowledge and review of the matter, the differing perceptions, the appeal process, Council’s authority in the matter, and the satisfaction of Council and the Administration with the administrative decision as it stands.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council Meeting Minutes of 3/9/2009

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 3/9/2009. Council concur.

Appointment: Airport Advisory Committee

Mayor Law appointed Robert J. Ingersoll to the Airport Advisory Committee for an unexpired term expiring 5/7/2010 (position previously held by Frank Marshall). Refer to Community Services Committee.

City Clerk: Cable Franchise, Basic Programming Service Rate & Permitted Equipment & Installation Rates

City Clerk submitted recommendation of the City’s cable consultant to perform no additional cable television rate review for the period of 7/1/2008 through 6/30/2009, and to adopt resolutions to issue rate orders preserving the City’s rights. Council concur. (See page 83 for resolutions.)

Annexation: Earlington, 80th Ave S & S 134th St

Community and Economic Development Department submitted a 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed Earlington Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 4/6/2009 to consider the petition; approximately 100 acres located east of 80th Ave. S., north of S. 134th St. Council concur.

Community Services: Cedar River Park Sidewalk Repairs, Farrow Concrete Specialist

Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$46,870 with Farrow Concrete Specialists for sidewalk replacement and repairs at Cedar River Park. Council concur.

Plat: Langley Meadows, Hoquiam Ave NE, FP-08-056

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Langley Meadows Final Plat, a 70-lot subdivision located east of Hoquiam Ave. NE, north of NE 6th St. Council concur. (See page 83 for resolution.)

Development Services: Doyea Short Plat, ROW Dedication, NE 5th Pl & Hoquiam Ave NE

Development Services Division recommended acceptance of a deed of dedication for additional right-of-way in the vicinity of NE 5th Pl. and Hoquiam Ave. NE to fulfill a requirement of the Doyea Short Plat (SHP-08-020). Council concur.

CAG: 06-174, Storm & Surface Water Management Plan, RW Beck

Utilities Systems Division recommended approval of Addendum #2 to CAG-06-174, consultant agreement with R.W. Beck, in the amount of \$17,394 for additional services and to extend the contract expiration date to 12/31/2009. Council concur.

Utility: Sanitary Sewer Model Conversion, Roth Hill Engineering

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$113,500 with Roth Hill Engineering for the Sanitary Sewer Model Conversion and Updates/Geodatabase Development, Phase II project. Council concur.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Finance Committee

CED: Federal Lobbyist Services, Petrizzo Strategic Group

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of the contract with Petrizzo Strategic Group for the amount of \$62,500 for federal lobbying services. **Added:** The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the contract.

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT AS AMENDED. CARRIED.

Planning & Development Committee

CED: Release of Restrictive Covenants Request, WSADA

Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to remove restrictive covenants affecting the parcel located at 621 SW Grady Way, and further recommended that the full Council authorize the release of the covenants.

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

Planning: Land Use Application Expiration Date Extension

Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to adopt an ordinance to extend the period of validity of land use and subdivision applications for an additional two years beyond the standard expiration dates set by City Code. This would give applicants from four to seven years to complete projects rather than the typical two to five years currently stipulated in RMC 4-8 and 4-9. This extension is in addition to any other time extensions possible in the Code.

This extension will apply to all land use and subdivision applications that are valid as of the ordinance's effective date and would apply to all future applications submitted until December 31, 2010. This new code section would automatically sunset on December 31, 2010, unless a new ordinance is adopted. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

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

Councilmember Parker commented that this action will allow developers and others citizens constructing projects within the City the opportunity to extend the projects because of the current economic situation.

Public Safety Committee

Public Safety: Wireless Communication In-Building Coverage Standards

Public Safety Committee Chair Taylor presented a report recommending adoption of City Code amendments that would require minimum standards for adequate signal coverage for public wireless communication within new buildings, with the following exemptions:

- Existing buildings and structures
- Single-family residential buildings
- Structures 50,000 square feet in size or less without subterranean storage or parking
- Structures 50,000 square feet in size or less with subterranean storage or parking - only the subterranean areas would not be exempt
- Wood construction residential structures four stories or less without subterranean storage or parking
- Renovated existing structures that modify or add an area less than 20 percent of the footprint of the original structure.

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

Councilmember Taylor clarified that the ordinance is undergoing State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review and will be presented for reading and adoption as soon as the review period is over.

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL COUNCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

RESOLUTION #4001

City Clerk: Cable Franchise, Permitted Equipment & Installation Rates

A resolution was read regarding the maximum permitted equipment and installation rates set forth in the Federal Communications Commission Form 1205 filed by Comcast Cable Communications, LLC on or about April 1, 2008. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #4002

City Clerk: Cable Franchise, Basic Programming Service Rate

A resolution was read regarding the maximum permitted basic programming service rate set forth in the Federal Communications Commission Form 1240 filed by Comcast Cable Communications, LLC on or about April 1, 2008. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #4003

Plat: Langley Meadows, Hoquiam Ave NE, FP-08-056

A resolution was read approving the Langley Meadows Final Plat; approximately 11.16 acres located in the vicinity of Hoquiam Ave. NE and NE 6th St. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 3/23/2009 for second and final reading:

Planning: Land Use Application Expiration Date Extension

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, extending the period of validity of land use and subdivision approvals. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 3/23/2009. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

ORDINANCE #5451

Community Services: Golf Course Water Right Attorney, 2009 Budget Amendment

An ordinance was read amending the 2009 Budget to authorize \$13,600 from the Golf Course Fund (404) balance to appropriate for water right attorney fees. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Community Services: Golf Course Fee Waiver Request, Liberty High School Golf Team

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL WAIVE THE GOLF COURSE FEES (IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,900) FOR THE LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM. CARRIED.

Councilmember Persson clarified that the golf course requires the high school golf team members to volunteer their time to assist with maintenance of the golf course. He also noted that Liberty High School is allowing Renton the use of their track at no cost while the Renton Stadium track is being renovated.

Council: Special Committee of the Whole meeting

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER TO THE ADMINISTRATION THE SCHEDULING OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING (WITH A TOWNHALL FORMAT) TO TAKE PLACE IN THE HIGHLANDS AREA AT A FUTURE DATE. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:56 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR
Office of the City Clerk
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2009

COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN	DATE/TIME	AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Corman)	MON., 3/23 6:00 p.m.	Howard Hanson Dam/Green River Flooding Issues - Tabletop Exercise *7th Floor Conferencing Center*
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Briere)		
FINANCE (Persson)	MON., 3/23 5:30 p.m.	Vouchers; Fee Waivers - Community Services Department
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Parker)		
PUBLIC SAFETY (Taylor)		
TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) (Palmer)		
UTILITIES (Zwicker)		

NOTE: Committee of the Whole meetings are held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.
All other committee meetings are held in the Council Conference Room unless otherwise noted.