

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

April 20, 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.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; TERRY FLATLEY, Parks Maintenance Manager/City Forester; FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS and DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, Fire Department; DEPUTY CHIEF CHARLES MARSALISI, Police Department.

**PROCLAMATIONS**  
Arbor Day/Earth Day -  
April 25, 2009

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring April 25, 2009 to be "Arbor Day/Earth Day" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Terry Flatley, Parks Maintenance Manager/City Forester, accepted the proclamation with appreciation. He announced that Renton has been awarded the designation of Tree City, U.S.A. by the Arbor Day Foundation and invited everyone to attend the celebration at Liberty Park on Saturday, April 25.

**Added**  
Week of the Young Child -  
April 19 to 25, 2009

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring April 19 to 25, 2009 to be "Week of the Young Child" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to join in this special observance. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Kip Higgenon, Little Aviators Child Development Center, accepted the proclamation with appreciation. He stated that children are our future and thanked City officials and staff on behalf of Easter Seals and the Board of Directors for the Little Aviators Day Care Center for their commitment to children.

**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:

- \* To assist those requesting job search information at the Renton libraries, a new Job Hunting Resources page is available on the City's website. Links on the webpage lead to over 40 different sites that provide national and local listings of job openings, information on choosing a career, tips on writing resumes and cover letters, strategies for successful interviews, sources for researching companies, and helpful information for those needing to re-locate. To access this page, go to the [www.rentonwa.gov](http://www.rentonwa.gov) home page and search for "Job Hunting Resources."

- \* On Sunday, April 26, the first annual “Taste of The Landing 5K Race” will kick off all-day fun at The Landing. The 5K race begins at 9:30 a.m. and the Spring Block Party is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy free samples and discounts from restaurants and retail stores, local live music and art work, free face painting, bounce houses and games, plus meet officials from the City of Renton Police and Fire Departments.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Johnson - One-Way Street Signage on Houser Way S

Arland “Buzz” Johnson (Renton) expressed concern regarding an apparent lack of signage warning drivers who intend to head east on Houser Way S. after exiting the north side of the City parking lot at Wells Ave. S. and Houser Way S. that they are about to travel in the wrong direction. Mr. Johnson also stated that a loose grate or plate near Rainier Ave. S. and S. 3rd Pl. is a potential hazard.

Citizen Comment: Wolk - Waste Management Rates for Multi-Family Units

Ray Wolk (Renton), Treasurer, Tall Firs Townhomes Homeowners’ Association, expressed concern regarding a recent increase in solid waste rates. He stated that the rate for the complex was increased from \$583 per month to \$1,533 per month beginning January 1, 2009. He commented that the complex is considered a commercial account and had been subsidized at residential rates in the past. Mr. Wolk stated that there is no longer a subsidy and requested that the complex be returned to residential rates. He remarked that the owners of the condominium units pay power, gas, telephone, and other utility bills individually and questioned why condominium owners have to pay higher solid waste rates.

Mayor Law stated that the City is currently working with Waste Management to resolve the issue. Council President Corman clarified that Council did not expressly make a decision to reclassify condominium complexes (as commercial accounts) and had assumed that they would remain at residential rates when the new rate structure was set.

MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ISSUE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT RATES FOR MULTI-FAMILY UNITS TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Councilmember Persson suggested that the Utilities Committee allow the Administration the flexibility to handle this issue.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Council Meeting Minutes of 4/13/2009

Approval of Council Meeting minutes of 4/13/2009. Council concur.

Annexation: Mackay, 148th Ave SE & NE 26th St

Community and Economic Development Department submitted King County Boundary Review Board Closing Letter regarding the Mackay Annexation and recommended final approval of the annexation. Council concur. (See page 114 for ordinance.)

Fire: 2009 Basic Life Support Services, King County

Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended approval of a contract to accept \$1,170,657 from King County for basic life support services for 2009. The City’s share will be \$867,095, King County Fire District #25 \$102,698, and King County Fire District #40 \$200,864. Council concur. (See page 114 for resolution.)

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****Community Services Committee**

Appointment: Advisory Commission on Diversity

Community Services Committee Chair Briere presented a report recommending concurrence in Mayor Law's appointment of Kathleen Booher (an unexpired term expiring 12/31/2009; position previously held by Jennifer Knickerbocker) to the Advisory Commission on Diversity. **MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**Finance Committee**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 282367 - 282657 and two wire transfers totaling \$2,115,535.91; and approval of 110 Payroll Vouchers, zero wire transfers, and 807 direct deposits totaling \$1,581,498.73. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES****RESOLUTION #4004**

Fire: 2009 Basic Life Support Services, King County

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with King County regarding funding for basic life support services for the Renton Fire and Emergency Services Department for 2009 - 2013. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 4/27/2009 for second and final reading:

Annexation: Mackay, 148th Ave SE & NE 26th St

An ordinance was read annexing approximately 7.4 acres of property generally located west of 148th Ave. SE, south of NE 26th St., east of Lyons Ave. NE, and north of SE 102nd St.; Mackay Annexation. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 4/27/2009. CARRIED.**

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

**ORDINANCE #5455**

Finance: Carry Forward Ordinance

An ordinance was read amending the 2009 Budget as adopted by Ordinance No. 5423 and thereafter amended by Ordinance Nos. 5441 and 5451 in the total amount \$37,203,924 to carry forward to 2009 funds appropriated in 2008, but not expended in 2008. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Streets: Potential Closure of Benson Rd S

**MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL REFER THE SUBJECT OF A POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF BENSON RD. S. TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

Council President Corman announced that a public hearing regarding the potential closure of Benson Rd. S. will be held at the regular Council meeting of May 11, 2009.

Public Safety: Photo Enforcement Program Revenue

**MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE LETTER FROM THE RENTON POLICE OFFICERS GUILD REGARDING THE USE OF REVENUE FROM THE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS PROGRAM TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.**

Human Resources: Liability Claims Report

**MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE LIABILITY CLAIMS REPORT TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.**

Finance: Revenue Streams      MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ITEM OF CITY REVENUE STREAMS (AS AN ONGOING TOPIC) TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Public Safety: Valley  
Narcotics Taskforce Update      MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REFER THE VALLEY NARCOTICS TASKFORCE UPDATE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**      MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:33 p.m.

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Bonnie I Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder  
April 20, 2009