

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

May 21, 2007
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; DAN CLAWSON; DENIS LAW; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; RANDY CORMAN. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; PETER HAHN, Deputy Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator - Transportation; PETER RENNER, Facilities Director; ALEX PIETSCH, Economic Development Administrator; DEPUTY CHIEF CHUCK DUFFY, Fire Department; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Transportation: Roads &
Transit Ballot Measure,
November 2007

Deputy Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator - Transportation Hahn introduced King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn's Chief of Staff, Neil Strege, and Sound Transit Senior Planners, Andrea Tull and Eric Chipps, who reported on the Roads & Transit plan investment package that will go before voters in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties in November.

Mr. Strege reported that the comprehensive Roads & Transit package, a joint effort of Sound Transit and the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID), invests in the most congested corridors and builds on the investments already being made. Key features include: reduced traffic delays; faster travel times; major improvements to highways; 50 miles of new light rail; new HOV lanes; bike lanes, sidewalks, better connections; and major freight routes improvements.

Mr. Chipps explained that the Roads & Transit package planning area is divided into three corridors known as North, East/Central, and South. Mr. Chipps and Ms. Tull reviewed how the package will benefit these corridors, and Mr. Strege detailed the various roads and transit projects, some of which are I-405 from Bellevue to Renton; I-405 and SR-167 interchange; Renton express bus N. 8th St. parking garage; permanent Tukwila Sounder station; and light rail transit studies for West Seattle-Burien-Renton.

Mr. Strege stated that the capital investment (2006 dollars) for the Sound Transit 2 projects and the RTID projects totals \$17.6 billion. The projects would be paid for by increasing the region's sales tax by 0.6 of one percent (six cents on a \$10 purchase) and car tab taxes by 0.8 percent (\$80 per \$10,000 of vehicle value). He indicated that the Sound Transit 2 projects will be finalized on May 24, and once the RTID projects are finalized, they will be advanced for Snohomish, Pierce, and King county councils' approval.

**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 2007 and beyond. Items noted

included:

- * The public is invited to provide input on the Renton Trails and Bicycle Master Plan at an open house on May 30 at the Highlands Neighborhood Center.
- * The Renton Public Library is holding two public meetings this week to seek citizen input on the Library Master Plan: May 23 at the North Highlands Neighborhood Center and May 24 at City Hall.
- * The Duwamish Tribe is being honored at the Duwamish Art Mural Dedication on June 2 at the Henry Moses Aquatic Center.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Larson -
Renton Hill Access

Ruthie Larson, 714 High Ave. S., Renton, 98057, expressed concern regarding emergency vehicle access to Renton Hill, noting that access to that area will be compromised when the I-405 improvements begin. She asked that the City's Transportation Division review the matter. Mayor Keolker confirmed that the matter will be reviewed.

Citizen Comment: McOmber -
Highlands Area
Redevelopment

Howard McOmber, 475 Olympia Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, pointed out that refinements are needed for the recently adopted Highlands-area ordinances, such as for the spacing between townhouse units. Saying that a lot of work needs to be done in the Highlands, Mr. McOmber noted that it is important for those who live and work in the Highlands to participate in the process.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council Meeting Minutes of
5/14/2007

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 5/14/2007. Council concur.

Appeal: Vineyards
Construction Latecomer
Agreement, Green, LA-06-002

City Clerk submitted appeal letter filed by Cynthia Green, 5008 NE 2nd St., Renton, 98059, on behalf of Norma J. Randall whose property is located at 733 Field Ave. NE, regarding the proposed assessment for the Vineyards Construction, LLC latecomer agreement for sewer main extension along NE 7th Pl. Refer to Hearing Examiner.

AJLS: Renton River Days Fee
Waivers & Banner Installation

Community Services Department requested the following: waiver of permit fees for 2007 Renton River Days activities endorsed by Renton River Days Board of Directors; waiver of City Center Parking garage fees from July 27 to July 29; and authorization to install River Days banners on City light poles from June 11 to July 29. Council concur.

Lease: Washington State
University King County, 200
Mill Bldg (1st Floor)

Community Services Department recommended approval of a lease agreement with King County, operating as Washington State University, King County, for space on the first floor of the 200 Mill Building. Expenditure required: \$73,319.90; revenue generated over five-year lease: \$754,899.12. Council concur.

Police: Valley Special
Response Team Interlocal
Agreement

Police Department requested approval of an agreement with the Port of Seattle and the municipalities of Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, and Tukwila to establish a Valley Special Response Team in order to provide a coordinated effort towards the effective resolution of high-risk incidents. Council concur. (See page 181 for resolution.)

Police: Red Light School Zone
Photo Enforcement Program

Police Department recommended approval of the following for implementation of a red light/school zone photo enforcement program: cooperative purchasing

agreement with City of Seattle; contract with American Traffic Solutions; and added City Code section regarding traffic safety cameras. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Utilities Committee

CAG: 07-053, Renton Village Storm System, Laser Underground & Earthworks, Budget Amend

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the Renton Village Storm System Project. The Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to transfer \$340,000 to the 2007 Renton Village Storm System Project budget from the Surface Water Utility's approved 2007 budgets for the May Creek Basin Plan Implementation (\$175,000) and Wetland Mitigation Bank (\$165,000) Capital Improvement Program projects. The Committee also recommended that the ordinance amending the budget be presented for first reading.

The Committee further recommended that the Renton Village Storm System Project be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Laser Underground & Earthworks, Inc., in the amount of \$1,181,670. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for ordinance.)

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3878

Police: Valley Special Response Team Interlocal Agreement

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the interlocal cooperative agreement between Auburn, Des Moines, Federal Way, Kent, Renton, Tukwila, and the Port of Seattle for creation of the Valley Special Response Team. MOVED BY LAW, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 6/4/2007 for second and final reading:

CAG: 07-053, Renton Village Storm System, Laser Underground & Earthworks, Budget Amend

An ordinance was read amending the 2007 Budget by transferring \$340,000 to the Renton Village Storm System Project expenditure account from other surface water utility expenditure accounts. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 6/4/2007. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Issues: Cedar Hills Regional Landfill

Stating that he is a member of the Suburban Cities Association's Public Issues Committee, Councilman Clawson reported that the projected closure date of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill in King County will be extended an additional four years because the garbage has settled more than expected. He noted that the time will come when cities will have to export their garbage to distant landfills, which is much more expensive. Mr. Clawson said that cities need to look at ways to reduce the use of landfills and increase the amount of recycling.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:44 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
May 21, 2007