

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

July 16, 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 CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

KATHY KEOLKER, Mayor; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; PETER HAHN, Deputy Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator - Transportation; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; CHIEF I. DAVID DANIELS, DEPUTY CHIEF CHUCK DUFFY, PROVISIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF MARK PETERSON, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, and LIEUTENANT JOHNNY BELL, Fire Department; COMMANDER KATIE MCCLINCY, Police Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Fire: Ready in Renton,
Employee Promotion

Emergency Management Director Needham reported that Ready in Renton is a new public education outreach program for disaster preparedness. The program follows National Night Out, which occurs on August 7, and runs from August 8 to 10. She explained that the program stresses the importance of being prepared and determines the level of citizen preparedness. Ms. Needham stated that citizens can pre-register to participate in the program, and they will be asked to assess their level of readiness and to then go without power, shelter and/or provisions for one, two or all three days of the program.

To follow-up, Ms. Needham stated that participants will complete a post-campaign survey, the results of which will be used to analyze trends and to better focus citizen preparedness education. She indicated that City employees will also complete a survey to identify specific preparedness gaps, and education and resources will be offered so that staff will also be prepared for disasters. Ms. Needham concluded by saying that disaster preparedness education will continue with Renton's participation in the new State program, Map Your Neighborhood, which will begin on September 26.

In addition to rating their level of preparedness, Councilmember Clawson recommended that citizens also be invited to submit comments and suggestions.

On another topic, Fire Chief Daniels announced the promotion of Firefighter Johnny Bell to the rank of Fire Lieutenant. Lieutenant Bell indicated that he was honored and humbled by the promotion, and expressed his appreciation for the support and encouragement of his family and co-workers.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Assistant CAO Wine 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 first session of swim lessons at Henry Moses Aquatic Center filled to 98 percent, with 258 students in 51 classes. This included a new class entitled "Conquer Your Fear" for those 14 years old and above who are fearful of the water.

- * Renton residents may notice an increase in late night and early morning aircraft noise during the coming weeks due to temporary closures of the long runway at King County International Airport (Boeing Field). Ambulance planes will make up much of the air traffic being rerouted to Renton. Because of their location under the flight path, Mercer Island and Kenndale residents will be the most affected by noise associated with the increased air traffic.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Council Meeting Minutes of 7/9/2007 Approval of Council meeting minutes of 7/9/2007. Council concur.
- City Clerk: 2007 Renton Population City Clerk reported the official population of the City of Renton as of 4/1/2007 to be 60,290 as calculated by the State of Washington Office of Financial Management. Information.
- City Clerk: Quarterly Contract List, 4/2007 to 6/2007 City Clerk submitted Quarterly Contract List for period of 4/1/2007 to 6/30/2007; 74 contracts and six addenda totaling \$6,053,888.27. Information.
- Vacation: 128th Ave SE, Newforth, VAC-07-003 City Clerk submitted petition for vacation of unopened 128th Ave. SE, south of NE 4th St.; petitioner Steve Beck, Newforth, LLC, 19129 SE 145th St., Renton, 98059. Refer to Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; set public hearing on 8/6/2007 to consider the petition. (See page 250 for resolution setting public hearing.)
- Vacation: Whitworth Ave S, TEAM Properties, VAC-07-002 City Clerk submitted petition for vacation of portion of Whitworth Ave. S., south of S. 4th St.; petitioner Brian Allen, TEAM Properties, LLC, 450 Shattuck Ave. S., Renton, 98057. Refer to Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; set public hearing on 8/6/2007 to consider the petition. (See page 250 for resolution setting public hearing.)
- CAG: 07-107, Maplewood Creek Sediment 2007 Cleaning & Maintenance, Clearcreek Contractors City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/10/2007 for CAG-07-107, Maplewood Creek Sediment Basin 2007 Cleaning and Maintenance; three bids; engineer's estimate \$56,660.67; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Clearcreek Contractors, in the amount of \$84,743.80. Council concur.
- CAG: 07-118, N 26th St/Park Pl N Storm System, Northwest Infrastructure City Clerk reported bid opening on 7/10/2007 for CAG-07-118, N. 26th St./Park Pl. N. Storm System; four bids; engineer's estimate \$167,550; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Northwest Infrastructure, Inc., in the amount of \$175,693.56. Council concur.
- Finance: Water Shut Off Charge Adjustments for Special Circumstances Finance and Information Services Department requested approval to adjust the \$60 water shut off charges on utility accounts under special circumstances. Refer to Finance Committee.
- Plat: Phung, Lynnwood Ave NE, PP-07-027 Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Phung Preliminary Plat; two single-family homes on a 0.49-acre lot located at 2604 Lynnwood Ave. NE. Council concur.
- Added Item 6.j.** Transportation: Railroad Bridges Construction, BNSF Railway Company Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a second letter of agreement with BNSF Railway Company regarding construction of the Hardie Ave. S., Rainier Ave. S., and Shattuck Ave. S. railroad bridges. Renton will provide funding up to a total project expenditure level of \$8,950,000. Council concur.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED INCLUDING ADDED ITEM 6.j. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

Appointment: Library Board

Community Services Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in Mayor Keolker's appointment of Tyler Morse to the Library Board for a two-year term expiring 6/1/2009. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY LAW, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

Resolution #3892

Vacation: 128th Ave SE, Newforth, VAC-07-003

A resolution was read setting a public hearing date on 8/6/2007 to vacate a portion of unopened 128th Ave. SE, south of NE 4th St. (Petitioner: Newforth, LLC). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3893

Vacation: Whitworth Ave S, TEAM Properties, VAC-07-002

A resolution was read setting a public hearing date on 8/6/2007 to vacate the southern most portion of Whitworth Ave. S., north of the existing railroad right-of-way (Petitioner: TEAM Properties, LLC). MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Airport: Air Traffic Increase Due to Boeing Field Maintenance

Councilmember Palmer indicated that Talbot Hill-area residents will also be affected by the noise associated with the increase in air traffic at the Renton Airport due to maintenance at Boeing Field, in addition to the Mercer Island and Kennydale residents as reported in the Administrative Report.

Development Services: Clover Creek Homeowners Association, Building Practices & City Inspections

In response to Councilmember Palmer's inquiry regarding the status of the investigation regarding the building practices and City inspections associated with the Clover Creek subdivision, Assistant City Attorney Fontes replied that the City Attorney's office is still working on the memo to Council.

Planning: The Landing Project

Councilman Corman expressed concern that the developer of The Landing project may be scaling back on the architectural features of the project, and that one of the anchor tenants is not who the Council preferred as an anchor tenant. He recommended that The Landing project be discussed as an emerging issue by the Committee of the Whole. Council President Nelson indicated that the item can be discussed during emerging issues at next week's Committee of the Whole meeting.

Fire: Sprinkler System Requirements for Single-Family Residences

Councilmember Corman noted the lawsuit that was filed against the City relating to a sprinkler system requirement for a single-family residence and he suggested that further discussion is needed on the matter. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate venue for discussing the lawsuit, the question of when sprinkler systems are required for single-family homes, the importance of educating the public on the requirements, and the interest for more information about sprinkler system requirements for single-family residences.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:46 p.m.

Recorder: Michele Neumann
July 16, 2007