RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 10, 2008
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro tem Palmer 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, Mayor Pro tem; RANDY CORMAN, GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER; KING PARKER. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS TERRI BRIERE AND DON PERSSON. CARRIED.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

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; DEPUTY CHIEF MARK PETERSON, Fire Department; COMMANDER KENT CURRY, Police Department.

PUBLIC HEARING
Budget: 2009 Annual City of Renton

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Pro tem Palmer opened the public hearing to consider the City of Renton 2009 budget.

Finance and Information Services Administrator Iwen Wang summarized the budget deliberation process and reported that the total proposed budget for 2009 is $251,658,823. She stated that the general governmental portion of the budget is $101,568,854. Regarding revenue, Ms. Wang reported that an increase of one percent is proposed for the property tax levy, and that a four percent revenue increase for water and wastewater utilities is also proposed, with no increase for surface water utilities.

Public comment was invited.

Leo Eineker (Renton) King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) Board member, explained his reasons for serving the board and stated that KCSARC provided assistance this year to 110 Renton residents, 51 of who were children or teenagers, at no cost to the individuals. He pointed out that KCSARC also provided educational resources to 200 Renton residents in 2007. Mr. Eineker estimated KCSARC's costs of serving the Renton community to be approximately $200,000 and noted that the City provides about 20% of the funding. Mr. Eineker expressed concern regarding a proposed 18% reduction in funding for 2009, and commented that reductions in funding will cause KCSARC to reduce its services to people who need it the most.

Bill Block (King County), Project Director for the Committee to End Homelessness in King County, stated that the Committee has worked hard with South County cities to address the needs of local communities. Mr. Block remarked the Crisis Clinic Line (2-1-1) has seen requests for rental assistance go up 53%, requests for heat and light assistance go up 20%, and that overall calls are up 11% since 3rd quarter 2007. He noted that 62% percent of all calls in Renton are related to housing needs. He requested that Council keep these facts in mind, and stated that the true test of a community is how we help those who are most vulnerable when we ourselves are most stressed.

There being no further public comment, it was MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. CARRIED.

Chief Administrative Officer Covington explained that the human services allocation process was revamped four years ago and that the City received more than $780,000 in requests against an anticipated allocation of just under $484,000 this fiscal year. He pointed out that this year's funding recommendations include a recommendation to provide more funding to the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, Renton Area Youth and Family Services, and the Washington Women's Employment and Education agencies, if more money becomes available. Mr. Covington noted that this has been a tough budget year, and that the City is, for the first time, looking at potential service impacts to police, fire, and street maintenance. He emphasized that the City has great sympathy for the needs of human services agencies, and will continue to look to find ways to leverage City resources against other resources in the community.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Johnson - Access Bus Parking

Arland "Buzz" Johnson (Renton) remarked that the loading zone signs in front of Spencer Court (Senior Community) are located too high for people to see and stated that because of this, people believe the spaces are regular parking spots. He commented that this leaves no room for the Access Bus to load and unload passengers. Mayor Pro tem Palmer suggested that Mr. Johnson speak to Public Works Administrator Zimmerman regarding this matter.

Citizen Comment: Sword - Valley View Mobile Home Park

Hallie Sword (Renton) stated that residents of the Valley View Mobile Home Park will be getting organized to speak to Council about their housing options at the beginning of next year. She expressed appreciation for Council's concern and submitted two letters from park residents (Hung Van Pham and Danh Cao Dinh) regarding their housing situations.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council Meeting Minutes of 11/3/2008

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 11/3/2008. Council concur.

CED: 2008 Neighborhood Program Grants

Community and Economic Development Department reported submission of nine grant applications for the 2008 Neighborhood Grant Program (second round), and of those recommended funding of three projects and three newsletters in the total amount of $4,972. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Fire: Emergency Management Performance Grant, WA State Military Department, Budget Amendment

Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended approval of an agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant funds in the amount of $85,840, to support the emergency management program. Council concur. (See page 379 for ordinance.)

Plat: Kelseys Crossing Preliminary Plat, SE 192nd St, PP-08-069

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of Kelsey's Crossing Preliminary Plat; 13 single-family lots on 2.13 acres located in the vicinity of SE 192nd St. and 120th Ave. SE (PP-08-069). Council concur.

Transportation: Commute Trip Reduction Regulations Update

Transportation Systems Division recommended adoption of updated Commute Trip Reduction regulations and 2007 Commute Trip Reduction Plan to reflect State mandated changes. Council concur. (See page 379 for resolution and ordinance.)

Utility: Water Line Protection & Relocation, SR 167 & I-405, Bilfinger/Tri-State Joint Venture

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of $200,500 with Bilfinger/Tri-State Joint Venture for the protection and relocation of existing water lines in SR 167 and I-405 as part of the I-405, I-5 to SR 169, Stage 1 Widening project. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE CONSENT AGENDA. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Committee of the Whole
Budget: 2009 Annual City of Renton

Council President Pro tem Corman presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending concurrence in the following 2009 Budget recommendations:

Property Tax Levy: A revised preliminary property tax worksheet provided by King County has an estimated property tax of $30,428,206, based on $246,626 in 1% levy base increase, $1,180,955 in new construction levy, $4,045,797 in annexation levy, and $292,254 in re-levying of prior year refunds. The actual increase in the base levy when compared with the amount actual levied in 2008 is an increase of 0.76%.

The new construction and state public utility levy will not be finalized until near the end of December. Therefore, the Committee recommended authorization for the 2009 levy in the higher amount of $31,000,000 to ensure the City receives the full amount allowed under the state statute.

Utility Rate Increases: The Committee recommended that water and wastewater rates be increased by an amount that would provide a 4% overall revenue increase to fund the operation, maintenance, and improvements to the systems. Also included in the recommended rate increases is the amount necessary to fully fund the rate increase imposed by King County Metro for sewer treatment.

Other Rates and Fees: Other rate and fee adjustments that are currently being considered and/or have previously gone through the public hearing and Council approval process, such as recreation and golf course fees, as well as solid waste rates, are integral to the 2009 budget.

2009 Budget: The Committee recommended a total 2009 Budget appropriation of $251,658,823.

Budget Related Ordinances: The Committee further recommended that the following ordinance regarding these matters be presented for first reading:
1. Property Tax ordinance
2. Utility Rate ordinance
3. 2009 Budget ordinance

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 379 and 380 for ordinances.)

Transportation (Aviation) Committee
Lease: Aerodyne, Airport, LAG-84-006

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve a lease rate increase using a recent market appraisal and approve a change in the size of the leased area for Aerodyne, LLC. The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the addendum to the lease agreement with Aerodyne, LLC (LAG-84-006). MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Public Works: Capital Improvement Deferrals Cost Contribution

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to establish a cost contribution toward City capital improvement projects of properties in which frontage improvements have been deferred by restrictive covenant in an amount consistent with the payment of fee-in-lieu of street improvements, as established by RMC 4-9-060C.9.d. Owners of such properties would also have an option of paying the contribution over a ten-year period with three percent annum interest

applied. Owners of such properties must make their first payment within the first year after being notified of the assessment. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page for 380 ordinance.)

Planning & Development Committee

CED: Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Amendments & Liberty Square Apartments Application

Planning and Development Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to:

1. Adopt an ordinance to amend the Exemption by modifying the deadline for submitting an application.
2. Approve the submittal of an Exemption application for the Liberty Square Apartments (a.k.a. Fifth & Williams)

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 380 for ordinance.)

CED: 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Planning and Development Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of the following 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and that the ordinances be prepared for first reading:

- **2008-M-01 Lake Washington Boulevard**. Re-designate and rezone four properties along Lake Washington Blvd. to be included in the Urban Center North (UC-N) land use designation, with Urban Center North 2 zoning.
- **2008-M-02 Business District Overlays**. Amend the Comprehensive Plan and Renton Municipal Code to expand the regulations that are currently only applicable within designated business districts to all Commercial Arterial zoned properties. This proposal includes code and map amendments to ensure compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.
- **2008-M-03 Benson Hill Correction**. Re-designate and rezone three parcels in commercial use in the Benson Hill area. These parcels were incorrectly zoned in 2008, and should be in Commercial Corridor land use designation and Commercial Arterial zoning.
- **2008-M-04 Petrovitsky-Fairwood-Red Mill**. Amends Comprehensive Plan designations in this area to be consistent with current uses and consistent with Renton Comprehensive Plan policies.
- **2008-T-01 Housekeeping Updates**. Amends the Comprehensive Plan to correct errors, update information that has changed based on annexations, and to reflect the adoption of other plans and policies by the City Council during the last year.
- **2008-T-02 Community Planning**. That portion of the amendment that streamlines the Lane Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan by reassigning land use policies that belong in other elements, eliminating redundant policies, and re-wording policies for clarification.

The Planning and Development Committee further recommended sending the following amendment to the Committee of the Whole for further comment and recommendation:

- **2008-T-02 Community Planning**. That portion of the amendment that creates a new Community Planning Element to guide the proposed Community Planning Initiative beginning in 2009.

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

Finance Committee
Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Substitute-Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 278067 - 278423 and two wire transfers totaling $5,716,063.71; and approval of 126 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 785 direct deposits totaling $2,608,195.68. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Community Services: 2009 Golf Course Fees

Finance Committee Substitute-Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to increase certain Golf Course fees and Club Rental fees to cover the cost of services. The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 380 for ordinance.)

Lease: Park & Ride Garage Agreement, City Center Parking Garage, King County

Finance Committee Substitute-Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign Amendment One to the lease agreement (LAG-04-003) with King County for parking spaces at the City Center Municipal Parking Garage. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

RESOLUTION #3982
Transportation: Commute Trip Reduction Regulations Update

A resolution was read adopting the 2007 City of Renton Commute Trip Reduction Plan, including policies for major employers in Renton, to satisfy the Commute Trip Reduction requirements of state law. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 11/17/2008 for second and final reading:

Fire: Emergency Management Performance Grant, WA State Military Department, Budget Amendment

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by increasing Fund 000 by $50,840 for the purpose of supplemental funding to support the City's emergency management program. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/17/2008. CARRIED.

Transportation: Commute Trip Reduction Regulations Update

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 13, Commute Trip Reduction, of Title X (Traffic), of City Code, by incorporating recent legislative and administrative changes to the State of Washington's Commute Trip Reduction Program as required by RCW 70.94.527. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/17/2008. CARRIED.

Budget: 2009 Annual City of Renton

An ordinance was read adopting the annual budget for the year 2009 in the total amount of $251,658,823. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/17/2008. CARRIED.

Budget: 2009 Property Tax Levy

An ordinance was read establishing the property tax levy for the year 2009 for both general purposes and for voter-approved bond issues. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/17/2008. CARRIED.

Utility: 2009 Rates	An ordinance was read amending Chapter 4, Water, and Chapter 5, Sewer, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation), of City Code, to allow for adjustments to current utility rates. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/17/2008. CARRIED.
Community Services: 2009 Golf Course Fees	An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Fee Schedule, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations), of City Code, by increasing certain golf course green fees and club rental fee. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/17/2008. CARRIED.
CED: Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption Amendments & Liberty Square Apartments Application	An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, by modifying the application deadline for multi-family housing property tax exemptions. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/17/2008. CARRIED.
Public Works: Capital Improvement Deferrals Cost Contribution	An ordinance was read amending Chapter 9, Permits - Specific, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code, by adding a provision to make uniform the amount of cost contribution toward City capital projects required of properties for which frontage improvements have been deferred by restrictive covenant. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/17/2008. CARRIED.
	The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:
ORDINANCE #5417 Development Services: Vested Projects Established Fee Rates, King County	An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations), of City Code by adding an exception for projects vested in the County to land use review fees. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.
ORDINANCE #5418 Utility: 2009 Solid Waste Rates	An ordinance was read amending Chapter 1, Garbage, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation), of City Code, related to year 2009 Services and Utility Rates for all customer classes. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.
ORDINANCE #5419 CED: Housing Opportunity Fund Establishment	An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget to appropriate and transfer $200,000 from the General Fund (000) to the newly created Housing Opportunity Fund (326). MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.
ORDINANCE #5420 Police: Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Grant, Additional Employee, & 2008 Budget Amendment	An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by allocating funds from a grant from the State of Washington, Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority, in the amount of $70,962 to fund 000/008 General Fund - Police Department; authorizing the addition of a full-time Investigator; and adding the position to the 2008 Budget index of positions. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Council: Committee on Committees

Council President-Elect Corman announced that the Committee on Committees members will be comprised of himself, Council President Pro tem-Elect Persson, and Council President Palmer.

Development Services: Tree Cutting Permits & Enforcement Methods

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPIC OF TREE CUTTING PERMITS AND ENFORCEMENT METHODS TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR A BRIEFING. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment: Marczewski - Private Road Maintenance (Cedar Ridge Dr SE)

Stanley Marczewski (Renton) stated that he delivered a letter regarding the repaving of Cedar Ridge Dr. SE to the City on 6/6/2008. He remarked that even though the response was not what he had expected, repaving of Cedar Ridge Dr. SE began on 10/22/2008 and was completed on 10/24/2008. Mr. Marczweski expressed appreciation for the courteousness and professionalism he received while working with City officials and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:51 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Jason Seth
November 10, 2008

RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR
Office of the City Clerk
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 10, 2008

COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN	DATE/TIME	AGENDA
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (Corman)	MON., 11/17 4:30 p.m.	Council Policy #800-04 - Council Correspondence & Agenda; 2009 Council Committee Assignments
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Palmer)	MON., 11/17 5:30 p.m.	SCORE (South County Jail) Facility Briefing; Emerging Issues - Regional Updates from Council ***7th Floor Conferencing Center***
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Briere)	MON., 11/17 4:00 p.m.	2008 Neighborhood Grant Program (second round)
FINANCE (Persson)	MON., 11/17 3:30 p.m.	City Attorney's Office (briefing only)
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Parker)		
PUBLIC SAFETY (Taylor)	MON., 11/17	CANCELED
TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) (Corman)		
UTILITIES (Zwicker)		

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