

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 17, 2008
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**

MARCIE PALMER, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; GREG TAYLOR; RICH ZWICKER; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER TERRI BRIERE. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; IWEN WANG, Finance and Information Services Administrator; ERIKA CONKLING, Senior Planner; FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, and DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE, Fire Department; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDGRIDE, Police Department.

PUBLIC HEARING

Finance: Impact Fees,
Issaquah, Kent & Renton
School Districts

This being the date set and proper notices having been posted and published in accordance with local and State laws, Mayor Law opened the public hearing to consider the collection of impact fees for the Issaquah, Kent and Renton School Districts. Community and Economic Development Administrator Alex Pietsch introduced Senior Planner Erika Conkling.

Ms. Conkling stated that the impact fees only affect new development being constructed within the City of Renton. She explained that the money collected can only be used towards school district Capital Facilities and not for ongoing operations or maintenance. Ms. Conkling remarked that each school district is required to adopt a Capital Facilities Plan and the plans authorize collection of the fees to offset anticipated growth within each district.

Ms. Conkling stated that the City of Renton collects an impact fee only for single-family units for the Issaquah School District. She clarified that this is due to the fact that Issaquah's service area within Renton only allows single-family units. Ms. Conkling further reported that the Issaquah School District has requested a reduction of \$526 to their current fee, lowering it to \$5,495. She noted that the school district also requested a reduction to their fee last year.

Ms. Conkling reported that the Kent School District is requesting an impact fee of \$5,304 per new single-family unit, an increase of \$196 from last year. She stated that the school district is also requesting a \$3,266 fee for new multi-family units, an increase of \$120 from last year.

Regarding the Renton School District, Ms. Conkling reported that an impact fee is being requested of \$3,651 per new single-family unit and \$1,857 per new multi-family unit. She noted that the Renton School District has not previously requested collection of a fee on their behalf, but they now anticipate more growth than they can accommodate. She remarked that a new elementary school is proposed within the next six years, and new facilities across-the-board are anticipated to be necessary within twenty years.

Concluding, Ms. Conkling stated that all three of the school districts are responding to growth by proposing improvements to schools that are serving Renton residents. She noted that assessment of the full impact fees ensures that those who contribute to growth pay a fair share of growth-related costs. She stated that staff recommends adoption of the requested fees after review by the Finance Committee.

Responding to Councilmember Corman's inquiry, Ms. Conkling stated that the date of application, assuming that the application is complete, determines when a project is vested. She clarified that any projects submitted after the newly proposed impact fees are adopted are subject to the new fees.

Public comment was invited.

Gwenn Escher-Derdowski (Kent), Planning Administrator for the Kent School District, expressed support for the district's Capital Facilities plan. She stated that the Kent School District is the fourth largest district in the state and serves residents in Covington, Kent, Renton, Auburn, Maple Valley, Sea-Tac, Black Diamond, and unincorporated King County. Ms. Escher-Derdowski remarked that construction is in progress for the replacement of Panther Lake Elementary School, and Phase II renovation of Mill Creek Middle School and Technology Academy is also in progress. She stated that additional classroom space was added to Kentlake High School, and additional space is under construction at Kent Meridian High School. She remarked that in addition to the current projects, a proposed new elementary school is planned for construction in 2011 or later. She noted that the Kent School District makes a voluntary reduction to the impact fee formula to hold it within the limits of the Consumer Price Index. She stated that without this adjustment the fee for single-family units would be \$10,700 and for multi-family units it would be \$7,700.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ALLOW THE SPEAKER FIVE ADDITIONAL MINUTES. CARRIED.

Concluding, Ms. Escher-Derdowski stated that impact fees have made a significant contribution to school district construction programs, saving taxpayers money.

Richard Moore (Renton) stated that this is the first time the Renton School District has ventured into impact fees, and that their focus for collecting the fees is student safety. He stated that the funds will be used to create safe walkways with lights and improved sidewalks. Mr. Moore also stated that the fee was carefully calculated to make it as manageable for new homeowners as possible.

Correspondence was read from Jacob Kuper, Chief of Finance and Operations for the Issaquah School District, supporting the proposed adoption of their 2009 impact fees and Capital Facilities Plan.

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

Councilmember Parker requested that the school district Capital Facilities Plans be made available for Council review prior to the Finance Committee meeting.

ADDED**PROCLAMATION**

Buy and Celebrate Local Day -
11/28/2008

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring the day of November 28, 2008, to be "Buy and Celebrate Local Day" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to support and enjoy the locally owned organizations in our community. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Council Meeting Minutes of
11/10/2008

Approval of Council meeting minutes of 11/10/2008. Council concur.

Legislature: 2009 Council
Agenda & Statement of Policy
Positions

Community and Economic Development Department recommended approval of the 2009 State Legislative Agenda and Statement of Policy Positions, which serve as guidance for City staff during the State legislative session. Refer to Committee of the Whole.

CED: Graffiti Control

Community and Economic Development Department recommended setting a public hearing on 12/1/2008 to consider the proposed Graffiti Control ordinance. Refer to Public Safety Committee.

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

Community and Economic Development Department submitted a 60% Petition to Annex for the proposed Mackay Annexation and recommended a public hearing be set on 12/1/2008 to consider the petition; 7.39 acres located west of 148th Ave. SE, south of NE 26th St. Council concur.

Community Services: Fire
Station #11 Station Upgrades,
Wagner Architects

Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$30,000 with Wagner Architects for design services for station upgrades at Fire Station #11. Refer to Finance Committee.

Community Services: 2008
Holiday Lights Program, Sun
Lighting

Community Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$69,385 with Sun Lighting for the 2008 Holiday Lights program. Council concur.

Plat: Alder Crossing, NE 4th
St, FP-08-108

Development Services Division recommended approval, with conditions, of the Alder Crossing Final Plat (formerly Westcoast Plat); 60 single-family lots on 10.82 acres located between Hoquiam Ave. NE and Field Ave. NE on NE 4th St. Council concur. (See page 389 for resolution.)

Finance: Mail Service, Postal
Express

Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$41,386.50 with Postal Express for daily pick-up, delivery, and postage metering of mail. Council concur.

Fire: Equipment Purchases,
Department of Homeland
Security Grant, Budget
Amendment

Fire and Emergency Services Department recommended approval to amend the 2008 Budget to accept \$509,900 from the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighter Grant program for new equipment purchases. The City's share is \$138,615.09. Council concur. (See page 390 for ordinance.)

Transportation: Bridge Work
Agreement, WSDOT

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a Bridge Work Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to utilize the bridge maintenance services offered by their Northwest Regional Bridge Maintenance Unit. Council concur. (See page 389 for resolution.)

Transportation: Bridge
Inspection & Maintenance
Services, King County

Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of an interlocal agreement with King County to utilize services offered by the King County Road Services Division to include bridge inspection and maintenance services. Council concur. (See page 389 for resolution.)

Utility: Water Rights Certification, Pacific Groundwater Group

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$24,750 with Pacific Groundwater Group for consultant services related to water rights certification for the Maplewood wellfield. Council concur.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Services Committee

CED: 2008 Neighborhood Program Grants

Community Services Committee Vice-Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the following grant awards:

- 1. **South Union Neighborhood Association** - The project consists of planting drought tolerant shrubs along SE 4th St. and Union Ave. NE. **\$269**
- 2. **Sunset View Garden Club** - The project consists of placing a "Blue Star Memorial Marker" dedicated to veterans, past and present. **\$890**
- 3. **Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association** - Continue development of a neighborhood urban park with additional gravel, located on Seattle Public Utilities owned right-of-way in Renton. **\$780**

The Committee further recommended approval of funding for the following administrative newsletter applications:

- 1. **Kennydale Neighborhood Association** - Annual costs for a newsletter printed quarterly and distributed door-to-door and by USPS. **\$1,800**
- 2. **South Union Neighborhood Association** - Annual costs for a newsletter printed twice a year and distributed door-to-door and by USPS. **\$952**
- 3. **Summerwind Homeowners' Association** - Annual costs for a newsletter printed and distributed by USPS quarterly. **\$281**

This second round of applications totals \$4,972. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

RESOLUTION #3983

Plat: Alder Crossing, NE 4th St, FP-08-108

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read approving the Alder Crossing Final Plat (formerly Westcoast Plat); approximately 10.82 acres located between Hoquiam Ave. NE and Field Ave. NE on NE 4th St. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #3984

Transportation: Bridge Work Agreement, WSDOT

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding repair of City-owned bridges. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION #3985

Transportation: Bridge Inspection & Maintenance Services, King County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with King County for provision of services by the King County Road Services Division. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 12/1/2008 for second and final reading:

Fire: Equipment Purchases,
Department of Homeland
Security Grant, Budget
Amendment

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by increasing the General Fund (000) by \$509,900 for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the Fire and Emergency Services Department. MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 12/1/2008. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading and adoption:

ORDINANCE #5421

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

An ordinance was read amending the 2008 Budget by increasing the General Fund (000) by \$50,840 for the purpose of supplemental funding to support the City's emergency management program. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5422

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 ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5423

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 PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5424

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 PERSSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5425

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 TAYLOR, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5426

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 CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5427

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 ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

ORDINANCE #5428

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 ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Council: Meeting Cancellation (11/24/2008)

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL CANCEL THE 11/24/2008 COUNCIL MEETING. CARRIED.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Mark - Human Service Funding

Alisha Mark (Renton), King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) Board member, stated that KCSARC received an 18% reduction in funding for 2009. She remarked that this could mean that five families may go without help next year. Ms. Mark commented that both KCSARC and Renton Area Youth and Family Services (RAYS) received budget reductions and both are long-standing community agencies. She reported that during the first six months of 2008 KCSARC assisted over 110 victims of sexual assault, 51 of who were children or teens, at no cost to the victims.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:39 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Jason Seth
November 17, 2008

RENTON CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR
Office of the City Clerk
COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 2008

COMMITTEE/CHAIRMAN	DATE/TIME	AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (Palmer)	MON., 11/24	NO MEETINGS (CANCELED)
	MON., 12/1 4:00 p.m.	Graffiti/Vandalism; Downtown Wayfinding; 2009 Legislative Priorities; Community Planning Comprehensive Plan Amendment; Year-end Ordinance Clean-up
COMMUNITY SERVICES (Briere)	MON., 12/1	CANCELED
FINANCE (Persson)	THURS., 11/20 2:30 p.m.	Vouchers; Identity Theft Prevention Program - Red Flag Policy; Fire Station #11 Station Upgrades Design Services Contract with Wagner Architects
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT (Parker)	THURS., 11/20 3:30 p.m.	Title IV (Development Regulations) Docket Item re: Mobile Food Vendors
PUBLIC SAFETY (Taylor)	MON., 12/1 3:30 p.m.	Graffiti Control Ordinance
TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) (Corman)	THURS., 11/20 4:00 p.m.	Regional and Local Transportation Issues (briefing only); Airport Fuel Flowage Fees
UTILITIES (Zwicker)	THURS., 11/20	CANCELED

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.