

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

May 4, 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; MARCIE PALMER; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRIE BRIERE; RICH ZWICKER; GREG TAYLOR.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; JASON SETH, Deputy City Clerk; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS, DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT VAN HORNE and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, Fire Department; COMMANDER PAUL CLINE, Police Department.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORT**

Public Safety: H1N1 Influenza  
Virus (Swine Flu) Briefing

Fire Chief/Emergency Services Administrator Daniels reported that although there are 28 confirmed cases of the flu in King County, one of which is in Renton, none are for the H1N1 flu, known as swine flu. He reported that the symptoms of swine flu are virtually the same as the regular flu and include a roughly 100 degree temperature, body aches, vomiting, and diarrhea. Chief Daniels stated the virus is contagious but it is preventable and that the medication Tamiflu is being used to treat sick people, but is not used to prevent the illness. He also clarified that the word pandemic refers to the spread of the virus, not the severity.

Chief Daniels reported that the King County Public Health Department has established a command center at their downtown Seattle location and is providing every-other-day briefings. He explained that the City does not have its own Public Health Department, so by design, the Fire and Emergency Services Department takes the lead during these types of situations.

Emergency Management Director Needham reported that in response to the H1N1 virus, the City is following public health recommendations regarding prevention and public messaging. She stated that a link to the Public Health Department's swine flue webpage has been placed on the homepage of the City's website. Ms. Needham also reported that the City's first responders have elevated the amount of personal protective equipment used, as recommended when encountering infectious diseases in the community. She remarked that a pandemic flu element will be added to the City's continuity of operations plan.

Ms. Needham outlined the Center for Disease Control's public health recommendations concerning infectious diseases as follows:

1. If you are sick stay home from work or school;
2. Seek medical care only if you are sick enough that you would normally see your healthcare provider;
3. Cover you nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze and throw the tissue in the trash after you use it;

4. Wash hands often with soap and water; if you do not have access to soap and water and cannot wash for at least 20 to 30 seconds, use a 60% or greater alcohol based hand sanitizer instead;
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth;
6. Avoid close contact with sick people.

Ms. Needham stated that the influenza virus is a contagious illness, it is circulating through the community, and it is likely that there will be more cases in the future. She stated that the Public Health Department has established a hotline to answer questions regarding the H1N1 virus and it is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-877-903-KING (5464).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Council Meeting Minutes of 4/27/2009

Approval of Council Meeting minutes of 4/27/2009. Council concur.

Utility: Release of Drainage Easement Request, Jim Hanson

City Clerk submitted application for release of drainage easement by Jim Hanson, consisting of approximately 1,010 square feet located in the vicinity of Monterey Ave. NE and NE 24th St. Refer to Utilities Committee.

CED: City Center Community Plan, MAKERS architecture + urban design

Community and Economic Development Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$34,350 with MAKERS architecture + urban design to develop a framework City Center Community Plan. Refer to Finance Committee.

CED: 2009 Neighborhood Program Grants

Community and Economic Development Department reported submission of grant applications for the 2009 Neighborhood Grant Program and recommended funding fourteen projects and six newsletters totaling \$50,660, and authorizing a second round of funding with a deadline of 10/9/2009. Refer to Community Services Committee.

CED: Renton Small Business Development Center, Renton Technical College MOU

Community and Economic Development Department recommended approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Renton Technical College for services and funding in the amount of \$25,000 to continue the work of the Renton Small Business Development Center. Council concur.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED. Councilmember Zwicker abstained.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 282658 - 283004 and one wire transfer totaling \$2,668,810.26; and approval of zero Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and zero direct deposits totaling \$1,126,281.27. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Citizen Comment: LeFevre - Two-Hour Parking in Downtown Renton

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER THE EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE FROM LURA LEFEVRE REGARDING TWO-HOUR PARKING IN DOWNTOWN RENTON TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

Transportation: Trails and Bicycle Master Plan

Council President Corman stated that he would like City staff to be prepared to answer what affect, if any, the \$3 million settlement King County agreed to pay a bicyclist for injuries sustained while utilizing a trail, will have on the City's Trails and Bicycle Master Plan at the 5/11/2009 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Citizen Comment: Wheeler -  
Speed Limit on 116th Ave SE

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY ZWICKER, COUNCIL REFER THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM MARCIA WHEELER REGARDING THE RECENT SPEED LIMIT INCREASE ON 116TH AVE. SE TO PUGET DR. S. TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

Councilmember Zwicker pointed out that the Transportation (Aviation) Committee recently reviewed the issue and had recommended the speed limit increase.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT**

Citizen Comment: Dideon -  
2009 Neighborhood Program  
Grants

Scott Dideon (Renton), Treasure, Maple Ridge Estates Homeowners' Association (HOA), expressed concern over the \$82,000 budget request for the 2009 Neighborhood Grant Program. He explained that his HOA is responsible for budgeting for their maintenance projects and have set aside \$10,000 to re-do the entrance signage for their community. Mr. Dideon stated that a local sign contractor remarked that the City hands out "free money" for projects and that their HOA should take advantage of the program. Mr. Dideon opined that this should be the responsibility of local homeowners' associations, not the City's, and encouraged Council to re-assess the value of the Neighborhood Program in light of current economic conditions.

Council discussion ensued regarding the grant approval process, the amount of sweat equity neighborhoods must provide to receive funds, the fact that many projects for small subdivisions or neighborhood infrastructure improvements have been declined in the past, the program's merit as a method of getting neighbors to work together for the betterment of the entire community, and that the program is not just for neighborhoods that have homeowners' associations.

Citizen Comment: Osborne -  
2009 Neighborhood Program  
Grants

Ross Osborne (Renton), Maple Ridge Estates Homeowners' Association (HOA) board member, encouraged reducing levels of funding for the Neighborhood Grant Program. He opined that funding for neighborhood newsletters which go directly to associations that collect dues should be cut or reduced.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 7:26 p.m.

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Bonnie I Walton, CMC, City Clerk

Jason Seth, Recorder  
May 4, 2009