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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2:00 P.M., Monday, October 28, 2013

City Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada

Call to Order (Time: 2:00 p.m.)

1. The regular meeting of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Mayor Geno Martini at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call (Time: 2:00 p.m.)

Mayor Geno Martini, Council Members Julia Ratti, Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, Mike Carrigan, Ron Schmitt, City Attorney Chet Adams, City Manager Shaun Carey and City Clerk Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: None

Staff Present: Tom Garrison, Andy Hummel, John Martini, Neil Krutz, Jeff Cronk, Armando Ornelas, Tracy Domingues, Steve Driscoll, Adam Mayberry, Mike Drinkwater, Brian Miller, Dan Marran, Rich Brown, George Graham, Shirle Eiting

Invocation Speaker (Time: 2:01 p.m.)

Mayor Martini called for a moment of silence for the victims, families and all those affected by the Sparks Middle School tragedy last Monday.

Pledge of Allegiance (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ed Lawson.

Comments from the Public (Time: 2:04 p.m.)

Ronald Magee commented on the school incident, Marina crosswalks, and flying the flag in a mobile home park.

Approval of the Agenda (Time: 2:03 p.m.)

Consideration of taking items out of sequence, deleting items and adding items which require action upon a finding that an emergency exists.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

3. **Recommendation to Approve Minutes of September 30, 2013 & October 14, 2013**
(Time: 2:07 p.m.)

3.1 Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the Sparks City Council Workshop for September 30, 2013 and the regular Sparks City Council Meeting for October 14, 2013

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the minutes of the Sparks City Council Workshop for September 30, 2013 and the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2013 as outlined by staff. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

4. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest
(Time: 2:12 p.m.)

4.1 Energy Fit Nevada Update Presentation by Denee Evans (Time: 2:12 p.m.)

Energy Fit Nevada consultant Neal Van Citters presented a power point on the progress and results in the City of Sparks and throughout Nevada.

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- 7.7 Million kWh of projected savings
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At the conclusion, Council Member Mike Carrigan commented on service issues on the phone and with the EnergyFit Nevada web site.

4.2 Truckee River Flood Management Authority's Update on the Project Elements of the 100-year Local Rate Plan (LRP). Presented by Jay Aldean, Executive Director Truckee River Flood Management Authority (Time: 2:17 p.m.)

Truckee River Flood Management Authority Executive Director Jay Aldean provided an update to the Council on the project elements of the 100-year plan.

Truckee River Flood Management Authority

Combined Prelim Engineering Contract

- TRFMA hired HDR to design/engineer the Local Interest Plan (LIP) to provide 100-year level of flood protection.
- Value Engineering (VE) workshop was held to brainstorm and evaluate design improvements to add value and lower projects costs.
- Over 140 initial VE suggestions were narrowed to 190 recommendations to carry forward in the LIP design.
- HDR completed the LIP documentation April 2013.

The Problem

- Downtown Reno upstream of Booth Street at Keystone, along Riverside, east to 1st Street
- Water from the south side of the Truckee River, flowing east to 2nd Street in Reno
- The Meadows, with water coming from the north flowing through the industrial area of Sparks and flowing from South Reno, accumulating in front of the TMWRF plant where the North Truckee Drain and Steamboat Creek come together.

Design Criteria for Project

- Provide a minimum of 100-year flood protection
- Adhere to FEMA design principals
- Limit the project cost to a practical and affordable level
- B/C ratio greater than 1
- Maintain the new 100-year floodplain as close as possible to the existing 100-year floodplain
- Plan limited recreational facilities within the footprint of proposed flood facilities
- Minimize neighborhood disturbances
- Mitigate for environmental and hydraulic disturbances
- Seek eligibility for Federal funding through the Corps process

Local Interest Plan Summary of LIP Features

- Truckee Meadows: Hwy 395 to Glendale Avenue
- Truckee Meadows: Glendale Avenue to Greg Street
- Truckee Meadows: Greg Street to Rock Blvd
- Truckee Meadows: Rock Blvd to McCarran Blvd
- Truckee Meadows: UNR Main Station Farm
- Truckee Meadows: McCarran Blvd to Steamboat Creek
- Truckee Meadows: North Truckee Drain Relocation
- Truckee Meadows: Steamboat Creek to 1st RR Bridge
- Hidden Valley at Rosewood Lakes (about 50 homes)
- Lower Truckee River: Rainbow Bend
- Lower Truckee River: Wadsworth

Local Rate Plan

- Includes all LIP features
- Downtown improvements
- Fully compliant with the Design Criteria

Council Member Julia Ratti said the comments were beneficial and thanked Mr. Aldean for explaining the complex details of the 100-year plan.

5. Consent Items (Time: 2:08 p.m.)

Mayor Martini requested Council address consent items prior to the presentations. Council Member Lawson pulled consent item 5.4 for discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Schmitt, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the consent items 5.1 – 5.3 and 5.5 – 5.11. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

5.1 Report of Claims and Bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period September 26, 2013 through October 9, 2013 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Finance Manager Jeff Cronk recommending the City Council approve the report of claims and bills as presented in the staff report.

5.2 Consideration and possible approval of an application for a Gaming license for United Coin Machine Co., dbat Food Mart, located at 1600 Victorian Avenue, Sparks, NV, 89431, submitted by Mr. Robert Alvin Woodson.

An agenda item from Police Chief Brian Allen recommending Council approve a Gaming license for United Coin Machine Co., dbat Food Mart located at 1600 Victorian Avenue, Sparks, Financial impact is approximately \$840.00 annually to the general fund.

5.3 Consideration and possible approval of an application for a Gaming license for Leroy's Horse and Sports Place dba William Hill U.S. dbat Bourbon Square Casino and Hotel, LLC, located at 1040 Victorian Avenue, Sparks, NV, 89431, submitted by Mr. Joseph Max Asher. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Police Chief Brian Allen recommending Council approve a Gaming license for Leroy's Horse and Sports Place dba William Hill U.S. dbat Bourbon Square Casino and Hotel, LLC, located at 1040 Victorian Avenue, Sparks. Financial impact is approximately \$1200.00 annually to the general fund.

5.4 Consideration and possible approval of an application for a Gaming license for Sheltie OpCo, LLC, dba John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks Nugget, located at 1100 Nugget Ave., Sparks, NV, 89431, submitted by Mr. Carlton Geer. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:08 p.m.)

An agenda item from Acting Police Chief Tom Miller recommending Council approve a gaming license for Sheltie OpCo, LLC dba John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks Nugget. Financial impact is approximately \$133,080 annually to the general fund.

Council Member Ed Lawson welcomed Mr. Geer to the community.

Dan Reiser with Lionel, Sawyer and Collins, on behalf of Sheltie LLC introduced Carlton Geer, the new operator of the Sparks Nugget. Mr. Reiser thanked Sparks police staff for their assistance in quickly completing background checks and the necessary formalization to make a seamless and efficient changeover of casino operations. Mr. Geer likewise thanked the city for the warm welcome to the community and for the cooperation leading to the timely transition.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Schmitt, to approve Mr. Geer's application for a gaming license for Sheltie OpCo LLC, dba John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks Nugget, located at 1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks, NV contingent upon the location being inspected and approved by every city, county, district and state agency having jurisdiction over the matter and upon fingerprints being returned from the FBI that do not reflect any disqualifying arrests/convictions. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

5.5 Consideration and possible approval for the Fire Department to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 2014 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) for replacement of the department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Fire Chief Tom Garrison recommending Council approve and direct the fire department to apply for the FEMA 2014 AFG grant to replace its current inventory of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Estimated cost to replace the entire inventory is \$535,500, with the 10% grant match of \$53,550 being the responsibility of the City.

5.6 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the replacement of damaged playground materials at Del Cobre Park. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Contracts and Risk Manager Dan Marran recommending the City Council approve the contract and associated purchases to allow for the replacement of the playground equipment installed at Del Cobre Park and destroyed by fire on July 19, 2013. This item authorizes the replacement of the equipment including the play structure material purchase, the installation of the play structure and replacement of the playground surface of engineered wood chips. The cost difference between the insurance settlement of \$59,016.66 and the requested authorization in this staff report of \$68,610.00 (\$9,593.34) to be paid from the City Risk/Self Insurance fund.

5.7 Consideration and possible approval of a proposal for 2013 Rock Park Monitoring and Reporting Program with JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$150,535. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Utility Manager Andrew Hummel recommending Council approve the proposal for 2013 Rock Park Monitoring and Reporting Program with JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$150,535. This monitoring is a requirement of the Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit obtained for the Rock Park and Pioneer Diversion projects. Funding: \$150,535 in Storm Drains Operating Fund 1640. \$175,000 was approved for Project 14-6700, Pioneer Diversion Monitoring in the FY14 CIP and \$175,000 of budget authority is currently available.

5.8 Consideration and possible approval to join existing National IPA (NIPA) contract for an initial one-year contract with the possibility of four, one-year extensions to Thatcher Company of California to supply Aluminum Sulfate (Alum) to the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF) at a cost of \$368.00 per dry ton. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from TMWRF Operations Manager Todd Saxberg recommending Council approve joining NIPA contract number NIPA4199 for Thatcher Company of California beginning November 1, 2013, expiring October 31, 2014, with the possibility of four (4) one-year renewals for Aluminum Sulfate for TMWRF at a delivered unit price of \$368.00 per dry ton, to be paid from the TMWRF Fund.

5.9 Consideration and possible approval of reimbursement to the City of Reno in the amount of \$63,909.00 for Sparks' share of a bid award to Invensys Operations Management by the City of Reno for the purchase and installation of Distributed Control System Fieldbus Modules and data

**servers at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF).
(FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

An agenda item from WW Systems Analyst Mark Bowman recommending Council approve Sparks' share of the agreement between the City of Reno and Invensys Operations Management for the purchase and installation of Distributed Control System Fieldbus Modules at TMWRF with the reimbursement to the City of Reno equal to \$63,909.00. The Reno City Council authorized the purchase of computer components from Invensys Operations Management for the treatment plant's Distributed Control System Fieldbus Modules and data server in the amount of \$203,727.00. This is the third year of a three-phase upgrade of the computer control system at the treatment plant. Under the cost sharing agreement with the City of Reno for TMWRF operation and maintenance, Sparks will reimburse Reno for 31.37% of the total amount (Sparks' share being \$63,909.00). This project is included in the 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan. The Reno City Council approved Reno's portion of the project on August 28, 2013. Sparks' share will come from the TMWRF Construction Fund.

5.10 Consideration and possible approval of Bid # 13/14-008, for an initial one-year contract with the possibility of four, one-year extensions to Thatcher Company of Nevada, Inc. for the mark-up amount of \$.549 per gallon to supply Methanol to the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF). (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from TMWRF Plant Manager Michael Drinkwater recommending Council approve a contract for Thatcher Company of Nevada, Inc. as submitted. This is a contract beginning November 1, 2013, expiring October 31, 2014, with an option to extend for four (4) additional twelve-month extensions. The last extension of the current contract, entered into on October 27, 2008, expires October 31, 2013. Purchase of methanol was placed for bid on October 1, 2013. Thatcher holds the low bid and meets all the provisions of the bid specifications. Funding is available in the FMWRF fund. There is no impact to the general fund.

5.11 Consideration and possible approval of Impact Fee Agreement #23 with Reno Sun LLC to allow for participation and use of credits in the Service Area Number 1 impact Fee program. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from City Engineer John Martini recommending Council approve the Impact Fee Agreement #23 with Reno Sun LLC. This Agreement is entered into for the Impact Fee Service Area #1 (IFSA#1) impact fee credit program. Impact Fee Agreement #23 is a master agreement that will allow Reno Sun LLC to participate in the impact fee program. Approval of this agreement will allow Reno Sun, LLC to use purchased IFSA#1 Impact Fee Credits. There is no impact to the general fund.

6. General Business

6.1 Consideration and possible approval of the Mayor's appointment of Candice Elder to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:01 p.m.)

An agenda item from City Manager Shaun Carey recommending Council confirm the Mayor's appointment of Candice Elder to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee. One committee appointment to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee is currently available. This appointment has no set term and serves at the pleasure of the City Council. There is no impact to the general fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Candice Elder to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

6.2 Consideration and possible approval of an Agreement between WestCare Nevada Inc., and the City of Sparks relating to the provision of funds for the Community Triage Center. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:02 p.m.)

An agenda item from Housing Specialist George Graham recommending Council approve the funding agreement to supplement operation of the Community Triage Center. The agreement provides funding for WestCare Nevada Inc., to operate the Community Triage Center (CTC) located on the campus for the homeless in downtown Reno (i.e., the Community Assistance Center). \$86,121 has been budgeted from the general fund.

Housing Specialist George Graham distributed a hand-out indicating the annual increased usage at the triage center since 2008 by the homeless and mentally ill.

Mr. Graham said the City of Reno has not yet committed to this regionally-funded project for the current fiscal year. Reno is still considering the \$175,000 cash contribution but at this time has not committed the funds. He said Reno's projected in-kind donation of \$106,000 represented staff time and building space. The in-kind donation likewise has not been approved by Reno.

Council Member Ed Lawson noted the City of Reno has six times the triage center's usage compared to Sparks, yet Sparks is asked to contribute an amount equaling \$20,000 less than Reno's projected in-kind donation. He asked if an in-kind donation would save money for Sparks. Deputy City Manager for Community Services Neil Krutz said in-kind contributions from Sparks would be difficult as Sparks does not have the necessary personnel resources.

Mr. Graham introduced WestCare Area Director Erin Kinnard, who responded to Council Member Ron Smith's question of who will pick up the \$175,000 shortfall if Reno does not fund WestCare as they have in the past. Ms. Kinnard said WestCare will be forced to reduce staff and beds. Ms. Kinnard said Reno's decision is now hitting WestCare at a rate of about \$22,000 per month, which WestCare is floating. She added that Reno's drop in cash contribution could affect their in-kind contributions.

Council Member Julia Ratti asked the Council to take a leadership position and continue the funding because it is financially smart for our city and the region and it's the right thing to do.

Council Member Mike Carrigan said he supports WestCare's efforts and is disappointed that Reno is stepping away from their financial contribution, leaving the City of Sparks and the County to fund the project, when the City of Reno has the largest usage of the program. Mr. Carrigan suggested the City of Reno should step up to the plate and honor their commitment.

Mayor Martini said he supports the triage program because it helps our police department, the public and hospitals. He supports Sparks' participation and believes the city has a moral obligation to support the triage center.

In response to a question from Council Member Ratti, Ms. Kinnard confirmed the state's funding matches for the triage center will be affected by Reno's decision regarding cash funds.

Council Member Ed Lawson requested future funding requests be presented to the City Council prior to the automatic renewal date so the Council can re-evaluate its position, especially in situations like Reno's recent decision to alter past funding practices.

City Manager Shaun Carey asked when and how Sparks could intervene to continue to pursue Reno to fund the center. Ms. Kinnard said Sparks' decision today will help WestCare in their pursuit to gain back the funding from Reno.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to approve the funding agreement between the City of Sparks and WestCare Nevada Inc., for operation of the Community Triage Center. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

6.3 Consideration and possible approval of an agreement to cooperate to sell Parcel "A" of Parcel Map 2773, approximately 1.2 acres in size located on Disc Drive, in conjunction with an adjacent 3-acre parcel owned by David L. Hurt (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:16 p.m.)

An agenda item City Planner Armando Ornelas recommending Council approve the Agreement to Cooperate in the Sale of City Owned Property. This agreement provides for a city-owned parcel 1.2 acres in size directly west of Sparks Fire Station #4 to be offered for sale in conjunction with an adjacent parcel approximately three acres in size, owned by David L. Hurt. The agreement specifies that if an offer for purchase of the combined properties is received by the city and Mr. Hurt, the city shall obtain summary and review appraisals for the city property. If Mr. Hurt agrees to a price, after taking into account the appraised value of the city's property, the city would receive from the sale proceeds an amount equivalent to the appraised value of the city property minus the city's share of closing costs and escrow fees. Sale of the city's property would produce sales proceeds for the city.

City Planner Armando Ornelas explained some terms of the agreement:

- The city will spend no money up front unless an offer is received.
- When an offer is received the city will proceed with an appraisal and an appraisal review.
- The purchaser (Mr. Hurt) could then decide if he agrees with the price.
- The city will get the appraised value, regardless of the offer.
- The city will not be responsible for brokerage commissions.

Council Member Ron Schmitt asked the property's value. Mr. Ornelas estimated the value to be between \$120k to \$180k. Mr. Ornelas said the zoning is public facility; rezoning may warrant commercial use and that could affect the value.

Mr. Ornelas said he does not believe Mr. Hurt is in a position to purchase the property. Mr. Hurt has not indicated a willingness to pay for an appraisal or to go through a rezoning process.

City Attorney Chet Adams provided additional facts for Council's consideration:

- The property was subject to litigation several years ago. Mr. Hurt claimed a permanent right of way over the city's property. The city prevailed.
- Mr. Hurt apparently now has an easement which might affect the sale of the property.

Mr. Adams requested an amendment to the proposed agreement through inner delineation of the last sentence of Paragraph H, page 3 under the heading of Disc Drive to "Mr. Hurt shall neither have nor claim any right, title or interest in that portion of Disc Drive by virtue of this agreement" ... and then continue with the current wording.

Council Member Ron Schmitt said the city is not in the land bank business and has no plans for the subject property. He said it should be in the city's best interest to find a way to put this one-acre deal together.

A motion was made by Council Member Carrigan, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to accept the Agreement to Cooperate in the Sale of City Owned Property with David Hurt and with the change to 3.04 H as recommended by the City Attorney and with a change to request Mr. Hurt to pay for the appraisal, with the city to reimburse appraisal fees upon the sale of the property. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

6.4 Consideration and possible approval of payment totaling \$129,152 to GV, EGC, LLC for Temporary Construction Easements, Storm Drain Pipeline Easement, and Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Facilities Easement for the North Truckee Drain Project. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:29 p.m.)

An agenda item from Utility Manager Andrew Hummel recommending Council approve payment totaling \$129,152 to GV, EGC, LLC for Temporary Construction Easements, Storm Drain Pipeline Easement, and Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Facilities Easement for the North Truckee Drain Project. Construction of the North Truckee Drain realignment project will require substantial acquisition of easements and right-of-way for both construction access and permanent facilities. The property owner associated with this item is affected by the project, and an offer totaling \$129,152 for easements was presented and accepted by the property owner. Funding is from the Storm Drains Capital Fund. There is no impact to the general fund.

City Manager Shaun Carey asked about the construction timeline. Utility Manager Andrew Hummel said the bid date is November 20, so the project could begin at the first of the year.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the payment totaling \$129,152 to GV, EGC, LLC for Easements for the North Truckee Drain Project. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

6.5 First Reading and possible discussion of PCN13019 Bill No. 2662. A voluntary annexation request by MNST Family Trust, in accordance with the City of Sparks 7-year annexation program, for three parcels totaling approximately 2.6 acres in size located at 1990 Country Circle, Sparks, NV. Upon annexation the parcels shall convert from the Washoe County zoning designation of A5 (Agriculture) to a City of Sparks zoning designation of A-5 (Agriculture). (Time: 3:32 p.m.)

An agenda item from Senior Planner Jim Rundle recommending Council instruct the City Clerk to read the First Reading of the Bill by title on October 28, 2013 and thereafter publish notice of a second reading and public hearing of this Bill for its possible adoption and possible approval on November 12, 2013. This request by MNST Family trust is to annex a site approximately 2.6 acres in size into the City of Sparks. This is generally referred to as the "Shadow Mountain Island" and currently exists as a County Island. The request for annexation is 100% voluntary. There is no impact to the general fund.

This is the first reading of bill # 2662. The public hearing and second reading will be conducted at the regular city council meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

6.6 First Reading and possible discussion of CA-3-13 Bill No. 2663 an ordinance amending Title 20.43 of the Sparks Municipal Code to increase the size of accessory structures requiring a building permit from 120 square feet to 200 square feet and other matters properly related thereto. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:33 p.m.)

An agenda item from Senior Planner Jim Rundle recommending Council instruct the City Clerk to read the First Reading of the Bill by title on October 28, 2013 and thereafter publish notice of a second reading and public hearing of this Bill for its possible adoption and possible approval on November 12, 2013. Recently, the City of Sparks updated its code by adopting the 2012 International Building Code. The adoption of the new building code has created an inconsistency with the Zoning Code regarding accessory structures (e.g. sheds) and when a building permit is required. This amendment would reestablish consistency between the building and zoning code. The Planning Commission unanimously forwarded a recommendation of approval at the October 3, 2013 meeting. There is no impact to the general fund.

This is the first reading of bill # 2663. The public hearing and second reading will be conducted at the regular city council meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

7. Public Hearing and Action Items Unrelated to Planning and Zoning – None

8. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items - None

9. Closed Door Sessions - None

10. Comments

10.1 Comments from the Public (Time: 3:33 p.m.) - None

10.2 Comments from City Council and City Manager (Time: 3:33 p.m.)

Council Member Julia Ratti thanked the American Red Cross, who collected holiday cards for veterans across Nevada and encouraged the community to get involved in supporting veterans this holiday season. Ms. Ratti thanked all Sparks staff for their support in the difficult times of the past two weeks, with special note to the City Manager for his leadership during an incredibly challenging time; the Police Department for their professionalism and compassion; the Public Information Officer who had to take the lead on what became a national story and "did the city proud"; and the Parks and Recreation Department who organized a vigil which so many found very comforting and healing.

Council Member Ed Lawson echoed Council Member Ratti's comments and said the Sparks Police Department was awesome. He thanked Adam Mayberry for avoiding the tiger traps anyone could have fallen into that would have made a tragic situation even worse. He said it was handled professionally from start to finish and reminded it's not yet over. He said the community has a lot of healing to get through, but the crisis part went as well as any city could have anticipated. Mr. Lawson thanked the City of Sparks and the citizens for their parts in the situation.

Mayor Geno Martini extended his thanks to all the police departments: the Nevada Highway Patrol, Washoe County Sheriff, Reno Police Department and the School District Police. He commended the teachers at Sparks Middle School, who ushered the kids to safety very quickly, even before the first responders arrived, and kept the shooter out of the building. He said it is difficult to believe something like this can happen in your city and that our northern Nevada people responded with professionalism and compassion.

11. Adjournment (Time: 3:37 p.m.)

Council was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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