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**SPARKS CITY COUNCIL CONCURRENT MEETING  
WITH THE RENO CITY COUNCIL, WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS, AND WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

**8:30 a.m. Monday, May 4, 2015**

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

**1. Call to Order** (Time: 8:30 a.m.)

The regular meeting of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Washoe County Commission Chair Marsha Berkgigler at 8:30 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** (Time: 8:30 a.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by EDAWN President and CEO Mike Kazmierski.

**3. Roll Call** (Time: 8:31 a.m.)

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Smith, Council Members Julia Ratti, Ed Lawson, City Manager Steve Driscoll, City Attorney Chet Adams and City Clerk Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: Mayor Geno Martini, Council Members Charlene Bybee and Ron Schmitt.

Moment of silence for Reno Mayor Shieve and her family during the loss of her father.

**4. Public Comment** (Time: 8:33 a.m.)

Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful representative Christi Cakiroglu discussed Phase 1 of the Truckee River Corridor Management Plan which runs through the City of Reno and requested help and support from the entities.

**5. Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action)**

Consideration of taking items out of sequence, deleting items and adding items which require action upon a finding that an emergency exists. No action taken.

**6. Presentation, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the report from the Economic Planning Impacts Committee (EPIC). (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** (Time: 8:35 a.m.)

An agenda item from EDAWN's President and CEO Mike Kazmierski and a presentation by RCG Economics Principal John Restrepo. Mr. Kazmierski reviewed the "Electrifying New Growth: What does this mean?" interim report on the region's anticipated growth. EPIC has

projected 4.7% growth per year based on Tesla, historical growth and projected growth. The report will be updated in approximately 18 months.

Mr. Restrepo said the economic impact report includes Washoe, Lyon, Storey, Carson and Douglas counties and is broken into 18 EPIC zones. Mr. Restrepo discussed recession recovery trends and the current slow economic recovery activities as they relate to spending, gaming, housing, unemployment and wages. Mr. Restrepo also discussed household, population and job growth.

Discussion included concern with the threats related to the anticipated growth and Mr. Restrepo said as revenue increases, the cost of services and the cost of infrastructure will be a concern and were not covered in the report. Land availability, infrastructure, Interstate 395's limitations, and schools were discussed. The importance of residential, industrial and office spaces was discussed. Concerns with the average cost per home and the average wage needed to be able to purchase that home was discussed as well as various housing types including high density urban.

Council Member Lawson asked Truckee Meadows Regional Planning's Kimberly Robinson to present the 2013 20 year industrial needs analysis to each entity and Ms. Robinson said she will work with each entity to get that scheduled. Ms. Ratti asked if the accelerated growth has just compressed the 20 year plan and Ms. Robinson concurred. Ms. Ratti asked if the Regional Plan update scheduled for 2017 should happen sooner; however Ms. Robinson said the current work to gather data will work well with the 2017 schedule for the update. Council Member Ratti asked if the revenue stream study was available and Mr. Restrepo said it is anticipated the information will be added to the report in about 2 weeks and will reflect current law. Ms. Ratti asked if the report would be updated after the current legislative session to reflect changes and Mr. Restrepo said it would.

Mr. Kazmierski said now that the entities have the information in the report, they can individually review the information and determine the impacts to their entity. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is reviewing the report for the traffic impact. Council Member Duerr discussed continued regional planning with policy direction; Ms. Robinson agreed.

**7. Comments from the Councils, Commissions, Boards or Managers (Time: 9:35 a.m.)**  
Council Member Smith requested RTC be invited to the concurrent meetings. There are several road projects going on in the region. RTC will be leading the I11 route study and entities should be aware of the possible routes of the future interstate.

Commissioner Lucey requested continued discussions on regional planning as economic development advances. Reno Council Member Jardon request TMWA as well as RTC be represented at the next concurrent meeting. Commissioner Hartung would also like information on the current wastewater situation and plans for the future. Reno Council Member Brekhus would like to discuss the root cause of regional conflict. Commissioner Berkgigler commended the regional cooperation and encouraged moving forward with a strong working relationship with the county, cities and school district to address future growth.

**8. Public Comment (Time: 9:40 a.m.)- None**

Reno Council Member Jardon asked if the August meeting could be held sooner. Sparks Council Member Ratti suggested the current process of the Mayors and Chair, along with the Managers, determine the upcoming topics and time for the next concurrent meeting.

**9. Adjournment** (Time: 9:42 a.m.)  
Council was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

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GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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