



MAYOR
Ron Smith

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Donald Abbott, Ward I
Ed Lawson, Ward II
Paul Anderson, Ward III
Charlene Bybee, Ward IV
Kristopher Dahir, Ward V

CITY ATTORNEY
Chet Adams

CITY MANAGER
Neil Krutz

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2:00 P.M., Monday, September 9, 2019

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Mayor Ron Smith, Council Members Donald Abbott, Paul Anderson, Ed Lawson, Charlene Bybee, Kristopher Dahir, City Manager Neil Krutz, Acting City Attorney Alyson McCormick, and Acting City Clerk Lisa Hunderman, PRESENT. City Attorney Chet Adams, ABSENT.

3. Opening Ceremonies

3.1 Invocation Speaker

The invocation was provided by Council Member Kristopher Dahir.

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bybee.

4. Public Comment

Sparks Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee Secretary Marcy Kupfersmith and Chair Lamerne Kozlowski thanked Council and Sparks Police and Fire departments for their support during Senior Fest on September 3, 2019.

Christine Thompson, Community Programs Manager with the Nevada Cancer Coalition provided public comment thanking Council, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Member Andrea Tavener, and Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Domingues for their collaboration and commitment to Vape- and Smoke-free parks and public spaces throughout the city.

5. Agenda

5.1 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.

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as submitted.

Moved by: Council Member Abbott

Seconded by: Council Member Dahir

Yes: Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir
No: None
Abstain: None
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. Minutes

6.1 Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the Sparks City Council meeting for August 26, 2019.

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the Sparks City Council meeting for August 26, 2019.
Moved by: Council Member Bybee
Seconded by: Council Member Lawson
Yes: Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir
No: None
Abstain: None
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest

7.1 Presentation: Washoe County District Board of Health's "Extra Mile Award" to the City of Sparks.

A presentation from Kelli Goatley-Seals with Washoe County Health District presenting the "Extra Mile Award" to Council for going above and beyond to support the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act. Mrs. Goatley-Seals outlined survey results that showed community support for the initiative, and presented the award on behalf of the Washoe County Health District and the Chronic Disease Prevention Program.

7.2 Presentation: Sparks Heritage Museum 2019 Annual Report

A presentation from Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Domingues and Board of Trustees President Dr. Richard C. Simmonds on the 2019 Sparks Heritage Museum Annual Report. Presentation highlights included a review of the Sparks Museum and Cultural Center's balance statement, FY20 budget, and revenues, as well as 2018-2019 activities, accomplishments, and challenges. Mayor Smith asked if an official valuation of items in the museum has been done; Dr. Simmonds noted due to monetary restrictions an official inventory has not occurred, however estimated values have been assessed with more current stock.

7.3 Presentation: Washoe County School District - Pathway to Positive Progress

A presentation from Washoe County School District Interim Superintendent Dr. Kristen McNeill and School Board President Katy Simon Holland regarding: an introduction to new programming; updates on new and renovated schools; projected graduation rates; budgets; school safety; and the search process for a permanent superintendent. Council asked when the next community conversations will be held for additional public input; Mrs. McNeil noted she did not have the upcoming dates handy but did provide copies of the Pathway plan and encouraged

the public to visit www.washoeschools.net for additional information and upcoming events. Mayor Smith requested updates twice a year if possible.

7.4 Presentation: EDAWN Economic Update

EDAWN President and CEO Mike Kazmierski provided an annual update for the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada. Presentation highlights included: an overview of the EDAWN mission and workforce development components; 2019 attraction priorities; an FY19 average wages overview; prospective industries moving to the area; EPIC 2 report results; EDAWN retention and expansion goals; the 4th Industrial Revolution; EDAWN's updated strategic plan; and community development initiatives. Council expressed the importance of EDAWN's contributions to the region and thanked Mr. Kazmierski and his staff for their hard work.

7.5 Boards and Commissions Vacancy Announcement: Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

City Manager Neil Krutz announced a vacancy for the following board and commission: Sparks Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee to fill one (1) partial term ending November 9, 2020. Applications can be submitted on the city website at www.cityofsparks.us or with the City Clerk's Office. Applications will be accepted until close of business September 27, 2019.

8. Consent Items (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Motion: Move to approve consent item 8.1 as submitted.
Moved by: Council Member Anderson
Seconded by: Council Member Abbott
Yes: Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir
No: None
Abstain: None
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

8.1 Consideration and possible acceptance of the report of the claims and bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period of August 13, 2019 through August 22, 2019. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Chief Financial Officer Jeff Cronk requesting approval of the report of claims and bills approved for payment and the appropriation transfers for the period of August 13, 2019 through August 22, 2019 as presented by staff.

9. General Business

9.1 Consideration and possible approval of a payment of annual membership dues to the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada in the amount of \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from City Manager Neil Krutz and presented by Assistant City Manager for Internal Services Douglas Thornley requesting Council approval of a payment of annual membership dues to the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) in the amount of \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

EDAWN is a public-private partnership that works to expand and diversify the regional economy. The City of Sparks is a long-time investor in EDAWN and has historically supported the organization's mission of attracting companies in targeted industries from outside the greater Reno-Sparks area that bring with them new jobs paying salaries above the regional average.

Motion: Move to approve payment of the City's membership dues with EDAWN in the amount of \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Moved by: Council Member Bybee

Seconded by: Council Member Anderson

Yes: Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

10. Public Hearing and Action Items Unrelated to Planning and Zoning

None

11. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items

None

12. Comments

12.1 Comments from the Public

None

12.2 Comments from City Council and City Manager

Council Member Dahir reminded the Nevada Veterans Memorial Plaza at the Sparks Marina is in the first phase of construction, and he encouraged the public to visit and witness development progression.

Mayor Smith reminded the Nevada Veterans Memorial Plaza 5th annual benefit dinner is November 7, 2019 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa.

13. Adjournment

Council was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Ronald E. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Hunderman, City Clerk

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