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**Sparks City Council Concurrent Meeting with Washoe County Board of Commissioners,
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners, Sierra Fire
Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners, Reno City Council, and North Lake
Tahoe Fire Protection District
8:30 AM., Monday, September 21, 2015
Washoe County Administrative Complex, Commission Chambers,
1001 Ninth St., Reno, NV**

1. Call to Order (Time: 8:45 a.m.)

The concurrent meeting of the Sparks City Council with Washoe County Board of Commissioners, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners, Sierra Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners, Reno City Council, and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District was called to order by Washoe County Commissioner Marsha Berkgigler at 8:45 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance (Time: 8:45 a.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City of Reno Council Member Naomi Duerr.

3. Roll Call (Time: 8:46 a.m.)

Mayor Geno Martini, Council Members Julia Ratti (left at 12:19 p.m.), Ron Smith, Charlene Bybee, Ron Schmitt, City Attorney Chet Adams, City Manager Steve Driscoll and City Clerk Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: Council Member Lawson

4. Public Comment (Time: 8:46 a.m.)

Joseph Benedict spoke regarding dangerous drinking water in the City of Reno.

Ross Tisarich, spoke regarding the harmful effects of pesticides on drinking water and demonstrated ingestion of pesticide resulting in law enforcement restraint, evacuation of the chambers and hazmat testing. *(Solution was later determined to be non-toxic; subject was arrested for dispersing a hoax substance.)*

Commission Chair Berkgigler called a five minutes recess at 8:51 a.m. The Chambers was evacuated and quarantined pending testing of the liquid spill.

A briefing was held in the Washoe County Caucus Room at 11:30 a.m. announcing the completion of the hazmat testing and the results of the testing showed the liquid spill in the Chambers was not

toxic. The two suspects are in custody and facing multiple charges. The spill could be cleaned up by janitorial staff and the room is safe to use. The briefing ended at 11:44 a.m. and it was announced the meeting would reconvene at noon.

The meeting reconvened at 12:09 p.m.

5. Approval of the Agenda (Time: 12:09 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 Smith, seconded by Council Member Schmitt, to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Smith, Bybee, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Lawson, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

6. Update on Automatic Aid Agreements with Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Sierra Fire Protection District, City of Sparks Fire Department and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District in regards to SB185 compliance. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 12:10 p.m.)

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Sierra Fire Protection District Fire Chief Charles Moore provided an update on automatic aid agreements set to expire in June 2017. The Nevada State Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 185 that amends Chapter 475 of NRS. The statute requires the emergency fire-fighting vehicle located closest to a structure or brush fire to respond regardless of jurisdiction. The legislation only mandates a response to structure and brush fires. However, the automatic aid agreements with the City of Sparks and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District are all risk agreements and include automatic aid responses inclusive of non-fire related incidents. Automatic aid with the City of Sparks and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District works well and is balanced with respect to providing and receiving assistance.

Sparks Fire Chief Tom Garrison and North Lake Fire Service Fire Chief Mike Brown spoke in favor of the automatic aid agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Bybee, to accept the presentation on Automatic Aid Agreements between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Sierra Fire Protection District, City of Sparks and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District in regards to SB 185 Compliance. Council Members Ratti, Smith, Bybee, Schmitt, YES. Lawson ABSENT, Passed unanimously with those present.

7. Presentation, discussion and possible approval of an Automatic Aid Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the City of Reno Fire Department. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 12:17 p.m.)

Chief Moore presented an overview of the Cooperative Agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Sierra Fire Protection District and City of Reno for automatic and mutual aid and said departments will respond in tandem and response times are based on GIS data for travel time, not distance. The agreement will be reviewed annually. Discussion was held regarding cooperation and consolidation, statutory compliance, assumptions, and automated vehicle location. The agreement between Reno and Truckee Meadows is for fire only; the agreement with the City of Sparks includes all services. Deputy District Attorney Paul Lipparelli stated both the City of Reno Fire Department and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District each submitted

proposed maps and they are different. Mr. Lipparelli suggested each entity identify the map they approve as part of their motion.

Public comment in support of the Truckee Meadows mutual aid agreement was received by Robert Parker (read by Washoe County Deputy Clerk Jan Galassini); Bob Ackerman stating support of safety and the agreement; and Tom Dunn on the benefits of joint policies, procedures, and training between the departments.

The City of Reno and Washoe County first made a motion to approve the agreement and allow the Fire Chiefs to determine which map was best; then a motion to reconsider was made. A new motion was made to approve the agreement with the map submitted by Reno. The motion was approved unanimously by both the City of Reno and Washoe County. The City of Sparks was not required to act on this agenda item.

8. Possible direction by each governing board to its respective staff to discuss items relating to future fire services. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 1:36 p.m.)

City Manager Steve Driscoll requested each jurisdiction authorize their staff to work on a project to define services provided under fire service, i.e. suppression, dispatch, special teams, etc. and then define service levels. After service levels are defined, governance of the service levels could be discussed. Managers will then obtain policy decision from the elected officials.

A motion was made by Council Member Schmitt, seconded by Council Member Smith, to authorize the City manager and staff to discuss items relating to future fire services. Council Members Smith, Bybee, Schmitt, YES. Council Members Ratti, Lawson ABSENT, Passed unanimously with those present.

Similar motions were made and passed by the City of Reno and Washoe County.

9. Public Comment (Time: 1:40 p.m.) - None

10. Adjournment (Time: 1:40 p.m.)

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Schmitt, to adjourn. Council Members Smith, Bybee, Schmitt, YES. Council Members Ratti, Lawson ABSENT, Passed unanimously with those present.

Council was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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