


The logo for the City of Sparks features the words "City of Sparks" in a green, cursive font. The word "Sparks" is significantly larger than "City of". To the left of the letter "S" in "Sparks" is a stylized orange sunburst icon with eight rays.

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A decorative graphic at the bottom of the page consists of a large green area with a wavy top edge, and a solid orange horizontal bar at the very bottom.

**78th Nevada Legislative Session Wrap-Up
Presented by Adam Mayberry and Rocky Finseth
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New Legislation

- **AB 19** - Public hearing on tentative budget can now take place during a regular city council meeting.
- **AB 162 (SB 111)** – Enabling police body camera legislation. SB 111 mandates body cameras but is limited to NV Highway Patrol.
- **AB 172** – Adjusts the requirement for payment of prevailing wage from \$100K to \$250K on public works. Formal bidding (advertisements, bonds, etc.) still required at \$100K.
- **AB 332** – Requires the payment of sales tax by local governments on materials used in construction projects with some exceptions.

New Legislation

- **AB 493** - Functional home rule for Nevada cities
- **SB 118** - Sparks Charter Bill
- **SB 153** - “Heart and Lung” Reform. Eliminates compensation for diseases other than medical benefits, and creates new “presumption period”

New Legislation

- **SB 168** - Increases ending fund balance that is exempt from negotiations from 8.3 percent (1 month) to 25 percent (3 months). Also allows for a declaration of a fiscal emergency for local governments if revenues drop more than 5 percent – this triggers the potential to open and renegotiate labor agreements
- **SB 185** – Requires automatic aid agreements between Washoe County Fire agencies

New Legislation

- **SB 241** – Eliminates evergreen clauses, meaning that once a contract expires, no salary or benefit enhancements are allowed until a new contract goes into effect.
- **SB 276** – Increases medical marijuana dispensaries in Washoe County (grants an additional dispensary in Sparks).
- **SB 406** – Modest PERS Reforms that could provide \$1 billion savings over 10 years.
- **SB 411** – Creates a Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee.

New Legislation

Specific to RSCVA

- **SB 312** – Increases room taxes to pay for regional marketing and facilities
- **SB 480** - Reduces RSCVA Board from 13 to 9

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