



MAYOR
Ron Smith

CITY COUNCIL
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, August 10, 2020

This meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Ed Lawson at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tempore Ed Lawson, Council Members Donald Abbott, Paul Anderson, Charlene Bybee, Kristopher Dahir, City Manager Neil Krutz, City Attorney Chet Adams, City Clerk Lisa Hunderman, PRESENT via ZOOM. Mayor Ron Smith, ABSENT.

3. Opening Ceremonies

3.1 Invocation Speaker

No invocation speaker.

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Dahir.

4. Public Comment

Adrian Lowry called in public comment regarding racial disparities in policing within the Sparks Police Department. He also requested reduced funding for the department with re-allocation to community development programs.

City Clerk Lisa Hunderman read public comment into record from Cristi Chadwick, Amanda Tate, and Xavier, each speaking against the social media conduct of Sparks Police Officer George Forbush.

Public comment from Chondra Rose, David Jahoda, CS, Jason Frietas, Pauline Jones, Scott Cantacessi, Carl Michael Moliani II, Kim Cantacessi, and Cheryl Nash was read into record supporting Officer Forbush.

Comment from Genevieve Fuller was read into record regarding lack of a language access plan in the Sparks Police Department; arrest disparities based on race; edited footage of the Miciah Lee shooting and de-escalation policies; and an ongoing investigation of a July officer-involved shooting.

Public Comment from Billy Howard, Marika Moore, and Hanna Ratliff requesting an end to puppy mill operations in the city was also read into record.

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 Bybee

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 July 27, 2020. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the Sparks City Council meeting for July 27, 2020.

Moved by: Council Member Dahir

Seconded by: Council Member Anderson

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 **Boards and Commissions Vacancy Announcement: Civil Service Commission**

There is one (1) vacancy on the Civil Service Commission, for a partial term ending June 30, 2023. Applicants must be Sparks residents. Applications will be taken through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020.

7.2 **Boards and Commissions Vacancy Announcement: Building Code Board of Appeals**

There are two (2) vacancies on the Building Code Board of Appeals that must be filled by one (1) structural and/or civil engineer and one (1) mechanical engineer. These are two-year terms ending September 30, 2022. Applicants must meet the following requirements: The Structural/Civil Engineer applicant must be a registered professional with structural and/or civil engineering experience. The Mechanical Engineer and/or mechanical/plumbing contractor must be a mechanical engineer or a mechanical/plumbing contractor with at least 10 years of experience, 5 of which shall have been responsible charge of work. Applications will be accepted through Friday, August 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

7.3 **Presentation: Update on the Cumulative Fiscal Impact of the COVID-19 Emergency.**

A presentation from Chief Financial Officer Jeff Cronk regarding the cumulative fiscal impact created by the COVID-19 emergency using the most current data

available. A to-date synopsis was provided on COVID-19-related expenses incurred, revenue lost, combined financial impact, and FY21 total projected losses.

8. Consent Items (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Motion: Move to approve consent items 8.1 through 8.2 as submitted.
Moved by: Council Member Dahir
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 July 14, 2020 through July 28, 2020. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Chief Financial Officer Jeff Cronk requesting Council approval of the report of claims and bills approved for payment and the appropriation transfers for the period of July 14, 2020 through July 28, 2020.

8.2 Consideration and possible approval to purchase annual support and licensing (AC-5680) for Arctic Wolf Security Operations Center-as-a-Service (SOCaaS) network and internet security for \$58,499.28, for fiscal year 2021. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Chief Financial Officer Jeff Cronk and presented by IT Manager Rich Brown requesting Council approval of a purchase for annual support and licensing (AC-5680) for Arctic Wolf Security Operations Center-as-a-Service (SOCaaS) network and internet security. Arctic Wolf SOCaaS is a critical component of the city's network and cyber security program and provides staff with the tools needed to keep our technology and data as secure and safe as possible.

9. General Business

9.1 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the Mayor's recommendation of an appointment to the Sierra Arts Foundation Board of Trustees for a one-year term (from the following pool of applicants listed in alphabetical order: Francine Burge). (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from City Manager Neil Krutz requesting Council approval of the Mayor's recommendation of an appointment to the Sierra Arts Foundation Board of Trustees for a one-year term. The Sierra Arts Foundation is a community arts non-profit corporation that provides resources to encourage awareness, appreciation, accessibility, and development of the arts. The Sierra Arts Foundation emphasizes teaching, nurturing, and supporting the arts in our community and strives to provide education opportunities for artists of all ages, as well as development and training, financial support, and promotional and marketing assistance.

Motion: Move to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Francine Burge to the Sierra Arts Foundation Board of Trustees for a one-year term expiring August 13, 2021.
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

10.1 Consideration and possible approval of Resolution # 3366 authorizing the transfer of the City's 2020 Private Activity Bond Capacity (PABC) allocation of \$5,326,819.52 to be divided equally between the Nevada Housing Division (NHD) and Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) for their respective affordable housing programs. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Assistant Community Services Director Armando Ornelas requesting Council approval of Resolution 3366 authorizing the transfer of the City's 2020 Private Activity Bond Capacity (PABC) allocation of \$5,326,819.52 to be divided equally between the Nevada Housing Division (NHD) and Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) for their respective affordable housing programs. Splitting the PABC between NHD and NHRA supports a wider range of housing programs than allocating the entire PABC to a single agency, and therefore potentially benefits a more diverse range of Sparks and other Washoe County residents.

Public hearing was opened at 2:42 p.m. There were no comments.

Motion: Move to adopt Resolution # 3366 authorizing the transfer of the City's 2020 tax exempt bond volume capacity to the Nevada Housing Division (NHD) and the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) to support implementation of their respective affordable housing programs.
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.

11. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items

None.

12. Comments

12.1 Comments from the Public

Wendy Stolyarov provided public comment opposing Officer George Forbush's social media conduct.

12.2 Comments from City Council and City Manager
None.

13. Adjournment
Council was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Ronald E. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Hunderman, City Clerk

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