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Ed Lawson, Ward II
Ron Smith, Ward III
Mike Carrigan, Ward IV
Ron Schmitt, Ward V

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**SPARKS CITY COUNCIL CONCURRENT MEETING
Including the Sparks City Council, Reno City Council,
and Washoe County Board of County Commissioners
8:30 A.M., Monday, September 16, 2013
Washoe County Administration Complex, Commission Chambers,
1001 E. Ninth St., Bldg. A, Reno, NV**

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

The Sparks City Council Concurrent Meeting was called to order by County Commission Chairman David Humke at 8:30 a.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Washoe County Sheriff Michael Haley.

3. Roll Call (Time: 8:32 a.m.)

Mayor Pro tem Mike Carrigan, Council Members Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, City Manager Shaun Carey, City Attorney Chet Adams and City Clerk Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: Mayor Geno Martini, Council Members Julia Ratti and Ron Schmitt.

4. Public Comment - This item is for either public comment on any action item or for any general public comment. (Time: 8:33 a.m.) - None

5. Recognition of staff at the Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) for their work to continue/restore services following a lightning strike at the RECC. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 8:34 a.m.)

Sheriff Michael Haley said on June 28, 2013, the Washoe County Regional Communications System was hit by an unprecedented, massive lightning strike that caused severe damage to many internal components central to the operation of the communications system. Staff worked around the clock for several days to ensure the safety of Washoe County citizens. Sheriff Haley asked for recognition for the dedication of the many entities involved in restoring service to the region.

6. Recognition of work performed by the Shared Services Elected Officials Committee (SSEOC) and possible direction on the future of the committee. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 8:39 a.m.)

City of Reno Assistant City Manager Cadence Matijevich said the committee was formed in 2009, in the midst of the worst of the recent recession to see if there were areas in local government where consolidation could benefit the region in cost savings.

Ms. Matijevich said the SSEOC was established so local governments could participate in shared services as established by the 2009 legislation. An RFP was released for a shared services feasibility study. Three functional areas were established by the study: human resources, information technology and purchasing. Many shared services were developed, with benefit and cost savings to all entities. The jurisdictions now share approximately 60 services.

The committee now wishes to wind down in anticipation of concentrating efforts and staff resources to the benefit of the IBM Smarter Region program.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to retire the Shared Services Elected Officials Committee (SSEOC) and subcommittee and reallocate resources to work on the IBM Smarter Cities report. Council Members Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, YES. Council Members Ratti, Schmitt, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

7. Presentation from Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) on I-11 & Intermountain West Corridor Study - Sondra Rosenberg, Project Manager - NDOT.
(Time: 8:51 a.m.)

Discussion and presentation regarded the opportunity to change Nevada's economic landscape by extending the Phoenix to Las Vegas corridor through to northern Nevada, where no high capacity north/south road or rail transportation infrastructure currently exists. The study expounds the effects of "near shoring" and other economic conditions which would be enhanced by the I-11 Intermountain West Corridor.

Council Member Ed Lawson asked if the Study has reached out to partners in Washington, Oregon, Montana to enhance this region's efforts in the event the project extends beyond our boundaries. Ms. Rosenberg said there has been effort in that regard. Commissioner Humke said Calgary has been contacted.

Council Member Ron Smith asked about the focus of the upcoming meeting scheduled for October 16th. Ms. Smith said the meeting will encompass the results of initial screening criteria then they will move forward with additional studies, including feasibility and economic studies.

Ms. Rosenberg recommended reaching out to our representatives in Washington D.C. for potential funding and congressional support to further the regional bid for the I-11 Corridor.

8. Presentation from RTC regarding the Virginia Street & Fourth Street Corridor Plans - Lee Gibson, Executive Director - RTC. (Time: 9:21 a.m.)

Regional Transportation Commission Planning Director Amy Cummings presented the project development on Virginia Street and 4th / Prater. These projects use the Complete Streets design framework, which considers land use, traffic volumes, travel requirements and mobility needs to ensure the appropriate design solutions are considered for the unique needs of each corridor. Rapid Stations are proposed for Sutro, Galetti, El Rancho and 15th Street.

Side-street and off-street parking, bicycle lanes, and ADA-compliant sidewalks are among the usual concerns from citizens, businesses and municipalities.

Council Member Ron Smith said the outreach programs are helpful and he complimented the Moana Lane project. He asked about the access issue that developed on Moana. RTC Executive Director Lee Gibson said the access problem has been resolved.

Ms. Cummings said mid-town businesses have expressed concern about disruption of business in anticipation of sidewalk improvements and road construction upgrades to be made on Virginia Street. Most Reno mid-town businesses will not be impacted until 2017; when the construction sequencing begins RTC will encourage the continued patronization of the businesses affected by the construction. At this time it is unknown what construction sequencing will take place in efforts to keep business disruption at a minimum.

In consideration of the IBM Smarter Region concept and to become a “university region” Ms. Cummings said the university is working with Reno staff and the master plan to better integrate with downtown to further UNR campus expansion.

The Transit Summit will take place on December 6 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. Mr. Gibson encouraged civic leaders and citizens to attend.

County Commissioner Vaughn Hartung promoted the idea of considering light rail in the regional transportation plan.

Council Member Ed Lawson commended the work done on the Pyramid/McCarran interchange, especially where RTC has reached out to citizens and businesses to deflect opposition to the project. The effort resulted in a buy-in from the public.

9. Comments from the Councils, Commission, Board, and/or Managers. (Time: 9:53 a.m.)

Council Member Ron Smith said the RTC provides updates every month and asked for an update on the Veterans Memorial Bridge at the next meeting. Mr. Gibson agreed and also offered to provide tours of the SouthEast Connector Project.

10. Public Comment - This item is for either public comment on any action item or for any general public comment. (Time: 9:55 a.m.) - None

11. Adjournment (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 9:55 a.m.)

Council was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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