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Ron Smith, Ward III
Mike Carrigan, Ward IV
Ron Schmitt, Ward V

CITY ATTORNEY
Chet Adams

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2:00 P.M., Monday, September 22, 2014
City Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada

1. Call to Order (Time: 2:00 p.m.)

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

2. Roll Call (Time: 2:00 p.m.)

Mayor Geno Martini, Council Members Julia Ratti, Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, City Manager Steve Driscoll, City Attorney Chet Adams and Acting City Clerk Donna DiCarlo, PRESENT.

ABSENT: Council Members Mike Carrigan, Ron Schmitt

Staff Present: Rich Brown, Bob King, Tom Garrison, Dan Marran, Jeff Cronk, Adam Mayberry, Dan Hamlin, Chris Syverson, Brian Allen, Tracy Domingues, Debi Kinder, John Martini, Armando Ornelas, George Graham, Karen Melby, Francine Burge

3. Opening Ceremonies

3.1 Invocation Speaker (Time: 2:01 p.m.)

The invocation was provided by Bishop Tom White of the Church of Latter Day Saints.

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ron Smith.

4. Public Comment (Time: 2:03 p.m.)

Sparks citizen Ardena Perry spoke about the interlocal agreement for animal care and control.

5. Approval of the Agenda (Time: 2:06 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 Ratti, to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, YES. Passed unanimously with those present.

6. Approval of the Minutes (Time: 2:07 p.m.)

6.1 Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the regular Sparks City Council Meeting for September 8, 2014.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2014, as outlined by staff. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, YES. Passed unanimously with those present.

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

(Time: 2:08 p.m.)

7.1 Mayor Martini proclaimed September, 2014 as Hunger Action Month and encouraged citizens to become involved in efforts to end hunger in their local community. Food Bank of Northern Nevada staff members Joselyn Lantrip and Shane Piccinini received the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. (Time: 2:08 p.m.)

7.2 A proclamation was read naming October 1, 2014 as International Walk to School Day in recognition of the benefits related to walking or bicycling to school with the children, including increased safety and health. The proclamation was received by Officer MJ Cloud of the Washoe County School Police, who is also the Coordinator for Safe Routes to School for the School District. (Time: 2:12 p.m.)

7.3 Mayor Martini proclaimed October 11, 2014 as National Coming Out Day and urged all residents to observe this day by eliminating prejudice and discrimination and promoting love and acceptance. The Proclamations were received by Jeremy Meeke with Build Our Center and Helene Wilson with PFLAG. (Time: 2:15 p.m.)

7.4 Mayor Martini called upon all citizens of the City of Sparks to observe the day of October 4, 2014, in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel. The Proclamation was received by Sparks Fire Chief Tom Garrison. (Time: 2:18 p.m.)

7.5 Mayor Martini proclaimed October 5 – October 11, 2014 as Fire Prevention Week and encouraged everyone to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week and support the many activities and efforts of the City of Sparks' fire and emergency services. The Proclamation was received by Fire Marshall Bob King, who invited the public to the 25th Annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on October 4th. Red Cross spokesperson Clara Andriola spoke about deaths resulting from home fires. (Time: 2:25 p.m.)

7.6 CHG & Associates Washington D.C. lobbyist, Anja Graves, provided an update of Federal Government Issues as they relate to the City of Sparks. (Time: 2:38 p.m.)

8. Consent Items (Time: 2:46 p.m.)

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the consent items as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, YES. Passed unanimously with those present.

8.1 Report of Claims and Bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period August 21, 2014 through September 3, 2014. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Finance Manager Jeff Cronk recommending the City Council approve the report of claims and bills as presented in the staff report.

8.2 Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of Crafcro Poly Flex II in the amount of \$110,000. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Maintenance & Operations Manager Dan Hamlin recommending Council approve the purchase of crack seal material (Crafcro Poly Flex II) via a joinder bid with the State of Nevada in support of the City's annual corrective maintenance program for streets. Funding is available in the 2014/15 Road Fund.

8.3 Discussion and possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of Sparks, Nevada, a municipal corporation ("City"), and the International Association of Firefighters Local No. 1265 (Firefighters). (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Employee/Customer Relations Manager Chris Syverson recommending Council approve an MOU which corrects and clarifies several sections of the current multi-year collective bargaining agreement for 2012-2015, as outlined in the staff report and below:

Section 4, Article I - Compensatory Time was not compatible with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) in regards to Compensatory Time 'banks'. The FLSA limits the number of hours to be banked to a total of 480 hours. The contract, as written, has two banks, for a total of 960 hours. It is necessary to modify the agreement to limit the hours to comply with FLSA regulations.

Modified to better clarify contract language:

Section 2, Article C Overtime Pay

Section 2, Article D Educational Incentive Pay

Section 2, Article G Stand By Pay

Article 4, Section C Sick Leave was modified to eliminate the minimum hours taken provision for 40 hour employees to facilitate the new timekeeping system.

Section 4, Article I Compensatory Time reduced the minimum hours taken.

There is no impact to the general fund.

9. General Business

9.1 Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 3265, authorizing certain individuals to make financial commitments to purchase, sell and approve collateral for investment securities on behalf of the City. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:47 p.m.)

An agenda item presented by Accounting Manager Debi Kinder recommending Council adopt Resolution No. 3265, authorizing certain staff to make financial commitments on behalf of the City. There is no financial impact to the general fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Smith, to adopt Resolution No. 3265, authorizing certain individuals to make financial commitments to purchase, sell and approve collateral for investment securities on behalf of the City. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, YES. Passed unanimously with those present.

9.2 Consideration and possible direction to staff to negotiate a contract with the Sparks Heritage Museum and Cultural Center to relocate Last Chance Joe

to the southern side of the city-owned building at 820 Victorian Avenue with all expenses to be paid by Sparks Heritage Museum and Cultural Center. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:48 p.m.)

An agenda item from Assistant Community Services Director John Martini recommending Council direct staff to negotiate with the Sparks Heritage Museum to relocate and preserve an oversized local iconic figure (Last Chance Joe) which is about to be demolished as part of a Nugget exterior remodel. The Sparks Heritage Museum and Cultural Center is proposing to raise the funds necessary to relocate the feature to the street side of the city building at 820 Victorian Avenue. They request our permission to do so, pending successful raising of the needed funds, a City waiver of permitting fees, and subject to the City accepting ownership. The purpose of this item is to seek direction from the City Council as to whether or not staff should pursue this opportunity. The financial impact is undetermined; however, waived permit fees are estimated between \$1,200.00 and \$1,500.00 and staff time should also be considered in the potential costs of long-term ownership of the structure.

Council Member Ron Smith said the museum has been receiving benefits from the City since it began, with free rent and other concessions.

Public Comment (Time: 2:51 p.m.)

- Dr. Richard Simmons, President of the Sparks Heritage Museum said attaching Last Chance Joe to the Heritage Museum building is a negotiable item.
- Barbara Young spoke in support of maintaining Last Chance Joe as a community icon.
- Vice President of the Historic Reno Preservation Society (HRPS) David Ville spoke in support of maintaining Last Chance Joe as an icon of Nevada heritage.
- Don Young spoke in support of preserving Last Chance Joe.
- Mayor Martini read into record the names of citizens who wrote letters supporting the preservation of Last Chance Joe.
- Council Member Julia Ratti said the Community Foundation has established a fund specifically for the preservation of Last Chance Joe, regardless of ownership. She thanked the Sparks Heritage Museum for their efforts for Last Chance Joe, Q&D Construction, the Nugget, and an unidentified benefactor.
- In answer to a question regarding the structural integrity of the statue, City Engineer John Martini said there are several unknowns at this time and integrity, moving and restructuring cannot be well predicted until they can get “inside” the statue, which will not happen until removal of Last Chance Joe from the Nugget exterior begins.
- Council Member Ratti said the unnamed benefactor has offered to take ownership of Last Chance Joe if the museum ever ceases to exist. However, Ms. Ratti said, the City technically owns every artifact in the museum, and Last Chance Joe will be considered an artifact.
- Council Member Smith asked if the structure can be moved without damage. Ms. Ratti said there is a 2-phase plan to ensure the best structural solution for movement of Last Chance Joe.
- City Attorney Chet Adams said ownership of Last Chance Joe will transfer from the Nugget when the statue is removed from the Nugget structure.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to direct staff to negotiate the relocation of Last Chance Joe to the southern side of the city-owned

building at 820 Victorian Avenue, with all expenses of the move to be paid by Sparks Heritage Museum and Cultural Center. With the understanding that a fund will be set up at the Community Foundation to fund future maintenance, and amending the lease to have the same terms as the other artifacts. There will be no waiver of fees. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, YES. Passed unanimously with those present.

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

10.1 Public hearing and possible approval of the Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2013-14 for the City of Sparks to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:17 p.m.)

An agenda item from Housing Specialist George Graham recommending Council approve a draft of the Program Year (PY) 2013-14 Consolidated Plan Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the City of Sparks. Each year, the City of Sparks must prepare and submit a CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Submission of the CAPER is a condition of receiving federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME program funding. (Sparks receives the latter as a member of the Washoe County HOME Consortium whereby the City of Reno is the lead agency.)

The City of Sparks must conduct a 15-day public comment period, hold at least one public hearing and submit this report to HUD by September 30, 2014. There is no impact to the general fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the draft of the CAPER and the submittal of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for Program Year 2013-14 for the City of Sparks to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, YES. Passed unanimously with those present.

11. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items

11.1 PCN14030- Consideration of and possible action on a request for tentative and final approval of the amendment to the planned development handbook (Crestgate Pyramid Planned Development) to revise development standards to allow expansion of the personal storage use in Area 4, and other matters properly relating thereto, on a site totaling approximately 12.2 acres in the PD (Planned Development) zoning district located at 1085 Roberta Lane, Sparks, NV. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:20 p.m.)

An agenda item from Senior Planner Karen Melby recommending Council grant tentative and final approval of an amendment to the Crestgate Pyramid Planned Development Handbook to allow the expansion of the existing storage unit facility for possible RV Storage use in Area 4. There is no impact to the general fund.

Public Hearing

- Applicant representative Ken Crater said the lessee has complied with Council's request to build an additional office building on Roberta Lane and it is completely leased.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to approve the request for Tentative and Final approval of an amendment to the Crestgate Pyramid

Planned Development Handbook associated with PCN14030, adopting Findings PD1 through PD21, the Final Handbook Criteria and the facts supporting those Findings as set forth in the staff report. The City Council does not recommend that a bond be required at this time as stated in NRS 278A.490. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, YES. Passed unanimously with those present.

12. Closed Door Sessions - None

13. Comments

13.1 Comments from the Public (Time: 3:26 p.m.) - None

13.2 Comments from City Council and City Manager (Time: 3:27 p.m.)

Chet Adams said he has received compliments for Sparks Parks and Recreation Director for using inmate labor to clean Golden Eagle Regional Park and they did an excellent job.

14. Adjournment

Council was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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