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**SPARKS CITY COUNCIL CONCURRENT MEETING  
WITH RENO CITY COUNCIL, WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION, AND WASHOE  
COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES**

**8:30 A.M., Monday, January 12, 2015**

**Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 E. 9th St., Reno, NV**

**1. Call to Order** (Time: 8:34 a.m.)

The concurrent meeting of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Washoe County Commissioner Marsha Berkgigler at 8:34 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** (Time: 8:36 a.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve.

**3. Roll Call** (Time: 8:35 a.m.)

Mayor Geno Martini, Council Members Julia Ratti, Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, Charlene Bybee, Ron Schmitt, City Manager Steve Driscoll, Acting City Attorney Shirle Eiting and City Clerk Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: None

**4. Public Comment** (Time: 8:37 a.m.)

Sam Dehne spoke of protection of the citizens and what he has done to promote the community.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke on downtown Reno violence.

Jeff Church spoke of safety and the website [renopublicsafety.org](http://renopublicsafety.org)

Victoria Edmonston spoke regarding senior services.

**5. Approval of the Agenda (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** (Time: 8:49 a.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 Bybee, to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

**6. Washoe County School District presentation and discussion on economic development, enrollment growth, and capital funding. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**  
(Time: 8:50 a.m.)

A presentation from Washoe County School District Chief Operating Officer Pete Etchart and Government Affairs Manager Lindsay Anderson regarding the need for additional schools, growth projections and impacts, funding sources, school siting policies, transportation, signature programs at High Schools, and the capital project data warehouse.

Discussion included the use of existing vacant buildings for school sites, alternative education such as Truckee Meadows High School, legislative/voter process, Smarter Region group, creation of a plan to describe options, grants and endowments, opportunities for public/school transportation funding at the federal level, additional long-term expenses when new schools are built, Washoe K-12 Education Foundation led by Michonne Ascuaga, participation with local government and economic development, local government as advocates as WCSD trustees do their work.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Lawson, for the City of Sparks' government affairs team and Washoe County School District to collaboratively work on capital projects for the 2015 Legislative session. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Bybee, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Smith, NO. Motion carried 4-1.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to accept the report presented by Washoe County School District. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Bybee, Schmitt, YES. Smith, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

Public Comment was received by Cathy Brandhorst who spoke regarding the safety of children; Sam Dehne spoke of Elon Musk and community growth; J. Edgar Parker spoke on the services provided by Washoe County to support Storey County; and Jeff Church spoke regarding vouchers for education and public/private school partnerships.

7. **Update and discussion regarding the 78th (2015) Session of the Nevada Legislature, including but not limited to bill draft requests or such legislative issues as may be deemed by the elected officials participating in the concurrent meeting to be of critical significance to the northern Nevada region for the 78th (2015) Session of the Nevada Legislature. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** (Time: 10:31 a.m.)

Washoe County Government Affairs Manager Leanne Lee spoke about the upcoming Legislative Session.

Public Comment was received by Cathy Brandhorst who spoke about theft; Jeff Church spoke regarding NRS reforms and Reno Police salaries; and J. Edgar Parker spoke on the reimbursement that should be granted from Storey County to Washoe County for services.

8. **Comments from the Councils, Commissions, Boards, or Managers** (Time: 10:49 a.m.)

Reno Council Member Jenny Brekhus commented on regional conflict and questioned if it is a result of the current regional governance model or something else.

Reno Council Member Neoma Jardon requested comments from the Regional Transportation Commission.

9. **Public Comment** (Time: 10:53 a.m.)

Cathy Brandhorst commented on child abuse.

**10. Adjournment** (Time: 10:56 a.m.)  
Council was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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