



MAYOR
Geno Martini

CITY COUNCIL
Donald Abbott, Ward I
Ed Lawson, Ward II
Ron Smith, Ward III
Charlene Bybee, Ward IV
Kristopher Dahir, Ward V

CITY ATTORNEY
Chet Adams

CITY MANAGER
Steve Driscoll

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2:00 P.M., Monday, October 8, 2018
City Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada

1. Call to Order (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

The regular meeting of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Mayor Geno Martini at 2:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

Mayor Geno Martini, Council Members Donald Abbott, Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, Charlene Bybee, Kristopher Dahir, City Manager Steve Driscoll, Chief Assistant City Attorney Shirle Eiting and City Clerk Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: None

3. Opening Ceremonies

3.1 Invocation Speaker (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

The invocation was provided by Pastor Barb West, Sparks Church of the Nazarene.

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance (Time: 2:04 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Lawson.

4. Public Comment (Time: 2:05 p.m.)

Renown Health Vice President of Advocacy and Community Partnerships Wendy Damonte shared an update on the Healthy Nevada Project and advised that Phase Two of the project is still recruiting participants over the age of 18. More information can be found at HealthyNV.org.

Sparks Citizen Bill Wagner spoke in appreciation of Mayor Martini and presented him with a gavel to honor his long service as Mayor of the City of Sparks.

Congressman Mark Amodei presented a flag flown over the United States Capitol on September 17, 2018 to Mayor Martini to congratulate him on his retirement. He expressed appreciation for the staff of the City Manager's Office. He discussed the Washoe County Lands Bill and said he would like to see consensus from the affected municipalities before moving forward. He suggested some parts of the bill could be considered separately, such as the creation of a cemetery within the City of Sparks. He also discussed Interstate 11 and related road improvements, and ways in which the Interstate could affect Sparks' future growth and development as well as possible integration with the rest of Washoe County and the Truckee Meadows.

Mayor Martini asked City Manager Driscoll to add the Lands Bill to a future agenda so Council can discuss and either come to a consensus or consider separating Sparks' plans from the Bill. Council expressed confidence that they would be able to find common ground. Congressman Amodei commented that the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, passed 20 years ago, required bipartisan support to proceed, and has resulted in positive growth and development for Nevada.

5. Agenda (Time: 2:34 p.m.)

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.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Bybee, to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Dahir, YES. Passed unanimously.

6. Minutes (Time: 2:34 p.m.)

6.1 Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the regular Sparks City Council meetings of September 10, 2018 and September 24, 2018. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

A motion was made by Council Member Dahir, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the minutes of the regular Sparks City Council meetings of September 10, 2018 and September 24, 2018. Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Dahir, YES. Passed unanimously.

7. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest (Time: 2:35 p.m.)

7.1 City Manager Announcement of Vacancies on the Sparks Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (Time: 2:35 p.m.)

City Manager Steve Driscoll announced the availability of appointments on the Sparks Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, which requires one member and one alternate from Wards 1-5, and two members and one alternate from the Mayor. Members shall be residents of the City of Sparks, preferably over the age of 55. Persons interested in serving on this Committee should complete a Community Service Application, available in the City Clerk's office, or apply online at www.cityofsparks.us. Applications will be accepted until the close of business on Friday, November 16, 2018.

7.2 Presentation: 2017-2018 Annual Report from Sparks Heritage Museum and Cultural Center (Time: 2:36 p.m.)

Sparks Heritage Museum and Cultural Center President Dr. Richard Simmonds presented the 2017-2018 Annual Report, outlining financials, events, donations, visitors, volunteers and upcoming goals. He stated that the museum has a pressing need for volunteers and they will be distributing flyers to recruit additional help. Dr. Simmonds encouraged the community to support the Last Chance Joe restoration fund by purchasing license plates at the DMV. Council commended the museum's programming and integration with local arts events and encouraged citizens to rent the facilities at the Museum and Cultural Center for private parties and special events.

7.3 Commendation: Cantina Los Tres Hombres (Time: 2:55 p.m.)

Mayor Geno Martini commended the proprietors of Cantina Los Tres Hombres, Justin Quinton and Jaime Marin, for providing great food, beverage, entertainment and services to the City of Sparks and welcomed them to their newly renovated location at the Outlets at Legends Mall. The commendation was read by Council Member Abbott and presented to Mr. Marin.

8. Consent Items (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:59 p.m.)

A motion was made by Council Member Abbott, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve consent items 8.1 through 8.4 as submitted. Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Dahir, YES. Passed unanimously.

8.1 Consideration and possible acceptance of the report of the claims and bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period of September 06, 2018 through September 19, 2018. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Financial Services Director Jeff Cronk recommending Council approve the report of claims and bills as presented in the staff report.

8.2 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a contract (AC-5520) with Anchor Concrete for the 2019 PCC Alley Project, Bid No. 18/19-008 in the amount of \$149,596.50. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Transportation Manager Amber Sosa recommending Council approve the contract to Anchor Concrete. The project involves removing and replacing a deteriorating asphalt alleyway with a Portland cement concrete alleyway surface. Funds are budgeted in the road fund; there is no impact to the general fund.

8.3 Consideration and possible approval of the 2018 Operating Plan (AC-5521) between the City of Sparks Fire Department and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Fire Battalion Chief Jim Reid recommending Council approve the 2018 Operating Plan between the City of Sparks and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. The Operating Plan is an addendum to the Agreement from 2016 and includes updated pay scales, contact information, and communication information. There is no impact to the general fund.

8.4 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a Final Map for Stonebrook Village C1 Subdivision (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from City Engineer Jon Ericson recommending Council approve the final map as submitted. The Stonebrook Village C1 final map will create 129 residential lots within the Stonebrook New Urban District. The final map and civil improvement drawings have been reviewed by the Community Services Department and have been found to be acceptable. There is no impact to the general fund.

9. General Business

9.1 Discussion and possible action on Councilman Ed Lawson, with the consensus of the Mayor and the Council, submitting a supportive op-ed piece to the Reno Gazette Journal (RGJ) concerning Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 14. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:00 p.m.)

An agenda item from Council Member Ed Lawson, introduced by City Manager Steve Driscoll, recommending Council approve submittal of the op-ed piece to the Reno Gazette Journal. In the

2017 legislative session, Senator Julia Ratti proposed a constitutional amendment bill, SJR 14. This bill looks to add sections 11 and 12 to Section 1, Article 10 of the Nevada Constitution. SJR 14 would not change the depreciation or abatement rules, they will still exist, but they will reset to zero upon sale. The idea behind SJR 14 is to eliminate property tax inequities that can exist throughout Nevada when comparing homes of equal value.

Councilman Lawson would like to publish an op-ed piece in the Reno Gazette Journal before early voting starts in Washoe County that clears up some misconceptions on what this bill would ultimately do to a property owners' tax bill. There is no impact to the general fund.

Council agreed that SJR 14 is important to the City of Sparks, and that there have been some untruths stated by County Assessor Clark that need to be corrected. The op-ed piece was written by Council Member Lawson on behalf of the Mayor and Council. There was discussion on the fact that Nevada is the only state in the nation that does not reset property values upon sale, and it was clarified that this bill will not raise property taxes. There is also consideration in the bill for homeowners who are on a fixed income.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Abbott, to approve Council Member Ed Lawson's op-ed on SJR 14 and submit to the Reno Gazette Journal for publication. Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Dahir, YES. Passed unanimously.

9.2 Consideration and possible approval of Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (AC-5522) for Operation of the Community Assistance Center and Other Homeless Services Among the City of Reno, Washoe County and the City of Sparks for Fiscal Year 2018/19, for approximately \$283,899.00. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:08 p.m.)

An agenda item was presented by Housing Specialist George Graham recommending Council approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement. The agreement specifies the funding and other resources that each of the local governments will provide for CAC operations during FY 2018/2019, contingent on HUD's approval of the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the City's Program Year (PY) 4, Fiscal Year 2018/19. Funds of \$121,958 are allocated in the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement fund; funds of \$161,941 are allocated in the general fund.

Council asked if Volunteers of America would still be providing services for this agreement. City Manager Driscoll explained that Volunteers of America is in the third year of an existing three-year contract and that this is a continuation of the current agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Dahir, seconded by Council Member Bybee, to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Operation of the Community Assistance Center and Other Homeless Services Among the City of Reno, Washoe County and the City of Sparks for Fiscal Year 2018/19. Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Dahir, YES. Passed unanimously.

9.3 FIRST READING of Bill No.2745, amending Section 20.05.013 of the Sparks Municipal Code to define an aggrieved person for purposes of planning and zoning appeals and conform appeal timelines to Nevada law, and providing other matters properly related thereto. (Time: 3:14 p.m.)

City Clerk Teresa Gardner read the bill by title and the Public Hearing was set for October 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

- 9.4 FIRST READING of Bill No. 2746, an ordinance amending chapters 1.10 and 20.05 of the Sparks Municipal Code, regarding publication of certain notices and public hearings, and providing other matters properly related thereto. (Time: 3:14 p.m.)**

City Clerk Teresa Gardner read the bill by title and the Public Hearing was set for October 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

- 9.5 FIRST READING, of Bill No. 2747, an ordinance amending Chapter 1.12 of the Sparks Municipal Code, relating to contempt of court, and providing other matters properly related thereto. (Time: 3:15 p.m.)**

City Clerk Teresa Gardner read the bill by title and the Public Hearing was set for October 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

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

10.1 None

11. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items

11.1 None

12. Comments

12.1 Comments from the Public (Time: 3:15 p.m.) – None

12.2 Comments from the Mayor, City Council and City Manager (Time: 3:15 p.m.)

Council Member Dahir invited citizens to enjoy the Nugget's Southern Faire on the Square event on Saturday, October 13th and Sunday, October 14th, 2018.

13. Adjournment

Council was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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