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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2:00 P.M., Monday, November 26, 2012

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 2:00p.m.

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

Mayor Geno Martini, Council Members Julia Ratti, Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, Mike Carrigan, Ron Schmitt, City Manager Shaun Carey, City Attorney Chet Adams and City Clerk Linda Patterson, PRESENT.

ABSENT: None

Staff Present: Andy Flock, Kim Laber, Steve Driscoll, Chris Syverson, Adam Mayberry, Jen McCall, Tony Pehle, Cindy Brantner, Jim Rundle, Tracy Domingues, Andre Stigall, Steve Keefer, Armando Ornelas, Jeff Cronk, Todd Sexton, Neil Krutz, Andy Hummel, John Martini, Shirle Eiting, Donna DiCarlo.

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

Pastor Linda Anderson, Horizon Christian Church

Pledge of Allegiance (Time: 2:03 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Carrigan

Comments from the Public (Time: 2:03 p.m.) - None

Approval of the Agenda (Time: 2:03 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 Schmitt, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

3. **Recommendation to Approve Minutes of November 13, 2012** (Time: 2:04 p.m.)

3.1 **Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the Regular Sparks City Council meeting of November 13, 2012.**

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2012 as outlined by staff. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

4. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest – (Time: 2:05 p.m.)

4.1 Special Presentation for "Pickles" creator Brian Crane on the Sparks Centennial Comic

Sparks Fire Chief and President of the Sparks Centennial Sunrise Rotary Club Andy Flock, along with Past President Bob LaRiveria, presented Brian Crane with a poster of the "Pickles" cartoon he created during the Centennial, signed by current Council Members, as well as Council Members who served during the Centennial year.

Mayor Geno Martini congratulated Council Member Ron Smith for being named the Public Official of the Year by the Northern Nevada Builders Association. Mayor Martini thanked Council Member Smith for all the work he has done on the Regional Transportation Commission, the Southeast Connector and the Flood Project.

5. Consent Items (Time: 2:09 p.m.)

Council Member Carrigan pulled consent item 5.2 for discussion. A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to approve Consent Items 5.1, and 5.3 through 5.9 as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

5.1 Report of Claims and Bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period October 25, 2012 through November 7, 2012. (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.

5.2 Discussion, consideration, and possible approval of health insurance changes recommended by the Group Health Committee (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:10 p.m.)

An agenda item from Employee and Customer Relations Manager Chris Syverson recommending approval of the proposed changes to the health insurance plan recommended by the Group Health Committee. Plan changes are being recommended for the dental program to increase the maximum annual plan benefit to \$2,000 and implement a true PPO reimbursement plan. There is zero estimated annual cost saving impact to the change and it will increase the benefit for all members with a potential for higher cost to utilize out-of-plan dentists. All members would have an opportunity to participate in an Open Enrollment to make any benefit changes that impact them personally. All approved changes would go into effect on January 1, 2013. The changes have been put forth by the Committee to their respective groups and have been affirmed by Operating Engineers and Sparks Police Protective Association. Firefighters Local 1265 did not affirm the changes. There is no impact to the general fund.

Council Member Carrigan asked how there would not be a fiscal impact if the maximum dental benefit was being increased. Assistant City Manager Steve Driscoll said the overall benefit is increased under a new Preferred Provider Organization (PPO). The estimated savings and

revenues from the PPO will cover the increase in the benefit. Employee and Customer Relations Manager Chris Syverson said the majority of those covered under the dental plan do not reach the \$1500 maximum so a very small population would use the additional \$500. Council Member Carrigan said the Group Health Care Committee was asked to identify health care savings and this proposal does not achieve savings. City Manager Shaun Carey said the maximum exposure for the city is increased but statistical analysis suggested a minimum number of plan users will reach the maximum and the PPO discounts and reduced costs would keep the change cost neutral.

Council Member Smith said he does not understand the projection that the increased benefit will not be used and asked why the deductible is not reduced if that is the case. Council Member Ratti asked if the purpose was to increase the use of PPO dentists and Ms. Syverson said that is always the goal and a recent change was made from a small local network to a national network which allows us a broader selection of plan dentists. In addition, the plan pays on usual and customary rate rather than billed charges. Council Member Smith said once you increase the benefit, it will not decrease.

Council Member Schmitt said the Council asked for help with the cost of insurance over the past three years and have not received it. Council Member Carrigan asked why the Firefighters Local 1245 did not approve the changes and Assistant City Manager Steve Driscoll said he did not know the reason. There were additional items proposed but those going forward included a prescription change and the dental change. The proposed prescription change was amended by the plan administrator and therefore no longer applicable.

Mr. Driscoll provided background on how and why the committee was developed. Current negotiated labor agreements require Council approval for any suggested changes by the committee. Council Member Carrigan asked if a PPO can be implemented at the current \$1500 maximum and Ms. Syverson replied it is possible. Council Member Ratti confirmed the proposal is the response to a request to the committee for savings. Council Member Lawson asked what the city is gaining from this proposal and Mr. Driscoll said although the maximum risk has increased the negotiated rates under the PPO system will provide savings resulting in no change.

Council confirmed this proposal is either to be approved or not and there is no opportunity for negotiations. Assistant City Manager Driscoll replied new negotiations will begin in February 2013 and would be the time to address the issue. Council Member Smith said this proposal is not sustainable. Council Member Ratti said the idea is good insurance management by using incentive to get the desired behavior but understands the frustration of not achieving the desired savings from health care.

A motion was made by Council Member Carrigan, seconded by Council Member Schmitt, to deny the proposed health insurance changes recommended by the Group Health Committee. Council Members Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Ratti, NO. Passed by majority.

5.3 Consideration and possible approval of Overtime Reimbursement from the U.S. Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service in the amount

not to exceed \$1,200.00 for "Operation Trick or Treat." (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Police Chief Steve Keefer recommending approval of the overtime reimbursement. The United States Marshal Service was able to obtain overtime reimbursement funds from the Department of Justice verifying compliance of sex offenders prior to the Halloween trick or treating activities. The Sparks police Department coordinates the Regional Sex Offender Notification Unit and was able to schedule overtime to work this event. There is no impact to the general fund.

5.4 Review and possible approval of an Amendment to an Agreement (A-3666) between City of Sparks and Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center for sponsorship of designated park/facility areas within the City of Sparks. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Recreation Supervisor Andre Stigall recommending approval of the Amendment to an Agreement (A-3666) with Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center to provide the ongoing sponsorship of the sound system and Amphitheater at Victorian Square, the Alf Sorensen Community Center pool and gym areas, and twelve outfield panels at Shadow Mountain Sports Complex, for a two-year term through October 31, 2014. The sponsorship amount totals \$22,500.

Since the City of Sparks no longer produces the Hometowne Farmer's Market, the amendment to the agreement calls for the replacement of this sponsorship recognition with major sponsorship recognition for Sparks Hometowne Christmas and Scheels Turkey Trot events through 2015.

5.5 Consideration and possible approval of an extension of special sewer rates for the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services Campus. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Utility Manager Andrew Hummel recommending approval of an extension of temporary special sewer rates for Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) wherein sewer billing is based on average water consumption during winter months. The special rate was extended on September 15, 2008 through December 31, 2012. Work to retrofit the site with Landscape Meters has begun, however, it will not be completed prior to the expiration date. NNAMHS has requested an extension of special rates to June 30, 2013. There is no impact to the general fund.

5.6 Consideration and possible approval of the Amended and Restated - Lake Tahoe Regional Chiefs Association Fire and Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement (A-2527). (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Fire Chief Andy Flock recommending approval of the Lake Tahoe Regional Chiefs Association Fire and Emergency Mutual Aid Agreement which is designed to allow for effective mobilization of all risk emergency resources across the state lines of Nevada and California and to facilitate the rapid mobilization of fire resources to emergencies that exceed the capabilities of a single agency. There is no impact to the general fund.

5.7 Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of 120 Taser X2 units and related equipment from Pro Force Law Enforcement in the amount of \$174,924.45. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Police Chief Steve Keefer recommending approval to purchase Taser X2 units and associated equipment. The Sparks Police Department is upgrading from the Taser X-26 to the new Taser X2. The original tasers utilized by the police department were purchased during FY 05 and are in need of repair or replacement. Within two years, Taser, Inc. is no longer going to support the X-26 and Taser, Inc. is providing buy-back incentives to upgrade to the new Taser X2 now. Pro Force Law Enforcement is the sole source provider of the Taser product. Federal drug forfeiture funds are being utilized to upgrade the tasers. The general fund budget will not be impacted.

5.8 Consideration and possible approval of a contract with Carollo Engineers to continue to provide process engineering assistance at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility in the amount of \$62,000.00. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from TMWRF Acting Plant Manager Kim Laber recommending approval of a contract with Carollo Engineers to perform process engineering services. Consideration to provide minimal oversight to process data is a responsible and necessary reaction to the 28 years of experience we have lost at the TMWRF utility. There is no impact to the general fund.

5.9 Consideration and possible approval of a contract with Camp, Dresser, McKee /Smith Engineers (CDM- Smith) to perform a utility standby power engineering evaluation. This contract will not exceed \$87,630.00. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from TMWRF Operations Manager Todd Saxbert recommending approval of a contract with CDM-Smith Engineers to perform a utility standby power evaluation which will focus on the potential selection of a standby generator system to provide power to the facility in the event of the failure of the plant utility feeders or a utility service interruption. There is no impact to the general fund.

6. General Business

6.1 Review and possible approval of a request to start negotiating possible lease agreement with the Reno Rodeo Association for the Gandolfo Rodeo Arena located at 2200 Loop Road. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:40 p.m.)

An agenda item from Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Domingues to receive direction to enter into lease negotiations with the Reno Rodeo Association for the maintenance and programming of the Gandolfo Rodeo Arena. The city will maintain the building while the Reno Rodeo Association will maintain the rodeo grounds and program the facility on behalf of the city. Mayor Martini thanked the Reno Rodeo Association. City Attorney Chet Adams acknowledged the work done by Parks and Recreation Director Tracy Domingues and Senior Assistant City Attorney Shirle Eiting for the work they did to make this partnership possible.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to authorize the City Manager to initiate negotiations for a lease agreement with the Reno Rodeo Association for the maintenance and programming of the Gandolfo Rodeo Arena in Horseman's Park located at 2200 Loop Road. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

6.2 Consideration and possible ratification of City Council Board & Commission appointments and removal of certain Committees discussed at the November 5, 2012, Council Workshop (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:45 p.m.)

An agenda item from City Manager Shaun Carey recommending ratification of the changes made to the City Council Board & Commission appointments and removal of certain committees as approved at the November 5, 2012 Council workshop.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to ratify the City Council appointments to 2013 Boards and Commissions and remove the Ready for Life Advisory Committee, Historic Preservation Committee, Washoe County Human Services Consortium and Advisory Committee for the Disabled from the roster of Sparks Council Boards & Commissions, as outlined at the November 5, 2012, Workshop. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

6.3 Consideration and possible approval of Resolution #3225 to establish the appointment of City of Sparks business or citizen members to the Board of Directors of the Western Nevada Development District (WNDD). (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:48 p.m.)

An agenda item from City Manager Shaun Carey recommending approval of Resolution No. 3225 to establish the Council's right to appoint private sector citizens to the Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) Board of Directors per the by-laws of the WNDD. Council Member Ed Lawson serves on this Board and Council Member Ron Schmitt is the alternate. The City of Sparks has the ability to appoint two members of the community.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to approve Resolution No. 3225 as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

6.4 Review and possible acceptance of a donation from the Reno Bighorns for the purchase of two wireless scoreboards for the Alf Sorensen Community Center Gymnasium. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:52 p.m.)

An agenda item from Recreation Supervisor Tony Pehle recommending approval to accept a \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) donation from the Reno Bighorns to the Sparks Parks and Recreation Department to assist in the purchase of two wireless electronic scoreboards for the Alf Sorensen Community Center Gymnasium.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the acceptance of a \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) donation from the Reno Bighorns to the Sparks Parks and Recreation Department to assist in the purchase of two wireless electronic scoreboards for the Alf Sorensen Community Center Gymnasium. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

6.5 Consideration and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement Permitting Construction of SouthEast Connector on the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility between the City of Sparks, City of Reno, and Regional Transportation Commission. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:53 p.m.)

An agenda item from Utility Manager Andrew Hummel recommending approval of the Interlocal Agreement. Phase 1 of the project will extend the SouthEast Connector from the Greg

Street and Sparks Boulevard intersection to just south of Cleanwater Way. The Agreement spells out specific responsibilities of the parties in relation to construction of the project by the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). RTC will utilize 300,000 cubic yards of material to construct the highway and in exchange will construct a secondary emergency access road. There is no impact to the general fund.

Council Member Smith announced there will be a ground breaking on December 14. City Manager Shaun Carey congratulated the RTC and Project Engineer Jeff Hill for their many years of work on this project and thanked Council Member Smith, Deputy City Manager for Community Services Neil Krutz, Transportation Manager Jon Ericson and Utility Manager Andy Hummel for their work on this project. Mayor Geno Martini also thanked the group, as well as thanking past Council Member John Mayer, past County Commissioner Bob Larkin, and Council Member Ron Smith. Council Member Smith reiterated those thanks and congratulated Jeff Hill for his success on this project and others he has worked on.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Schmitt, to approve the Interlocal Agreement Permitting Construction of SouthEast Connector on the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility between the City of Sparks, City of Reno, and Regional Transportation Commission. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

6.6 Presentation, discussion, and possible approval of the City of Sparks' FY2013-2018 Strategic Plan (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:00 p.m.)

An agenda item from Assistant City Manager Stephen Driscoll recommending approval of the City of Sparks' FY2013-2018 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is a guiding document of the City of Sparks' Strategic Goals, including the city's Vision, Mission, Core Goals and Strategic Goals looking toward the fiscal years of 2013 through 2018. The city's Strategic Plan serves as an operational and fiscal blueprint and report for how the city will address current needs and challenges for the purpose of meeting future service goals and objectives. The City Council provides input and the plan is developed by the City Manager and staff. Staff references the Strategic Plan while preparing department work planning and budgets. The Strategic Plan for FY2013-2018 was developed based on the outcomes of a Council/Staff workshop held on June 13, 2012 and the Council/Manager workshops held on September 18th and November 5th, 2012.

Council Member Ratti clarified that item 3.4 on page 5 of 6 should be "asset" management plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to accept the updated FY2013-2018 Strategic Plan as outlined by staff with one minor clarification. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

7. Public Hearing and Action Items Unrelated to Planning and Zoning - None

8. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items

The following three agenda items from Senior Planner Jim Rundle are recommending approval of PCN12026. This past summer the City Council directed staff to consider removal of the area generally north of I-80, south of Prater Way and east of Sparks Boulevard from the TOD corridor. Doing so requires a Master Plan Amendment, Rezoning and Code Amendment. The Sparks Planning Commission has forwarded a recommendation to remove the area from the

TOD corridor. Regional Planning Commission has found the Master Plan Amendment in conformance with the Regional Plan. The Sparks City Council can review the Master Plan Amendment, Rezoning, and Code Amendment at this single hearing.

Staff had primary concerns with permitted uses previously granted. Most current uses in the Employment TOD are also permitted in Industrial zoning. Current Commercial users were contacted to determine appropriate zoning. These changes reduce the TOD zoning approximately 20%. There is a 21 day appeal process if a permitted use is questioned.

- 8.1 Public Hearing – PCN12026, Consideration and possible certification of Resolution #3226 a Master Plan land use amendment by the City of Sparks to change the boundary of the Transit Oriented Development Corridor including changing the land use designation of approximately 493 acres from Transit Oriented Development-Employment designation to approximately 352 acres of Industrial, 61 acres of Office Professional, 46 acres of Public Facility, 30 acres of Tourist Commercial and 4 acres of General Commercial generally located south of Prater Way, north of Interstate 80, east of Sparks Boulevard, and west of Vista Boulevard. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:02 p.m.)**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Schmitt, to adopt Resolution #3226 certifying the Planning Commission approval of a Master Plan amendment associated with PCN12026, adopting findings MP1 through MP4 and the facts supporting these Findings as set forth in the staff report. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

- 8.2 Public Hearing, 2nd Reading, and possible action of PCN12026 Bill#2648, an ordinance rezoning 88 parcels totaling approximately 472 acres from TOD-Employment and TOD-Mixed Use Commercial to 331 acres of I (Industrial), 61 acres of PO (Professional Office), 46 acres of PF (Public Facility), 30 acres of TC (Tourist Commercial), and 4 acres of C2 (General Commercial) generally located south of Prater Way, north of Interstate 80, east of Sparks Boulevard, and west of Vista Boulevard. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:15 p.m.)**

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Schmitt, to adopt Bill No. 2648 and approve the Rezoning request associated with PCN12026 based on findings Z1 through Z3 and the facts supporting these findings as set forth in the staff report. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

- 8.3 Public Hearing, 2nd Reading, and possible action of PCN12026 Bill# 2647 an ordinance amending Title 20 of the Sparks Municipal Code by removing the Employment District from the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zoning district and standards and all matters properly related thereto. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 3:16 p.m.)**

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to adopt Bill No. 2647 and approve the Code Amendment request associated with PCN12026 based on the supporting facts as set forth in the staff report. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Passed unanimously.

9. Comments (Time: 3:17 p.m.)

9.1 Comments from City Council and City Manager

City Manager Shaun Carey announced applications are being accepted until December 21, 2012 for anyone interested in serving a two-year term on the Western Nevada Development District. Those with an interest in business and economic development are encouraged to complete a community serve application.

9.2 Comments from the Public - None

10. Adjournment

Council was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

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