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Kristopher Dahir, Ward V

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**Sparks City Council Concurrent Meeting
with the City of Reno, and Washoe County Board of Commissioners
1:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

This meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic – Hosted by the City of Reno via ZOOM

1. Call to Order

The concurrent meeting was called to order by City of Reno Mayor Hillary Scheive at 1:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Dian VanderWell.

3. Roll Call

Reno: Mayor Hillary Scheive, Council Members Jenny Brekhus, Naomi Duerr, Oscar Delgado, Bonnie Weber, Neoma Jardon, Devon Reese, PRESENT via ZOOM.

Washoe County: Chair Bob Lucey, Vice Chair Marsha Berkbigler, and Commissioners Kitty Jung, Vaughn Hartung, and Jeanne Herman, PRESENT via ZOOM.

Sparks: Mayor Ed Lawson, Council Members Donald Abbott, Dian VanderWell, Paul Anderson, Charlene Bybee, Kristopher Dahir, PRESENT via ZOOM.

4. Public Comment

See attached list of emails and voicemails received by the City of Reno Clerk for public comment.

5. Agenda

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. Each body voted individually:

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as submitted.

Moved by: Reno Council Member Jardon

Seconded by: Reno Council Member Reese

Yes: Mayor Scheive, Council Members Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, Weber, Jardon, Reese.

No: None

Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 7-0

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as submitted.
Moved by: Washoe County Commissioner Berkgigler
Seconded by: Washoe County Commissioner Hartung
Yes: Commissioners Lucey, Berkgigler, Jung, Hartung, Herman
No: None
Abstain: None
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as submitted.
Moved by: Council Member Bybee
Seconded by: Council Member VanderWell
Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir
No: None
Abstain: None
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0

6. Presentation and discussion of residential evictions in the Washoe County Region – Amy Jones, Executive Director, Reno Housing Authority (NO ACTION TAKEN)

Amy Jones, Executive Director, Reno Housing Authority provided an update regarding the residential evictions program in the Washoe County region. To date, approximately \$8 million in funding has been allocated to the program from four funding sources: \$5 million from the State of Nevada health Division; \$1.5 million from the City of Reno; and 2.5 million from the City of Sparks Cares Act funding, and Community Block Development Grant Covid-19 (CBDG-CV) funds. To date about \$3.5 million has been received, with both Reno allocations and Sparks CBDG-CV allocations exhausted. 3,072 applications have been received, with 557 payments approved, 899 applications pending follow-up from applicants, and 323 pending eligibility review. Payments average an estimated \$5,913.

Council asked what to expect in January 2021 after the Center for Disease Control eviction moratorium is lifted. Mrs. Jones noted while there is still no concrete plan, hopefully actions being taken today will help mitigate impacts at that time and options will continue to be evaluated as they are presented. Council also asked how information on the eviction declaration process is being disseminated to the public outside of Reno Housing Authority efforts. Mrs. Jones confirmed information is available is available through Washoe County and Nevada legal services teams, and she also encouraged local governments to disseminate the information on their respective websites.

7. Built for Zero

Agenda items 7.1 and 7.2 were presented jointly. No action was taken.

7.1 Presentation and discussion for the Built for Zero, Re-Enrollment and the Next Chapter – Eric Brown, County Manager and Dana Searcy, Special Projects Manager, Washoe County. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Washoe County Manager Eric Brown and Washoe County Special Projects Manager Dana Searcy provided an update on the Built for Zero

project, recent successes, and projected needs. The Built for Zero project is a national data-driven approach aimed at addressing homelessness in local communities. Washoe County became a participant in the initiative in April 2020, with a core team comprised of more than 35 organizational representatives from all three jurisdictions.

7.2 Presentation and discussion of the Karma Box Project's efforts in support of Built for Zero - Grant Denton, Executive Director, Karma Box Project.

Grant Denton, Karma Box Project Executive Director, provided an overview of the Karma Box Projects efforts in support of the Built for Zero initiative. Mr. Denton commented the Karma Box Project aims to help meet Built for Zero goals by reaching the community on a more personal level. Community engagement efforts include engaging stewards from the homeless community to help with area cleanup and engaging with one-on-one time with the stewards. Local organizations continue to provide support with food and clothing donations. Since October 21, 2020, 11 stewards have volunteered, three have moved from the river are housed and employed, one entered an outpatient program, and 952 bags of garbage have been removed from local communities.

Following Mr. Denton's presentation, Mr. Brown encouraged councils to maintain active participation in this collaborative community effort to reduce homelessness in the region with the Built for Zero initiative.

Sparks council members noted the importance of collaboration of efforts on a community scale in conjunction with local governments. Council encouraged community individuals and organizations to continue to engage and support efforts to mitigate homelessness in the area.

Commissioner Lucey clarified that no motion for these items is being made today, however individual councils will vote on whether to continue to support the project at their individual council meetings.

8. Presentation and discussion of the Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement (H.O.P.E.) program conducted through the City of Sparks Police Department - Sparks Police Department.

A presentation from Sparks Police Chief Chris Crawforth and Sergeant John Vasquez regarding the Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement (H.O.P.E.) program. The H.O.P.E. program provides support to the Built for Zero initiative through outreach to the homeless community and ongoing river clean-up efforts. Sgt. Vasquez showed two videos demonstrating successes of similar programs in larger, more populated regions.

Mayor Lawson encouraged community leaders and elected officials to engage in a ride-along with the H.O.P.E.S. team to experience the team's community impacts.

No action was taken.

9. Presentation and discussion of the "Crisis Now" methodology of acute mental health crises intervention - R-I Associates.

A presentation from Dr. Stephanie Woodard, State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Senior Advisor on Behavioral Health, on the Crisis Now Model and the need for crisis care. Dr. Woodard provided an overview of main areas of focus including: a high-tech crisis call centers, continual access to mobile crisis teams and crisis stabilization programs, and implementation of essential crisis care principles and practices.

Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board Chair Julia Ratti provided comment on continued efforts to evaluate local resources and identify needs to help incorporate the Crisis Now Model at a regional level. One example includes incorporation of behavioral health professionals as additional response support to mental-health centric emergency calls, with a pilot program scheduled to begin in December 2020.

No action was taken.

10. Presentation and discussion of the Clean and Safe program conducted by the City of Reno - Arlo Stockham, Acting Assistant City Manager and Cynthia Esparza, Senior Management Analyst, City of Reno.

A presentation from City of Reno Acting Assistant City Manager Arlo Stockham, and City of Reno Senior Management Analyst Cynthia Esparza providing an overview of the Clean and Safe program. The program was established in December 2019 with a goal of improving public health and safety issues through cleanup of parks, public spaces, the Truckee River corridor, and through homeless outreach and encampment reduction. Ms. Esparza noted between January and November 2020, 2699 yards of waste and 480 gallons of biohazard have been collected. Ms. Esparza also discussed costs to maintain the program, as well as community partnerships with the Clean and Safe Program.

The presentation included a historical program overview of homeless sheltering challenges, locations, service opportunities, and strategies. An overview of the Nevada Cares Campus was also provided along with approval requirements and cost share agreements.

11. Regional Homeless Sheltering

City Clerk Ashley Turney noted for the record the names of those who submitted public comment in support of agenda item 11 – nine emails or written correspondence were received and 118 voicemails. Comments were received prior to the City of Reno deadline of 4:00 p.m. November 17, 2020.

Acting City of Reno Assistant City Manager Arlo Stockham provided an overview of the Nevada Cares Campus Plan, presenting items 11.1 through 11.5 together:

11.1 Staff Report: Overview of the Nevada Cares Campus Plan - Arlo Stockham, Acting Assistant City Manager, City of Reno. (For Possible Action)

11.2 Approval by Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County of Exhibit A (Fiscal Year 2020-21 Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Shelter Operation and Other Homeless Services among the City of Reno, Washoe County, and the City of Sparks). (For Possible Action)

- 11.3 Approval by Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County of Exhibit B (Amendment No. 1 to the Cost Share Agreement Attachment to the Interlocal Agreement for Incident Command and Coordinated Response to COVID19). Amendment 1 addresses cost share responsibilities for emergency homeless facilities (\$16,871,040) and a regional wastewater study (\$1,790,385). (For Possible Action)**
- 11.4 Approval by the City of Reno of Exhibit C (Purchase agreement for an approximately 5.15-acre portion of the Governor's Bowl Park property (APN 008-211-38) located at 1498 East Fourth Street, Reno, NV for an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000. (For Possible Action)**
- 11.5 Approval by the City of Reno of Exhibit D (three-party purchase agreement for the approximately ±9.39-acre Wells Cargo Property (APNs 008-211-43 and 008-211-46) located at 1175 East Fourth Street, Reno, NV) for an amount not to exceed \$6,150,000 for the Shelter portion and \$5,650,000 for the Housing portion. (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Stockham provided an overview of homeless sheltering challenges, locations, service opportunities, and strategies. The overview also addressed plan and cost share agreements for the homeless shelter operating costs; Plan and cost share agreements for emergency homeless shelter acquisition and construction costs, and land acquisitions for expanded homeless facilities at the Wells Cargo property and the Governor's Bowl. Plans for the shelter include a new 45,900 square-foot shelter, using an existing building for storage and possibly future rehabilitation, and establishing additional homeless services at the Governor's Bowl site.

The proposed cost share agreement for acquisition and development splits funding proportional to CARES Act funding received. If approved, agencies agree to pay a total of \$16,871,040 for site and facility expenses as followed: City of Reno to pay \$9,145,791 (54.21%); City of Sparks to pay \$3,757,181 (22.27%); and Washoe County to pay \$3,968,068 (23.52%).

The proposed cost share agreement for operations splits costs according to a longstanding formula: Reno and Sparks to pay at 0.01% of assessed value for taxation and Washoe County to pay at 0.015% of assessed value for taxation. Of the proposed \$8,158,257, agencies agree to pay the following if approved: City of Reno to pay \$1,837,239 (22.46%); City of Sparks to pay \$646,950 (7.96%); and Washoe County to pay \$5,674,067 (69.55%).

Sparks council thanked city and county managers and those involved in bringing the project to fruition in this collaborative effort. Additional agency discussion included: continued gratitude to all involved; concern about lead agency roles versus respective financial commitments; and ongoing costs and potential impacts on Washoe County taxpayers.

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Commissioner Lucey then opened voting to each agency, starting with Washoe County, followed by Sparks then Reno. Items 11.4 and 11.5 did not require a vote from Sparks or Washoe County.

Washoe County voted as follows:

Motion: I move to approve agenda item 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3
Moved by: Commissioner Lucey
Seconded by: Commissioner Hartung
Yes: Commissioners Lucey, Berkbigler, Jung, Hartung, Herman
No: None
Abstain: None
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Mayor Lawson sought legal guidance on whether a block vote for agenda items 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3 is acceptable. City Attorney Adams confirmed the Mayor could choose either option. Mayor Lawson proceeded with the Sparks vote with each item individually:

Motion: I move to approve agenda item 11.1.
Moved by: Council Member Dahir
Seconded by: Council Member Bybee
Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir
No: None
Abstain: None
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Motion: I move to approve agenda item 11.2.
Moved by: Council Member Bybee
Seconded by: Council Member Anderson
Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir
No: None
Abstain: None
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Motion: I move to approve agenda item 11.3.
Moved by: Council Member Abbott
Seconded by: Council Member VanderWell
Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir
No: None
Abstain: None
Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Reno voted as follows:

Motion: I move to approve agenda items 11.1 through 11.5.

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Moved by: Council Member Jardon
Seconded by: Council Member Duerr
Yes: Mayor Scheive, Council Members Duerr, Delgado, Weber, Jardon, Reese.
No: Brekhus
Abstain: None
Vote: Motion passed, 6-1.

Additional discussion was provided by Council Member Brekhus. Clerk Turney noted for the record Mrs. Brekhus left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

12. General Business - Commissioner, Council Member and Manager announcements, reports and updates to include requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion will take place on this item.)

Mayor Lawson would like to request future discussion of a possible appeals process for board decisions made by the District Health Department.

Council Member Dahir commented he would like to see concurrent meetings happen more frequently and agreed with Mayor Lawson's recommendation to review options for an appeal process with the District Health Department.

13. Public Comment (This item is for either public comment on any action item or for any general public comment.)

See attached transcript of emails and voicemails received by the City of Reno Clerk.

13. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Council was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Ed Lawson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Hunderman, City Clerk

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