



MAYOR  
*Geno Martini*

CITY COUNCIL  
*Julia Ratti, Ward I*  
*Ed Lawson, Ward II*  
*Ron Smith, Ward III*  
*Charlene Bybee, Ward IV*  
*Ron Schmitt, Ward V*

CITY ATTORNEY  
*Chet Adams*

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**2:00 P.M., Monday, March 9, 2015**  
**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 Pro Tem Ron Smith at 2:00 p.m.

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

Council Members Julia Ratti, Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, Charlene Bybee, City Manager Steve Driscoll, City Attorney Chet Adams and City Clerk Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: Mayor Geno Martini, Council Member Ron Schmitt

**3. Opening Ceremonies**

**3.1 Invocation Speaker** (Time: 2:00 p.m.)

The invocation was provided by Michael Davis, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

**3.2 Pledge of Allegiance** (Time: 2:01 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Community Relations Manager Adam Mayberry.

**4. Public Comment** (Time: 2:01 p.m.) - None

**5. Approval of the Agenda** (Time: 2:02 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 Lawson, seconded by Council Member Bybee to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, YES. Council Member Schmitt, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

**6. Approval of the Minutes** (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

**6.1 Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the regular Sparks City Council meeting on February 23, 2015. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Bybee, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2015. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, YES. Council Member Schmitt, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

**7. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest**  
(Time: 2:03 p.m. Held until end of meeting)

**7.1 Proclamation: "Brain Injury Awareness Month"** (Time: 2:22 p.m.)

Mayor Geno Martini proclaimed March 2015 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" and encouraged all citizens to give recognition and appreciation to the Brain Recovery Assistants Institute of Nevada (B.R.A.I.N.) and "Because I Can" Foundation for their mission to help brain injury survivors put their lives back together by regaining independence through support, empowerment, resources, public awareness, education, and youth prevention programs. The proclamation was presented to Teresa Morros and Dr. Denny Granata.

**8. Consent Items (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** (Time: 2:03 p.m.)

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

**8.1 Report of Claims and Bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period February 5, 2015 through February 18, 2015. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

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

**8.2 Consideration and possible award of a contract (AC-5124) for the renovation of the volleyball court at Golden Eagle Park to a multiuse concrete court to Peek Construction, in the amount of 94,327.00 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

An agenda item from Parks Development and Operations Manager Rick Darby recommending Council approve the contract with Peek Construction. The sand volleyball court that is located within Golden Eagle Regional Park is causing problems with the natural turf as well as the synthetic turf. The sand is blowing on to the turfs and creating maintenance issues. Replacing volleyball court with a concrete slab will give Parks and Recreation more play value and no further maintenance issues. Funds are budgeted in the Parks & Recreation Fund; there is no impact to the general fund.

**9. General Business**

**9.1 Consideration and possible award of a contract (AC-5126) to provide Engineering Services for the Sparks Sewer Model Update with Atkins in the amount of \$407,604. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** (Time: 2:04 p.m.)

An agenda item from Utility Manager Andrew Hummel recommending Council approve the contract with Atkins. This Model Update will provide a system-wide assessment of sanitary sewer system flow rates, remaining capacity, and potential capital improvement needs for various development scenarios. Funds are budgeted in the Sanitary Sewer Operations Fund; there is no impact to the general fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Bybee, to award the contract (AC-5126) to provide Engineering Services for the Sparks Sewer Model Update with Atkins in the amount of \$407,604. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, YES. Council Member Schmitt, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

**9.2 Presentation, discussion, and possible approval of the Washoe County Regional Communications System Interlocal Agreement (AC-5127) as Amended October 2014. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:11 p.m.)**

An agenda item from City Manager Stephen Driscoll recommending Council approve the Interlocal Agreement as Amended October 2014. The regional communications system (800 MHz) was established and has been operated in accordance with the terms and provisions of the original Interlocal Agreement dated October, 1999, amended on July 1, 2002. The original agreement is due to terminate by its terms in October, 2014. This Amended Interlocal Agreement, dated October 2014, between the County of Washoe, the Washoe County School District, the Nevada Department of Transportation, the City of Reno, the City of Sparks and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District provides for the continued development and operation of the Washoe County Regional Communications System (WCRCS). There is no impact to the general fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Bybee, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the Washoe County Regional Communication System Interlocal Agreement (AC-5127) as amended October 2014 as presented by staff. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, YES. Council Member Schmitt, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

**9.3 Consideration and possible approval to grant emergency spending authority to the City Manager of up to \$250,000 related to potential hydrocarbon contamination of City property. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:13 p.m.)**

An agenda item from Deputy City Manager for Community Services Neil Krutz recommending Council approve emergency spending authority to the City Manager of up to \$250,000 related to potential hydrocarbon contamination of City property. Hydrocarbons have been found in the ground on City property located at 1344 Victorian Avenue by a potential purchaser of the property. The property is located at the northeast corner of Victorian Avenue and Victorian Plaza Circle (formerly 13th Street) and carries Assessor's Parcel Number 032-135-13. The City needs to conduct investigations and potentially develop a mitigation plan, the details of which will unfold as the scope of the contamination is identified. Neil will return before City Council and the Redevelopment Agency after further information is available to determine appropriate cost and funding allocation.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Bybee, to grant the City Manager spending authority of up to \$250,000 related to potential hydrocarbon contamination of City property. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, YES. Council Member Schmitt, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

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

**11. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items - None**

**12. Closed Door Sessions - None**

**13. Comments**

**13.1 Comments from the Public (Time: 2:34 p.m.) None**

**13.2 Comments from City Council and City Manager** (Time: 2:34 p.m.)

Council Member Bybee welcomed the new appointment to the Sparks Citizens Advisory Committee Wendy Haynes-Rosen. Council Member Smith requested that Planning put sign ordinance change proposals on the next agenda.

**14. Adjournment**

Council was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

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GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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