



MAYOR
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Julia Ratti, Ward I
Ed Lawson, Ward II
Ron Smith, Ward III
Mike Carrigan, Ward IV
Ron Schmitt, Ward V

CITY ATTORNEY
Chet Adams

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2:00 P.M., Monday, September 8, 2014
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 2:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Geno Martini, Council Members Julia Ratti, Ed Lawson, Mike Carrigan, Ron Schmitt (via phone), City Manager Steve Driscoll, City Attorney Chet Adams and City Clerk Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: Council Member Ron Smith

3. Opening Ceremonies

3.1 Invocation Speaker (Time: 2:01 p.m.)

The invocation was provided by Pastor Brad Dyrness of the Sparks Nazarene Church.

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Attorney Chet Adams.

4. Public Comment (Time: 2:02 p.m.)

- Frank Tennes (Time: 2:02 p.m.) commented on homeowners who neglect their property and suggested a local business tax for assisted living homes.
- Susie Price (Time: 2:05 p.m.) commented on challenges with assisted living facilities in residential neighborhoods.
- Kevin Christensen (Time: 2:09 p.m.) commented on neighborhood speed limits and safety.

5. Approval of the Agenda (Time: 2:11 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 Carrigan, to approve the agenda as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Smith, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

6. Approval of the Minutes (Time: 2:12 p.m.)

6.1 Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the regular Sparks City Council Meeting for August 25, 2014.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2014, as outlined by staff. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Smith, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

7. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest (Time: 2:12 p.m.)

7.1 Presentation of a "Certificate of Merit" from the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) (Time: 2:12 p.m.)

Mr. J. Edward Parker presented the City of Sparks with a Certificate of Merit in recognition of the outstanding service the City of Sparks has given the ARRL.

7.2 Proclamation: "Healthy Living Day" (Time: 2:13 p.m.)

Mayor Martini read a proclamation naming September 18, 2014 as "Healthy Living Day" and encouraged all Sparks' citizens to take steps to combat chronic diseases by promoting physical activity, healthy eating, and tobacco free lifestyles. The proclamation was accepted by Kelly who thanked the Council and announced the 2014 Washoe County Healthy Living Forum being held Thursday, September 18, 2014 at the Joe Crowley Student Union at the University of Nevada.

8. Consent Items (Time: 2:16 p.m.)

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

8.1 Report of Claims and Bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period August 7, 2014 through August 20, 2014 (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.

8.2 Consideration and possible approval of reimbursement to the City of Reno in the amount of \$119,521.58 for the construction of the Nitrification Recirculation Pump Station Improvements Project at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from TMWRF Plant Manager Michael Drinkwater recommending Council approve a reimbursement to Reno for Sparks' share of the Nitrification Recirculation Pump Station Improvements Project. This facility is a critical component to the continuous and reliable operation of the Nitrification Towers that allows the facility to discharge effluent that meets regulatory discharge requirements to the river. The proposed construction project consists of providing replacement pumps, new motor control cabinets, new variable frequency drives for the pumps, control wiring, electrical feeder wiring, and appurtenances. There is no impact to the general fund.

8.3 Consideration and possible approval of a Final Map for Upper Highlands at Cimarron East Phase 4 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from City Engineer John Martini recommending Council approve a final map for the Upper Highlands at Cimarron East, Phase 4. This map will create 41 residential lots within the Upper Highlands at Cimarron East Planned Development. 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 Consideration and possible approval of a contract to Q&D Construction for the Mary Wahl Storm Drain Project in the amount of \$680,860 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:17 p.m.)

An agenda item from Utility Manager Andrew Hummel recommending the Council award a contract to install 815 feet of reinforced concrete box within an existing open ditch section of the Mary Wahl Drain between Greg Street and Coney Island Drive. Funds have been budgeted and are available for this contract.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to award a contract to Q&D Construction for the Mary Wahl Storm Drain Project in the amount of \$680,860. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Smith, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

9.2 Consideration and possible approval of reimbursement to the City of Reno in the amount of \$1,051,160.61 for the construction of the Electrical Systems Upgrades Phase II project at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:20 p.m.)

An agenda item from TMWRF Plant Manager Michael Drinkwater recommending Council approve reimbursement to the City of Reno for Sparks' share of a contract with Nelson Electric Inc., for Phase II of the Electrical Systems Upgrades Project at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility. This work will reduce arc-flash hazards, update electrical equipment that is at the end of its useful service life, provide electrical system redundancy to improve reliability of the plant to continuously treat sewage and meet discharge permit requirements. Funds have been budgeted and are available for this contract.

A motion was made by Council Member Carrigan, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to approve reimbursement to the City of Reno for Sparks' share of the construction of the Electrical Systems Upgrades Phase II project in the amount of \$1,051,160.61. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Smith, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

9.3 Consideration and possible approval of a consulting agreement for construction management services with CDM Smith for the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF) Electrical Systems Upgrade Phase II Project in an amount not to exceed \$398,650.00, with the City of Sparks' portion being \$125,056.50 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:22 p.m.)

An agenda item from TMWRF Plant Manager Michael Drinkwater recommending Council approve a consultant agreement for construction management services for Phase II of the

Electrical Systems upgrade at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility. This consultant agreement will provide construction management services during project construction that includes project management, engineering services during construction, inspection, and testing. Funds have been budgeted and are available for this project.

A motion was made by Council Member Carrigan, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to approve the reimbursement to the City of Reno for Sparks' share of the construction management contract for the Electrical Systems Upgrades Phase II Project in the amount of \$125,056.50. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Smith, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

9.4 Consideration and possible approval of a contract to Peek Brothers Construction for the Howard Drive Storm Drain Realignment in the amount of \$240,751.30. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:23 p.m.)

An agenda item from Utility Manager Andrew Hummel recommending Council approve a contract to Peek Brothers Construction for the Howard Drive Storm Drain Realignment in the amount of \$240,751.30. This project will realign storm drain piping from the front yards of four residences on the north side of Howard Drive between Goldy Way and Fargo Way, to within Howard Drive. The existing pipe has failed and will be abandoned. Funds have been budgeted in the Storm Drains Capital Fund for this project.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to approve the contract to Peek Brothers Construction for the Howard Drive Storm Drain Realignment in the amount of \$240,751.30. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Smith, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

9.5 Consideration and possible appointment of a City Council Member as an alternate Commissioner to attend and vote at the September 19, 2014, Regional Transportation Commission meeting (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:26 p.m.)

An agenda item from City Manager Stephen Driscoll recommending the Council appoint an alternate to attend and vote at the September 19, 2014 Regional Transportation Commission meeting, so that the City of Sparks has a voting representative at the meeting. Council Member Ron Smith is currently appointed as the Regional Transportation Commissioner for the City of Sparks. Council Member Ron Schmitt is the alternate Commissioner who normally attends if Council Member Smith is unable to do so. On September 19, 2014, neither Council Members Smith nor Schmitt are able to attend the meeting. Pursuant to the RTC bylaws section E(i), the Public Body may appoint an alternate from the City of Sparks Council to attend one Commission meeting in the place of the Commissioner. There is no financial impact to the general fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Carrigan, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to appoint Council Member Lawson of the Sparks City Council as the voting alternate Commissioner to attend the September 19, 2014 meeting of the Regional Transportation Commission. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Smith, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

Council Member Schmitt suggested staff work on a more long-term solution for having pre-arranged appointments to serve as voting alternates.

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

10.1 Public Hearing, consideration and possible approval of a request from Wolfhound Holdings LLC to the City of Sparks for the abandonment of a portion of the 12th Street right of way and for the abandonment of a portion of the Victorian Plaza Circle right of way. CONTINUED FROM 8/25/2014 MEETING. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:29 p.m.)

City Engineer John Martini said the request for abandonment from Wolfhound Holdings LLC was withdrawn.

10.2 Second Reading, discussion, and possible adoption of Bill No. 2683, an ordinance amending Chapter 9 of the Sparks Municipal Code; revising provisions relating to convicted persons, sex offenders and persons convicted of nonsexual crimes against children; repealing provisions of the Sparks Municipal Code pertaining to the registration of those persons, and thereby making state law solely applicable to such registrations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:31 p.m.)

An agenda item from Attorney Tom Riley recommending Council adopt a bill that repeals the requirement that the police department issue registration cards to sex offenders and that sex offenders carry such cards. The elimination of registration cards for sex offenders will reduce the administrative burden at the police department, but it will not have any effect on state law, which requires sex offenders to register with the police department.

No comments were received at the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to adopt Bill No. 2683 (Ordinance No.2502), as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Smith, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

10.3 Second Reading, discussion, and possible adoption of Bill No. 2684, an ordinance amending Chapter 13 of Sparks Municipal Code modifying environmental control and pretreatment standards and defining post construction storm water quality management; and providing for other matters properly related thereto. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:34 p.m.)

An agenda item from Utility Manager Andrew Hummel recommending Council adopt a bill that will amend, by ordinance, Title 13 of the Sparks Municipal Code, modifying environmental control and pretreatment standards and defining post construction storm water quality management. Collectively, 59 sections of Title 13 are proposed to be amended. The proposed amendments include deletions of unnecessary, duplicate, or superseded definitions or code sections. Certain new sections were inserted to provide definition for User classes to match state or federal standards. Pretreatment, environmental control, and post construction storm water quality management sections received the bulk of the changes and additions to ensure compliance.

No comments were received at the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to adopt Bill No. 2684 (Ordinance No. 2503), as submitted. Council Members Ratti, Lawson, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Smith, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

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

12. Closed Door Sessions - None

13. Comments

13.1 Comments from the Public (Time: 2:38 p.m.) - None

13.2 Comments from City Council and City Manager (Time: 2:38 p.m.) - None

14. Adjournment

Council was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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