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Commendation

WHEREAS, the band Revolver was formed in 1976, and soon became known as "White Water" whose first public appearance was the beginning of a long tradition of volunteering for nonprofits at the Washoe County Fairgrounds, raising money for the Northern Nevada Food Pantry. Over the years many talented musicians came in and out of the band. From 1976 - 1986 White Water performed at many clubs in northern Nevada and northern California. In 1986, the band recorded an original album at "Granny's House" a high-tech recording studio, and then at Starsound Audio; and

WHEREAS, White Water stopped performing publicly in 1987, but the members of the band who were involved in the original recording session include:

Michael C. Kelley – Lead Singer & Bass Player / City of Sparks Urban Forester working at the City of Sparks for 27 years, retiring in 2015.

Lee Miles – Guitar & Vocals / City of Sparks Senior Building Inspector working at the City of Sparks for 23 years, retiring 2011.

Mike Goss – Equipment Manager & Electrical Engineer / Treatment Plant Electrician II working at the City of Sparks for 28 years, retiring in 2005.

Ron Layton – Crew, Security & Shaber Ave. (Sparks, NV) practice studio landlord / GPS Specialist working at the City of Sparks for 32 years, retiring in 2010.

Mike Biselli – Drums / City of Sparks Maintenance Manager working at the City of Sparks for 33 years, retiring in 2010.

Elise Weatherly – Honorary City Employee.

The other two members involved in the recording sessions are: Bob Rasner, Kirk Berryman.

White Water is also known as the City of Sparks band as many members worked for and retired from the best local government agency on Planet Earth!

WHEREAS, even after the band stopped performing publicly, members of the band working at the City would perform at many City of Sparks functions including the annual City of Sparks Awards Banquet, The Autumn Harvest Party, New Year's Eve Party and the City of Sparks Centennial Celebration. That is how they also became known as The City of Sparks Band; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the White Water recording sessions, The Great Basin Brewing Company on Victorian Square will graciously present The White Water 30th Year Anniversary CD Release Party, hosted by another Sparks Band, Acoustic Wonderland. In keeping with a long standing White Water tradition of assisting nonprofits, this performance as well as CD and T-shirts sales will benefit The Children's Cabinet.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, join with the City Council in congratulating the band White Water on many years of contributions to our community in both their volunteer work and sharing their gift of music.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 24th day of August, 2017.



GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:



TERESA GARDNER, City Clerk

