

City of Sparks BDR Concepts for Council discussion on June 11, 2012

BDR Concept	Summary of concept	Status	Sparks Specific	Statewide Issue
A. Resetting property rate upon the sale of property	Currently, homes are depreciated at 1.5 percent per year up to 50 years, for a total of 75 percent. When a home is sold, the depreciated value stays intact. This BDR that would reset the tax depreciation at point of sale.	In 2011, AJR 1 (NV League sponsored) passed both the Assembly and Senate and will return to the 2013 Session.		X
B. Increasing the ending fund balance through NAC	Increasing statutorily the ending fund balance that is not subject to negotiations from 8.3 percent to 16.6 percent	Change is to Nevada Administrative Code. Staff is working with the Committee on Local Government Finance to potentially advance this concept.		X
C. Removal of Health Care as mandatory collective bargaining item	NRS 288, section 150(2)(f) lists insurance benefits as a mandatory item to be negotiated with recognized employee organizations.			X
D. Reform the arbitration process	Governor Sandoval is considering addressing this issues in 2013			X
E. Increasing fund balance in an enterprise fund for development services	Current statue calls for decreasing permit fees if working capital in the enterprise fund is higher than 50 percent of operating and capital expenses for two consecutive years. Increasing the working capital limit could provide more in reserves during economic downturns.			X
F. Removing the tentative budget preparation process and public hearing	<p>Current statue call for submitting a “tentative” budget, and holding a hearing on a tentative budget on a date and time specific. The tentative budget preparation (NRS 354.5965) is inefficient and does not provide a useful tool for local governments. Additionally, the public hearing on the tentative budget (NRS 354.596) is not timely, as the final budget usurps the tentative budget.</p> <p>Consideration could also be given to adding a provision on a public hearing for final budget, which is currently not required.</p>			X
G. Sparks Charter Committee Changes	<p>Charter Committee’s amendments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civil Service Commission meeting quarterly (instead of monthly) and removes most civil service regulations. 	Charter Committee has completed its business for this session	X	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarifies City Manager exercises control over all departments of city government, except departments with elected heads. - Clarifies that employment of special counsel hired by City Council only represents the City Council. <p>(Language is attached to staff report)</p>			
<p>H. No BDR submittal for 2013 Session</p>				