



**CHAIRPERSON**

*Julia Ratti*

**AGENCY**

*Ed Lawson*

*Ron Smith*

*Geno Martini*

*Charlene Bybee*

*Ron Schmitt*

**AGENCY ATTORNEY**

*Chet Adams*

**SPARKS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING MINUTES**  
**Following the City Council Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015**  
**City Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada**

**1. Call to Order** (Time: 3:02 p.m.)

The regular meeting of the Sparks Redevelopment Agency was called to order by Chairperson Julia Ratti at 3:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call** (Time: 3:02 p.m.)

Chairperson Julia Ratti, Agency Members Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, Geno Martini, Charlene Bybee, Chief Administrative Officer Steve Driscoll, Agency Attorney Chet Adams, Agency Secretary Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: Agency Member Ron Schmitt

**3. Public Comment** (Time: 3:02 p.m.) - None

**4. Approval of the Agenda – Consideration of taking items out of sequence, deleting items and adding items which require action upon a finding that an emergency exists** (Time: 3:02 p.m.)

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

**5. Approval of the Minutes** (Time: 3:03 p.m.)

**5.1 Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the regular Sparks Redevelopment Agency Meeting for February 23, 2015. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

A motion was made by Agency Member Lawson, seconded by Agency Member Martini, to approve the minutes of the Redevelopment Agency meeting of February 23, 2015 as submitted.

Agency Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Martini, Bybee, YES. Council Member Schmitt, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

**6. Report of Claims and Bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period February 05, 2015 through March 04, 2015. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**  
(Time: 3:03 p.m.)

An agenda item from Chief Financial Officer Jeff Cronk recommending the Agency approve the Claims and Bills approved for payment and the appropriation transfers.

A motion was made by Agency Member Lawson, seconded by Agency Member Martini, to approve the Claims and Bills approved for payment and the appropriation transfers as submitted. Agency Members Ratti, Lawson, Smith, Martini, Bybee, YES. Council Member Schmitt, ABSENT. Passed unanimously with those present.

**7. Consideration and possible approval to grant emergency spending authority to the Redevelopment Agency of up to \$250,000 related to potential hydrocarbon contamination of Redevelopment Agency property. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**  
(Time: 3:04 p.m.)

An agenda item from Deputy City Manager for Community Services Neil Krutz, presented by City Manager Steve Driscoll recommending the Agency grant emergency spending authority to the Chief Administrative Officer. Hydrocarbons have been found in the ground on Redevelopment Agency 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. Staff needs to conduct investigations and potentially develop a mitigation plan, the details of which will unfold as the scope of the contamination is identified. This is an emergent situation that does not fit within normal city timeframes for expenditures. Approval requests were to both the Redevelopment Agency and City Council, for a total of \$250,000, using SRA funds first, general funds if required.

Marilyn Jo Fink with the Victorian Inn asked about Federal funding for remediation of contaminated soil. Mr. Driscoll said city funds will be used for emergency remediation and the city will look for reimbursement when possible. Ms. Fink expressed concern regarding the contamination being in the water table. Mr. Driscoll said there are two things going on; the frequent testing Ms. Fink has observed is a result of an oil problem years ago and regular testing to confirm safe water; the new situation is from a current test showing oil near the surface on a parcel that was previously a gas station and requires additional testing.

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

**8. Comments (Time: 3:11 p.m.)**

**8.1 Comments from the Public - None**

**8.2 Comments from Agency and Chief Administrative Officer - None**

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

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Julia Ratti, Chairperson

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Teresa Gardner, Agency Secretary

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