

CITY COUNCIL Donald Abbott, Ward I Dian VanderWell, Ward II Paul Anderson, Ward III Charlene Bybee, Ward IV Kristopher Dahir, Ward V

> CITY ATTORNEY Chet Adams

CITY MANAGER Neil Krutz

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2:00 P.M., Monday, September 28, 2020 This meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Mayor Ed Lawson at 2:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Ed Lawson, Council Members Donald Abbott, Dian VanderWell, Paul Anderson, Charlene Bybee, Kristopher Dahir, City Manager Neil Krutz, City Attorney Chet Adams, City Clerk Lisa Hunderman, PRESENT via ZOOM.

3. Opening Ceremonies

3.1 Invocation Speaker

The invocation was not provided.

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bybee.

4. Public Comment

Sparks Resident Matthew Joseph provided comment on behalf of Sparks Firefighters Local 1265 in opposition to a recent decision to close a Sparks fire station and suspend national mutual aid efforts after a positive COVID-19 case was confirmed at one of the fire stations.

5. Agenda

5.1 Approval of the Agenda (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Consideration of taking items out of sequence, deleting items and adding items which require action upon a finding that an emergency exists.

Motion: Move to approve the agenda as submitted.

Moved by: Council Member VanderWell **Seconded by:** Council Member Bybee

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0

6. Minutes

6.1 Consideration and possible approval of the minutes of the Sparks City Council meeting for September 14, 2020. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the Sparks City Council meeting

for September 14, 2020.

Moved by: Council Member Dahir **Seconded by:** Council Member Abbott

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

7. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items, and Items of Special Interest

7.1 Update on the CARES Act and CDBG-CV funded rental assistance programs
Reno Housing Authority Executive Director Amy Jones provided an update on area
rental assistance programs funding through the CARES Act and CDBG-CV. Ms.
Jones provided an overview of application process, funds granted to date, and
projected funds needed based on approvals.

Council sought clarification about figures presented, what follow-up looks like for applicants, and how Council can help expedite the process. Ms. Jones confirmed there are 624 Sparks applicants so far, with 15 applications processed and \$136,628 allocated to-date. Ms. Jones confirmed a welcome packet is sent immediately to applicants and those who are non-responsive will receive follow-up phone calls and letters from staff. Ms. Jones commented the biggest barrier to expedient processing is lack of proper documentation. Council asked for a copy of the welcome packet so they may familiarize themselves with the criteria and requirements. Council also asked if local non-profits are assisting in efforts; Ms. Jones confirmed her staff is solely responsible for processing applications, however local non-profits help by promoting the program and communicating the process.

7.2 Proclamation: 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

Council proclaimed 2020 as the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment in honor of the bold, courageous and powerful women who fought for the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 1920 providing for women's suffrage. The proclamation was read by Council Member Bybee.

7.3 Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week 2020

Council proclaimed October 4-10, 2020 as Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" reminds fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, with homes being the location people are at greatest fire risk. The proclamation was read by Council Member Anderson.

7.4 Proclamation: National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service 2020

Council proclaimed October 4, 2020 as National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Service Day. The United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others. The proclamation was read by Council Member Dahir.

7.5 Boards and Commissions vacancy announcement: Sparks Planning Commission

City Manager Neil Krutz announced one (1) vacancy on the Sparks Planning Commission for a partial term ending December 31, 2023. Applicants must be a City of Sparks resident and a registered voter. Applications will be accepted through 5:00 pm on Friday, October 16, 2020. Applicants may apply online at: https://citvofsparks.us/resources/government/get-involved/.

8. Consent Items (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Motion: Move to approve consent items 8.1 and 8.2 as submitted.

Moved by: Council Member Anderson **Seconded by:** Council Member Dahir

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

8.1 Consideration and possible acceptance of the report of the claims and bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period of August 29, 2020 through September 9, 2020. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Chief Financial Officer Jeff Cronk requesting Council approval of the report of claims and bills approved for payment and the appropriation transfers for the period of August 29, 2020 through September 9, 2020.

8.2 Consideration and possible approval of an application for a Gaming License for Sartini Gaming, LLC, DBA Victorian RV Park, located at 205 Nichols Blvd., Sparks, NV, 89431, as a slot route operator, submitted by Sean T. Higgins. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item presented by Police Chief Pete Krall requesting Council approval of a Gaming License from applicant Sean T. Higgins for Sartini Gaming, LLC, DBA Victorian RV Park, located at 205 Nichols Blvd., Sparks, NV, 89431, as a slot route operator.

9. General Business

9.1 Consideration and possible acceptance of a donation from the Dahl family to the Sparks Police Department for the Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement (HOPE) team for homeless outreach projects, in the amount of \$10,000.00. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Police Chief Pete Krall and presented by Deputy Chief of Police Scott Tracy requesting Council approval to accept a donation from the Dahl family in honor of Mayor Ron Smith. The donation to the Sparks Police Department would be used for the Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement (HOPE) team for homeless outreach projects, in the amount of \$10,000.00. The donation would assist in the development of outreach programs as directed by the HOPE Team.

Motion: Move to accept the donation from the Dahl family to the Sparks

Police Department for the Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement (HOPE) team for homeless outreach projects, in the

amount of \$10,000.00.

Moved by: Council Member Abbott **Seconded by:** Council Member Bybee

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

9.2 Consideration, discussion and possible approval to renew the Forensic Support Service Agreement (AC-5583) for fiscal year 2020/2021, with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$689,500. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from and presented by Police Chief Pete Krall requesting approval to renew the Forensic Support Service Agreement (AC-5583) for fiscal year 2020/2021 with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$689,500. For 30 years Sparks has held a contract with Washoe County for access to and use of their full-service forensic laboratory, with usage fees negotiated annually. Washoe County requested \$885,113 plus \$50,000 for toxicology services for fiscal year 2020/2021, citing the city's use of the Crime Lab for a 3-year average is 16.24% of the work produced by the lab and their total budget is \$5,447,761. The capabilities provided by the forensic laboratory are critical to the performance and mission of the Sparks Police Department but would be prohibitively expensive for the city to individually operate. Requesting transparency and equity since the City of Reno's contract differs significantly, the city is requesting \$689,500 with toxicology services paid for on an as-needed basis for the upcoming fiscal year.

Council asked if there would be any unanticipated reduction in services. City Manager Krutz commented Washoe County may choose to negotiate services moving forward, however he sees an opportunity to encourage dialogue that sheds light on the need for transparency and equity in shared services fee negotiations.

Motion: Move to approve the renewal of Forensic Support Services

Agreement (AC-5583) with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and

ratify the \$689,500 expenditure.

Moved by: Council Member Dahir **Seconded by:** Council Member Anderson

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

9.3 Consideration and possible approval of an interlocal agreement (AC-5692) between the City of Reno, Washoe County, and the City of Sparks, for the management and disposition of a 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award for law enforcement training, equipment and/or personnel

overtime expenses, in the amount of \$161,256, with Sparks' allocation being \$32,251. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from and presented by Police Chief Pete Krall requesting Council approval of an interlocal agreement (AC-5692) between the City of Reno, Washoe County, and the City of Sparks, for the management and disposition of a 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award for law enforcement training, equipment and/or personnel overtime expenses, in the amount of \$161,256, with Sparks' allocation being \$32,251. This agenda item pertains only to the possible approval and signing of the interlocal agreement for the management and disposition of the 2020 JAG Program Award. A separate agenda item will be submitted at a later date pending the actual grant award.

Motion: Move to approve interlocal agreement (AC-5692) with the City of

Reno, Washoe County, and the City of Sparks, for the management and disposition of the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program award for law enforcement training, equipment and/or personnel overtime expenses, in the amount of \$161,256, with Sparks'

allocation being \$32,251.

Moved by: Council Member VanderWell

Seconded by: Council Member Abbott

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

9.4 Consideration and possible acceptance of an Office of Traffic Safety grant (AC-5693), in the amount of \$11,000, to participate in the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety funded Regional School Zone Safety Initiative. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from and presented by Police Chief Pete Krall requesting Council approval to accept an Office of Traffic Safety grant (AC-5693), in the amount of \$11,000, to participate in the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety funded Regional School Zone Safety Initiative. The State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety offered the grant in to pay for officer overtime costs to allow the Sparks Police Department to participate in the 2020 Regional School Zone Safety Initiative. This program includes nine (9) special traffic enforcement events in school zones occurring over the course of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Council asked how members of the community can report speeding issues in school zones. Chief Krall commented citizens play a very important role in helping identify problem areas and he encouraged reporting on the Sparks Police Department website (www.sparkspolice.com) or by calling the department front desk at (775) 353-2428.

Motion: Move to accept the \$11,000 grant (AC-5693) from the State of

Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to

participate in the Regional School Zone Initiative.

Moved by: Council Member Bybee **Seconded by:** Council Member Abbott

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

9.5 Consideration and possible acceptance of a grant award (AC-5694) from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF), administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA), in the amount of \$79,875. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from and presented by Police Chief Pete Krall requesting Council approval to accept a grant award (AC-5694) from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF), administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance (OCJA), in the amount of \$79,875. Funds will be used to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 among sworn personnel with the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), disinfectant and decontamination supplies and services, public self-service kiosks, and online training materials.

Motion: Move to accept the grant award (AC-5694) from the U.S

Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program, in the amount

of \$79,875.

Moved by: Council Member Anderson **Seconded by:** Council Member Dahir

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

9.6 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a contract (AC-5689) in the amount of \$62,190, with Revize, Government Website Experts, for the design and implementation of a new City of Sparks public website. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from City Manager Neil Krutz and presented by Community Relations Manager Julie Duewel requesting Council approval of a contract (AC-5689) in the amount of \$62,190, with Revize, Government Website Experts, for the design and implementation of a new City of Sparks public website. The city's website was last updated in 2011.

Council asked if subsites would incur additional charges, and if analytics of frequently visited pages would be provided. Mrs. Duewel confirmed subsites and analytics are both provided and included in the contracted fees.

Motion: Move to approve contract (AC-5689) in the amount of \$62,190 with

Revize, Government Website Experts, for the design and

implementation of a new city of Sparks public website.

Moved by: Council Member Abbott Seconded by: Council Member VanderWell

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

9.7 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a construction contract (AC-5697) for the East Prater Way Storm Drain Project, PWP# WA-2020-319 with Aspen Developers, in the amount of \$4,074,702. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Assistant City Manager John Martini and presented by Utility Manager Kevin Porter requesting Council approval of a construction contract (AC-5697) for the East Prater Way Storm Drain Project, PWP# WA-2020-319 with Aspen Developers, in the amount of \$4,074,702. The project consists of constructing a 3,000 lineal foot 24-inch diameter force main and pump station to convey storm water from the vicinity of the East Prater Way and Vista Boulevard intersection to the North Truckee Drain.

Motion: Move to approve construction contract (AC-5697) for the East

Prater Way Storm Drain Project, with Aspen Developers, in the

amount of \$4,074,702.

Moved by: Council Member Anderson **Seconded by:** Council Member Bybee

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

9.8 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of a construction contract (AC-5691) for the 2020 Regional Trail Rehabilitation-Federally Funded Project Bid No. 20/21-001, PWP#WA-2020-283 in the amount of \$296,007.00. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Assistant City Manager John Martini and presented by Transportation Manager Amber Sosa requesting Council approval of a construction contract (AC-5691) for the 2020 Regional Trail Rehabilitation-Federally Funded Project Bid No. 20/21-001, PWP#WA-2020-283 in the amount of \$296,007.00. The project involves removing and replacing a failing regional trail that is located along the Regional Trail system. The City of Sparks will initially fund 100% of the construction costs for this contract. Once the project is completed, the Nevada

Department of Transportation (NDOT) will reimburse the city 95% of the total actual construction cost, not to exceed \$285,000.00, from a grant from the Federal Highway Administration, administered by NDOT. The City of Sparks received this grant through the Transportation Alternative Program.

Motion: Move to approve the 2020 Regional Trail Rehabilitation-Federally

Funded Project contract (AC-5691) to Sierra Nevada Construction

in the amount of \$296,007.00.

Moved by: Council Member Dahir

Seconded by: Council Member VanderWell

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

9.9 Consideration and possible approval of a professional services contract (AC-5695) with Gensler, in the amount of \$60,000, for development of a schematic design to enhance the public area adjacent to the south side of the Nugget Events Center. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from and presented by Assistant Community Services Director Armando Ornelas requesting Council approval of a professional services contract (AC-5695) with Gensler, in the amount of \$60,000, for development of a schematic design to enhance the public area adjacent to the south side of the Nugget Events Center. Mr. Ornelas provided Council with an overview of the project site with some design considerations, to include removing trees currently in place.

Mayor Lawson asked if the trees would be reincorporated. Mr. Ornelas commented that depends on the design and considerations such as street traffic and alternative methods for providing shade, like canopies. Mayor Lawson commented he would like to see trees in the new design concepts.

Motion: Move to approve professional services contract (AC-5695) with

Gensler, in the amount of \$60,000, for development of a schematic design to enhance the public area adjacent to the south side of the

Nugget Events Center.

Moved by: Council Member Abbott **Seconded by:** Council Member Bybee

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None None None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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

10.1 Public Hearing, consideration and possible approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (AC-5698) between the City of Sparks and the Association of Sparks Fire Department Classified Chief Officers for the period

of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for an estimated amount to the City \$32,600 in FY21, \$32,600 in FY22 and \$32,600 in FY23. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from City Manager Neil Krutz requesting Council approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (AC-5698) between the City of Sparks and the Association of Sparks Fire Department Classified Chief Officers for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for an estimated amount to the City \$32,600 in FY21, \$32,600 in FY22 and \$32,600 in FY23. The current agreement with the Association of Sparks Fire Department Classified Chief Officers expired June 30, 2020.

Public hearing was opened at 3:36 p.m. There were no comments.

Motion: Move to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement (AC-5698)

between the City of Sparks and the Association of Sparks Fire Department Classified Chief Officers, for the period of July 1, 2020

to June 30, 2021.

Moved by: Council Member Anderson **Seconded by:** Council Member VanderWell

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Public Hearing, consideration and possible approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (AC-5699) between the City of Sparks and the Sparks Police Supervisory Protective Association, Sergeants (SPSPA) for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for an estimated cost to the City of \$54,000 in FY21, \$54,000 in FY22 and \$54,000 in FY23. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from City Manager Neil Krutz requesting Council approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (AC-5699) between the City of Sparks and the Sparks Police Supervisory Protective Association, Sergeants (SPSPA) for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for an estimated cost to the City of \$54,000 in FY21, \$54,000 in FY22 and \$54,000 in FY23.

Public hearing was opened at 3:39 p.m. There were no comments.

Motion: Move to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement (AC-5699)

between the City of Sparks and the Sparks Police Supervisory Protective Association, Sergeants for the period of July 1, 2020 to

June 30, 2021.

Moved by: Council Member Dahir **Seconded by:** Council Member Bybee

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Public Hearing, consideration and possible approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (AC-5700) between the City of Sparks and the Sparks Police Supervisory Protective Association, Lieutenants (SPSPA) for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for an estimated amount to the City of \$33,000 in FY21, \$33,000 in FY22 and \$33,000 in FY23. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) An agenda item from City Manager Neil Krutz requesting Council approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement (AC-5700) between the City of Sparks and the Sparks Police Supervisory Protective Association, Lieutenants (SPSPA) for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for an estimated amount to the City of \$33,000 in FY21, \$33,000 in FY22 and \$33,000 in FY23.

Public hearing was opened at 3:41 p.m. There were no comments.

Motion: Move to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement (AC-5700)

between the City of Sparks and the Sparks Police Supervisory Protective Association, Lieutenants for the period of July 1, 2020 to

June 30, 2021.

Moved by: Council Member VanderWell

Seconded by: Council Member Dahir

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

11. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items

11.1 SECOND READING, Public Hearing, discussion and possible adoption of Bill No. 2777, an Ordinance to amend the final approved plan for the Legends at Sparks Marina, revising sign standards for movie theaters and other matters related thereto, for a site approximately 148 acres in size generally located north of I-80, south of Prater Way, and west of Sparks Boulevard, Sparks, Nevada in the NUD (New Urban District – Legends at Sparks Marina) zoning district. (PCN20-0025/PD20-0005).

An agenda item presented by Development Services Manager Ian Crittenden for RED Sparks SPE requesting Council adoption of Bill No. 2777, an Ordinance to amend the final approved plan for the Legends at Sparks Marina, revising sign standards for movie theaters and other matters related thereto, for a site approximately 148 acres in size generally located north of I-80, south of Prater Way, and west of Sparks Boulevard, Sparks, Nevada in the NUD (New Urban District – Legends at Sparks Marina) zoning district (PCN20-0025/PD20-0005). On August 6, 2020, the Sparks Planning Commission voted to forward a recommendation of approval to the City Council for the proposed amendment.

Public hearing was opened at 3:50 p.m. There were no comments.

Motion: Move, based on Findings PDa through PDj as set forth in the staff

report, to adopt Bill No. 2777 to amend the final approved plan for the Legends at Sparks Marina, revising sign standards for movie

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theaters and other matters related thereto, for a site approximately 148 acres in size generally located north of I-80, south of Prater Way, and west of Sparks Boulevard, Sparks, Nevada in the NUD (New Urban District – Legends at Sparks Marina) zoning district.

Moved by: Council Member Anderson **Seconded by:** Council Member Abbott

Yes: Council Members Abbott, VanderWell, Anderson, Bybee, Dahir

No: None Abstain: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

12. Comments

12.1 Comments from the Public

None.

12.2 Comments from City Council and City Manager

Council Member Abbott offered condolences for the passing of Inez Casale Stempeck who started Nevada's oldest family-owned restaurant, Casale's Halfway Club.

City Manager Krutz commented he sent an email to Council with the rental assistance program's welcome packet.

Council Member Dahir congratulated Police Chief Krall on his retirement and thanked him for his service.

Council Member Anderson reminded the Truth & Reconciliation Forums: Every Voice Counts is scheduled for September 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The virtual meeting can be accessed via the Zoom link on the City of Sparks Facebook page.

Council Member Bybee reminded the public to continue to adhere to safety and social distancing measures to help mitigate the spread of the virus.

13. Adjournment

Council was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

	Ed Lawson, Mayor	
ATTEST:		
Lisa Hunderman, City Clerk	_	
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