



MAYOR
Geno Martini

CITY COUNCIL
Donald Abbott, Ward I
Ed Lawson, Ward II
Ron Smith, Ward III
Charlene Bybee, Ward IV
Kristopher Dahir, Ward V

CITY ATTORNEY
Chet Adams

CITY MANAGER
Steve Driscoll

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2:00 P.M., Monday, January 22, 2018
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 Pro Tempore Ron Smith at 2:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Geno Martini (by phone) Council Members Donald Abbott, Ed Lawson, Ron Smith, Charlene Bybee, Kristopher Dahir, City Manager Steve Driscoll, City Attorney Chet Adams and City Clerk Teresa Gardner, PRESENT.

ABSENT: None

3. Opening Ceremonies

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

The invocation was provided by Pastor Pete Vossler, Crosswinds Assembly of God.

3.2 Pledge of Allegiance (Time: 2:01 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bill Wagner.

4. Public Comment (Time: 2:02 p.m.) - None

A woman spoke anonymously about a contract she believes caused the domestic violence database to be concealed. Bill Wagner thanked Council Member Lawson and Community Relations Manager Julie Duwel for adding him as an alternate to the Sparks Citizens Advisory Committee. Kathleen Shupp requested the City of Sparks place restrictions on the Washoe School District during the construction of the new school to be built on the Wildcreek Golf Course land. Darlene Hesse spoke in opposition to building a school on the Wildcreek Golf Course land. Erienne Overli spoke on behalf of the Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless about the Point in Time (PIT) count that will be happening Thursday and Friday. The PIT count is used to apply for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding and other resource options for the different homeless populations within the area. Council Member Lawson requested Ms. Overli return to Council with the results of the PIT count. Wesley Griffin spoke in favor of saving Wildcreek Golf Course as it is a valuable asset to the community.

5. Agenda (Time: 2:20 p.m.)

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.

City Manager Driscoll requested item 7.1 be pulled and re-scheduled on a future agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Dahir, to approve the agenda as amended, removing agenda item 7.1. Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Dahir, YES. Passed unanimously.

6. Minutes (Time: 2:21 p.m.)

6.1 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the minutes of the regular Sparks City Council meeting of January 8, 2018. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

A motion was made by Council Member Abbott, seconded by Council Member Bybee, to approve the minutes of the regular Sparks City Council meeting of January 8, 2018. Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Dahir, YES. Passed unanimously.

7. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest (Time: 2:21 p.m.)

7.1 Presentation: Reno Gazette Journal 2017 Citizen of the Year Award to Mayor Geno Martini

This item was pulled.

8. Consent Items (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:21 p.m.)

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Abbott, to approve consent items 8.1 through 8.3 as submitted. Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Dahir, YES. Passed unanimously.

8.1 Report of Claims and Bills approved for payment and appropriation transfers for the period December 21, 2017 through January 03, 2018. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Financial Services Director Jeff Cronk recommending the City Council approve the report of claims and bills as presented in the staff report.

8.2 Consideration, discussion and possible acceptance of the receipt of grant and/or donation money which is individually under \$5,000. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from Financial Services Director Jeff Cronk recommending Council accept the donations. Donations were received from various people for the Partners in Parks & Recreation and Violence against Women in the amount of \$616.75. There is no impact to the general fund.

8.3 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement (AC-5436) between the City of Sparks and Washoe County to allow for the conducting and holding of the 2018 primary and general elections not to exceed \$35,000. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

An agenda item from City Clerk Teresa Gardner recommending Council approve the interlocal agreement. The Sparks City Charter was amended in 2001 to conduct all Sparks' municipal

elections concurrent with the Federal and State primary and general elections in the even-numbered years. Washoe County has been conducting elections on behalf of the City of Sparks since 2002. The interlocal agreement is to authorize the Washoe County Registrar of Voters to conduct the 2018 primary and general elections for the City of Sparks. There is a \$35,000 impact to the general fund.

9. General Business

9.1 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Mr. Frank Petersen to the Sparks Planning Commission from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Joshua Fink, Paul Freeman, Frank Petersen and William Wagner. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:21 p.m.)

An agenda item from City Manager Steve Driscoll recommending Council confirm the Mayor's recommendation. Mr. Frank Petersen served a partial term on the Sparks Planning Commission from June 2014 through December 31, 2017, and expressed interest in serving an additional four-year term. Announcements for the vacancy were made at the November 13th and 27th City Council meetings. There is no impact to the general fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Abbott, seconded by Council Member Lawson, to confirm the reappointment of Mr. Frank Petersen to the Sparks Planning Commission through December 31, 2021. Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Dahir, YES. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Petersen thanked Council for the reappointment and complimented staff for their dedication and hard work.

9.2 Consideration, discussion and possible approval of a Cooperative Local Public Agency Agreement (AC-5437) with the Nevada Department of Transportation for the Audible Pedestrian Push Button Installation Project with a potential cost to the road fund of \$13,500 in Fiscal Year 2019. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION) (Time: 2:23 p.m.)

An agenda item from Transportation Manager Amber Sosa recommending Council approve the agreement. The Cooperative Local Public Agency Agreement starts the design process for a project that will retrofit 20 to 30 intersections in Sparks with audible pedestrian push buttons to further enhance the safety of the visually impaired community. City of Sparks staff is working with a local citizen and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) to identify intersections for retrofitting. The project, should it move to construction, will require the city to fund 100% of the construction cost up front with Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 funding from the road fund. Per the terms of the agreement, 95% of the construction costs will be reimbursed by the State of Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to the city, with the city providing 5% matching funding, estimated to be \$13,500. City staff believes the construction will start around July or August of FY 2019 and will take approximately two months to complete. There is an estimated \$13,000 impact to the road fund for FY 2019; there is no impact to the general fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Lawson, seconded by Council Member Dahir, to approve the Cooperative Local Public Agency Agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation for the Audible Pedestrian Push Button Installation Project. Council Members Abbott, Lawson, Smith, Bybee, Dahir, YES. Passed unanimously.

- 9.3 FIRST READING, Bill No. 2730, an ordinance providing for the conducting and holding of a primary and general election to be held in the City of Sparks on the 12th day of June 2018, and the 6th day of November 2018; respectively; providing filing fees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.**
(Time: 2:27 p.m.)

City Clerk Teresa Gardner read the Bill by title. The second reading and public hearing will be held at the regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018.

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

10.1 None

11. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items

11.1 None

12. Comments

12.1 Comments from the Public (Time: 2:28 p.m.) - None

12.2 Comments from City Council and City Manager (Time: 2:28 p.m.)

Council Member Dahir said he received comments from citizens commending staff and thanked staff for their work. Council Member Bybee said Money Magazine had an article on the best cities to live in for each state and the City of Sparks was listed as the best city to live in for the State of Nevada.

13. Adjournment

Council was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

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GENO R. MARTINI, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Gardner, City Clerk

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