

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. Monday, December 14, 2009
City Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada

1. *Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Mayor Geno Martini at 3:01 p.m.

2. *Roll Call

Mayor Geno Martini, City Clerk Linda Patterson, Council Members Julia Ratti, Phillip Salerno, Ron Smith, Mike Carrigan, Ron Schmitt (via telephone), City Manager Shaun Carey, City Attorney Chet Adams, PRESENT.

Staff Present: Brian Allen, Steve Driscoll, Andy Flock, John Martini, Stan Sherer, Armando Ornelas, Tracy Domingues, Shirle Eiting, Neil Krutz, Sally Mols, Rob Joiner, Adam Mayberry, Kathy Clewett, Ron Korman, Chris Syverson, Jeff Cronk, Dave Vill, Joe Grogan.

Invocation Speaker:

There was no invocation given.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Julia Ratti.

***Comments from the Public**

Mr. Rorton Keller, 6800 Ericka Way, Sparks, NV, offered to gift 20 acres of land to the city for a park. Mr. Adams will meet with Mr. Keller to discuss and bring issue back to the Council.

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.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Salerno, to approve the agenda with Item 6.11 continued until the January 11, 2010, meeting. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

**3. Recommendation to Approve Minutes of:
Regular Meeting of November 9, 2009**

A motion was made by Council Member Salerno, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2009. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

**4. Announcements, Presentations, Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest:
4.1 Presentation on Reno-Tahoe Airport issues**

Mr. Joe Mayer, Sparks' representative on the Reno Tahoe Airport Board of Trustees, introduced his fellow representative, Mr. William Eck, and Chief Operating Officer Ms. Krys Bart, and Mr. Brian Kopen from the Airport. Ms. Bart gave a presentation as outlined below:

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Airport Update

- Airport Authority Board Members
 - Joseph W. Mayer, Chair
 - William Eck, Trustee
- Strong Sparks connection
 - 25 percent of our employees are Sparks residents
 - Legends has spent \$24,000 advertising in the airport
 - 26 Sparks based contractors were employed as part of the ABC project
 - Approximately 1,000 homes in Sparks have been sound insulated by the airport at a cost of \$15,750,000
 - Conductor Heights - airport purchased 4 homes and cleared property to pave way for tax producing Sparks commercial development
- Low Cost: Be Competitive
 - No local tax dollars
- 70% of Airport revenue from non-airline sources
 - Parking
 - Rental Cars
 - Concessions
 - Gaming
 - Leases
- Federal grants benefit region - User paid aviation system
 - Received \$210 million in the last 10 years
 - 460 miles of airfield pavement
 - Pavement 18" deep
 - Enough to pave road from Reno to Las Vegas and back
- Challenging Economic Times
 - Expenditure Reductions & Structural Issues
 - Personnel Reductions (48 Positions)
 - Left positions vacant if not "mission critical"
 - Salary freeze for ALL employees for 18 months
 - Employee Contracts
 - TSA unfunded security mandates
 - Same regulations whether 1 flight or 100
 - Domestic Airline Market
 - 4th Quarter 2009 (compared to 4th Quarter 2008)
 - 3.6% Less Flights Nationwide
 - 3.8% fewer available seats
 - Potential exist for airlines to scale back further
 - 97 U.S. airports have lost all commercial airline service
- RTIA Has Exceptional Air Service Compared to Communities of Its Size

Metropolitan Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA)	2008 CBSA Population (000)	Average Daily Nonstop		
		Departures	Seats	Destinations
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent, FL	453.5	35	2,475	7
Lexington-Fayette, KY	447.2	34	1,680	10
Fayetteville/Springdale/Rogers, AR-MO	435.7	44	2,692	13
Flint, MI	434.7	29	1,962	10
Harrisburg, PA	421.1	43	2,260	12
Springfield, MO	420.0	28	1,794	9
Corpus Christi, TX	414.4	23	1,579	3
Reno – Sparks	410.3	62	7,361	15
Fort Wayne, IN	410.1	19	1,028	6
Mobile, AL	404.4	24	1,364	5

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Metropolitan Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA)	2008 CBSA Population (000)	Average Daily Nonstop		
		Departures	Seats	Destinations
Asheville, NC	404.3	23	1,124	7
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria, CA	404.2	36	1,484	8
Manchester-Nashua, NH	402.3	56	5,047	16
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	387.6	24	1,146	14
Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	387.2	25	2,277	7

- New Air Service
 - Southwest
 - January 10, 2010 Reno – Phoenix; Reno – Denver; Continuing to Boston
 - March, 2010 - Reno – Boise
 - Horizon Air
 - December 17, 2009 - Reno – Mammoth; Continuing to Los Angeles
 - Plus seasonal increased air service to:
 - Atlanta
 - Phoenix
 - Denver
 - Los Angeles
- Cargo Makes Dollars and Sense!
 - Holiday Cargo Peak - The Month of December
 - Carriers Increase Capacity
 - Nearly 200%
 - Aircraft Types:
 - Airbus A300, A310
 - Boeing 747, 767, 757
 - All Widebodies
 - Fully Loaded Ramp
 - RNO increases from #29 in the UPS network to #7
- Future Growth – International Cargo
 - Reno-Tahoe Physical Demographics
 - RNO is located:
 - Further west than Los Angeles
 - Further north than San Francisco
 - At the crossroads of two major highways
 - Closer to Asia than the Los Angeles Basin
 - What Does This Mean to the Carrier?
 - Distance Difference: 300 nm
 - B747-400 Fuel Burn: 3,200 gal/hr
 - B747-400 Max Cruise: 507 nmph
 - Fuel requirement difference: 1,893 gal
 - Additional Fuel Cost: \$2,783 @ \$1.47/gal
 - **NOTE: Only fuel cost, does not include other operational costs or any airborne delays due to traffic congestion or weather.
- Diverse business model
 - More than just commercial aviation
 - NV Guard (Security & Emergency readiness)
 - Cargo
 - General aviation
 - Dassault Falcon
 - Land development
 - It's about JOBS!!
- Environmental Awareness

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- Regional Recycling Committee
 - Community Wide recycling efforts
 - Model of good stewardship for the region
- Environmental Achievement Award
 - 1st Place from Airport's Council International for Reno-Stead Airport Remediation Program
- Recent Airport Development
 - Hyatt Place Hotel
 - Grand opening held on September 30, 2009
 - Six story 126 "all suite" non-gaming hotel
 - 7.5 acres surrounding the hotel available for development
- Ongoing Airport Development
 - Air Traffic Control Tower
 - The new tower will be approximately 200 feet tall supported by a 10,000 square foot base building compared to existing 70 foot tower
 - Provides better visibility over all aircraft movement areas and approaches
 - Current Project Schedule
 - Construction began – January 2008
 - New tower fully operational – October 2010
- Building a Better Way to Travel
 - Airport Baggage Check-in Project (ABC)
 - December 15 airlines will be completely moved into new lobby
 - New Ticket Lobby and Integrated Bag Belt System
 - Enhance security and convenience
 - Relieves overcrowding
- New RNO Website

Council Member Ratti noted that the City has recently lost the park in the Conductor Heights neighborhood because it was found to be located on an old cemetery. She asked the Ms. Bart about the possibility of obtaining one of the properties the Airport Authority purchased as part of their noise abatement program. Ms. Bart said the problem is that the property was purchase with NOISE money and they are supposed to get "market value" for the property and it has to be a non-residential use. Ms. Bart said it could be possible for the City to lease or purchase the property, but the money would go back to the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). She said the Airport Board would have the final word on how the property was used.

Council Member Salerno stated that the customs at the airport leave a lot to be desired and he asked if there was a way to improve service in this area. Ms. Bart said the service is based on activity and if they are successful in getting cargo shipped directly from China, then the Federal government would have to increase the staffing in the customs area. The Airport Authority has some long-term and short-term improvements to the facility in their capital improvement program, and improving service is a concern that they are working on.

4.2 Proclamation – Ashlee's Toy Closet Day

Mayor Martini read a proclamation naming December 14, 2009, as Ashlee's Toy Closet Day in recognition of 10-year-old Ashlee Smith's efforts to collect books, toys, and clothes for children who have been impacted by disaster. The proclamation was accepted by Ashlee Smith and her family.

4.3 Presentation on Geothermal Resources in Nevada by Ormat Nevada, Inc.

Administrative Analyst Kathy Clewett introduced Mr. Paul Thompson, the Director for Policy and Business Development at Ormat Nevada, a leader in geothermal energy generation. Ms. Clewett asked Mr. Thompson to make this presentation on what they do and how they do it, worldwide. Mr. Thompson gave a power point presentation as outlined below:

Ormat Technologies, Inc. Presentation on Geothermal Development in Nevada

Ormat at a Glance

- Vertically integrated renewable energy company
 - With more than 40 years of success
 - Ormat Technologies, Inc. NYSE (ORA) listed
- Geothermal and recovered energy power projects
 - Approx 500 MW installed in the United States
 - Approx 1,000 MW of installed capacity worldwide
 - Headquartered in Nevada since 1984
- Flexible business model in the energy industry
 - Develops, designs, builds, owns, operates
- 2008 sales \$345 M

Ormat ORC Technology World-wide

- 1,000 MW of Deployed Technology

Technology Benefits

- Cost Effective
 - Lower cost on a long-term fixed cost
 - Isolates retail power prices from oil and gas price volatility
- Sustainable & Environmentally-Friendly
 - Projects operating for 20 years at 98% capacity
 - Closed loop system with near zero emissions
 - No water consumption
- Minimal Surface Use
 - Plants site = 5 acres
 - Well pads = 2 acres w/ rig (300ft x 300ft)
- Field Proven

Nevada Operations

- Ormat currently operates 10 power plants with 4 under construction & development w/ contracts
- 100 MW – in Operation
 - 32 MW – RPS qualified
- 100 MW – in Development and Construction
 - All – RPS qualified
- 15 Geothermal Prospects – some under exploration
- Nevada Totals:
 - 200 MW – online by 2011

Quick Metrics

- 100 MW – in operation in 2007
 - = 75,000 homes or 300,000 people
 - = \$400,000,000 total investment
- 200 MW – online by 2010
 - = 138,750 homes or 555,000 people
 - = \$800,000,000 total investment

Economic impact

- 160 employees in Nevada
 - average salary \$ 62,700/Yr
- 500 employees in the United States

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Economic impact

- 1 MW = 4 Million Capital Expense
- Ormat's 200 MW = 0.8 Billion Dollar investment in Nevada
- Taxes paid to Nevada = \$ 2.56 Million/year in 2008

Ormat's Environmental Impact

- Ormat's 100 MW of geothermal power in Nevada are annually:
 - Avoiding emission of 750,000 tons of CO2
 - Saving 1.5 million barrels of oil (the equivalent fuel used by 100,000 cars)
 - Avoiding 350 million gallons of water that conventional steam plants use for make-up water

Collaborative Projects

- EGS Demonstration:
 - Desert Peak ID- 14406 (total:\$5,133,120)
 - Brady ID-18200 (total:\$5,133,120)
 - Bradys' Summary - The Bradys' project team (to date) will include, in addition to the geoscientists and engineers of Ormat and GeothermEx:
 - Dr. Gary Oppliger of UNR, and his students (for additional gravity data and integration of InSAR results for structural analysis)
 - Dr. Peter Rose of EGI (for high-temperature reactor studies)
 - Schlumberger-TerraTek (for petrological/mineralogical analyses and core testing)
 - Schlumberger Oilfield Services (for geophysical and wellbore image logging)
 - GeoMechanics International (for wellbore image logs and stress model)
 - Pinnacle Technologies (for stimulation feasibility and planning)
 - Dr. Ernie Majer of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (for seismic array development)
 - Desert Peak Summary
 - Partners
 - Ormat- field owner, operator technical management
 - GeothermEx- technical management, hydraulic testing, modeling, evaluation
 - USGS- stress field analysis, rock mechanics, mini-frac, structural modeling (SNL support – televiewer)
 - EGI- tracer testing, fracture analyses of cores
 - LBNL- seismic monitoring and interpretation
 - SNL- hydro stimulation program
 - MIT- EGS consultant
 - Pinnacle Technologies
 - TerraTek (Schlumberger) – petrological analysis of cuttings, stratigraphy
 - Mil-Tech – EGS consultant

Collaborative Projects

- Exploration:
 - Maui (Brigitte)– FOA 0000109 (total:\$10,506,794)
 - Glass Buttes (Pat) – FOA 0000109 (total:\$5,794,500)
 - Wister (Skip) – FOA 0000109 (total:\$5,794,500)
- Loan Guarantee:
 - Brawley e. river – FOA 0000005 (total:\$176.6M)

Summary

- Ormat is developing world class geothermal power plants in Nevada
- Ormat is committed to successfully implementing innovative technologies
- Northern Nevada can be a world leader in renewable technology if they monitor, engage and market themselves to the growing renewable sector.

5. Consent Items:

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve Consent Items 5.1 through 5.13. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

5.1 Report of Claims and Bills approved for payment and the appropriation transfers are for the period November 4, 2009, through December 2, 2009

An agenda item from Finance Director Tom Minton recommending approval of the Report of Claims and Bills as outlined.

5.2 Consideration and possible acceptance of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2008-09

An agenda item from Finance Director Tom Minton recommending the City Council accept the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2008-09 and approve the report for distribution as outlined in the staff report.

5.3 Consideration and possible approval of a Stream Flow Monitoring Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey in the amount not to exceed \$44,171.50

An agenda item from Civil Engineer John Martini recommending the City Council approve an agreement with the USGS for stream flow monitoring on the Truckee River at five locations. This monitoring is required by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection as part of the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facilities' discharge permit. Historically this data collection has been achieved through cooperation with the USGS, who operates and maintains the monitoring areas. Funds are budgeted for this monitoring and costs will be split between Sparks and Reno.

5.4 Consideration and possible approval to purchase a 2009 Caterpillar 305C-CR mini excavator from Cashman Equipment in the amount of \$63,121

An agenda item from Maintenance Superintendent Ron Korman recommending the City Council approve the purchase of a mini excavator to replace equipment that is 18 years old and will be in need of major repairs in the near future. The City will use a joinder bid provision to obtain the best pricing on this replacement vehicle. Appropriations for this purchase will be provided from fund equity upon completion of an augmentation.

5.5 Consideration and possible approval of the 2010 Interlocal Lease Agreement with Washoe County School District, Transportation Department

An agenda item from Parks and Recreation Director Stan Sherer recommending the City Council approve an agreement to allow the City to use buses from the School District for the transportation of participants in the City's summer, year-round, and holiday day camps. There is no per/mile fee increase from the current 2009 agreement and the budgeted amount reflects a reduction from the 2009 budgeted amount, due to fewer trips planned for this year. Programs that require transportation by bus are offered on a cost-covering basis and costs are paid from program revenues.

5.6 Consideration and possible approval to purchase four replacement vehicles

for the Police Department from Champion Chevrolet for a total amount of \$117,579.00

An agenda item from Maintenance Superintendent Ron Korman recommending the City Council approve the purchase of replacement vehicles for the Police Department. These vehicles have had their life-cycles extended and maintenance costs are now exceeding the worth of the vehicles. It should be noted that the standard police cruiser, the Ford Crown Victoria, will stop being manufactured with the 2011 model year. One vehicle will be replaced with a Chevrolet Tahoe to test its functionality as a police cruiser. The pricing of these new vehicles comes from the State of Nevada jointer bid, which has historically been the most competitive.

5.7 Consideration and possible approval of an Agreement with Arizona Emergency Products for the equipment and labor to up-fit eight new police vehicles in the amount of \$93,556.89

An agenda item from Maintenance Superintendent Ron Korman recommending the City Council approve and agreement with Arizona Emergency Products, which specializes in fitting emergency vehicles with specialized equipment. In the past, city staff has stripped out old police vehicles and reused the components in new vehicles. However, this practice does not allow for keeping up with the current technology now used by patrol officers. This company can provide all of the equipment needed for a new police vehicle, including installation of equipment, warranty, graphics/logo placement on the vehicle and transport of the finished product from their facility in Henderson, Nevada, to our equipment services facility here in Sparks.

5.8 Consideration and possible approval to purchase a 2009 Durapatcher Model 125DJT from Duraco, Inc., in the amount of \$55,947

An agenda item from Maintenance Superintendent Ron Korman recommending the City Council approve the purchase of a replacement machine for patching wide cracks and potholes in the streets. This one piece of equipment will replace two older crack sealing machines. The Street Maintenance Department has borrowed a similar machine from Washoe County in the past and has found that it works well. Appropriations will be made for this purchase.

5.9 Consideration and Possible approval of a Reversion to Acreage Map for property located at 1106 Prater Way, 1146 Prater Way, 1114 G Street, and 711 12th Street for Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, a Utah Corporation Sole

An agenda item from City Surveyor Andy Fuller recommending the City Council approve a request from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in order to eliminate interior lot lines which conflict with an existing building. The church is doing a remodel of their existing building, which was constructed prior to the current building and fire codes. The current codes do not allow construction along existing parcel lines unless proper fire walls and openings are constructed. It is much cheaper to eliminate the parcel lines that it is to build new fire walls in an existing building. The reversion map has been reviewed by staff and has been found to be acceptable.

5.10 Consideration and possible award of Bid #09/10-012, PWP # WA 2010-45, to Steve C. Hamilton, Inc., for the Provision and Installation of Multiple Photovoltaic Systems with the City of Sparks including funding with non-federal and federal/ARRA funds

An agenda item from the City Engineer Pete Etchart recommending the City Council award the bid for multiple photovoltaic systems with the City of Sparks. This contract provides the cost basis for future photovoltaic system installations. Individual system projects will be brought to the Council separately for consideration. Therefore, this contract has no financial impact, except to set the cost basis for future installations.

5.11 Consideration and possible approval of an application for a Gaming license for The Elbow Room, located at 2002 Victorian Ave., Sparks, NV, submitted by Mr. Clinton Hugh Hill

An agenda item from Sparks Police Department recommending the City Council approve an application for a Gaming License for The Elbow Room. The license will provide a \$1,320.00 annual fee for eleven multi-denominational, bar-top video poker machines and is contingent upon inspections and approvals from various agencies as stated in the staff report.

5.12 Consideration and possible approval of an application for a Gaming license for Markell Investments, LLC, dba Joe Bob's Chicken Joint, located at 670 Prater Way, Sparks, NV, submitted by Mr. Maurice Stanley Martin

An agenda item from Sparks Police Department recommending the City Council approve an application for a Gaming License for Joe Bob's Chicken Joint. The license will provide a \$1,440.00 annual fee for twelve multi-denominational, bar-top slot machines and is contingent upon inspections and approvals from various agencies as stated in the staff report.

5.13 Consideration and possible approval of an application for a Gaming license for Silver State Gaming, Inc. dba 777 Gaming, inc. dbat Silver club Hotel & Casino, located at 1040 Victorian Ave., Sparks, NV, submitted by Mr. Rory L. Bedore

An agenda item from Sparks Police Department recommending the City Council approve an application for a Gaming License for the Silver Club. 777 Gaming is a licensed slot rout vendor that is planning to operate in the Silver Club for eight hours prior to January 1, 2010, in an effort to preserve the unrestricted gaming license that the location currently holds. Mr. Bedore is the owner of 7777 Gaming. The license will provide a \$120.00 annual fee for one multi-denominational, upright slot machine and \$420 annually for one black jack table game and is contingent upon inspections and approvals from various agencies as stated in the staff report.

6. General Business:

6.1 Consideration and possible approval of the proposed City of Sparks' logo design










Community Relations Manager Adam Mayberry noted that this logo is only one component of the City's total branding effort and supports the City's brand direction; however, because the logo gets a lot of attention, the Brand Leadership Team felt it was appropriate to seek the Council's endorsement of the proposed logo. The Chairman of the Leadership Team, Paul Curtis, reviewed the goals of the team and then introduced Ronele Klinensmith, the Owner of RKPR, who discussed the methods used to test the impact of the logo on the public as below.

City of Sparks New Logo Testing - November 9 – 15, 2009

- Conducted by
 - RKPR Inc., 328 California Ave., #4, Reno, Nev. 89509; 775.323.6333 | rkpr.com

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- Survey Goals
 - Measure knowledge of the City’s branding process
 - Rank the three logo concepts
 - Garner an opt-in database of subscribers interested in keeping informed during the process
- Methodology
 - Online survey distributed week of Nov. 9, 2009
 - Link to survey sent to 104,871 potential respondents
 - Nugget’s database: 102,602
 - Number who accessed the survey: 6,002
 - Sparks Chamber of Commerce: 1,697
 - Number who accessed the survey: 30
 - City of Sparks: 500
 - Number who accessed the survey: 128
 - In-person interviews: 48
 - Conducted in Sparks and Reno locations
 - City of Sparks focus groups: 24
 - Three sessions with City of Sparks personnel
- Confidence Level
 - 5,806 surveys completed
 - 5.5% response rate
 - 93.2% completion rate
 - Translates to a margin of error of +/- 1.25 ppt.
 - 95% confidence level
- Additionally
 - Secured more than 3,288 comments relating to the logo and branding process
 - Survey comments are included
 - E-mail opt-ins to keep informed
 - More than 2,300
- Survey Results
 - The City of Sparks is currently taking steps to brand Sparks in an effort to increase visitation to the City. Were you aware of the branding efforts?
 - Yes 24.5%
 - No 74.1%
 - Unsure 14%
 - Comments received; provided separately: 73
 - Under this branding effort Sparks is aspiring to be known for the following statement: Sparks is an exciting place to be. There’s always something happening. Incredible nightlife, great restaurants, fabulous performing arts, street vendors and performers in a legendary setting. The proposed “It’s Happening Here” tagline is attempting to reflect that. Do you believe the tagline mirrors the statement above?
 - Yes 80.4%
 - No 19.6%
 - Comments received; provided separately: 488
- Logos provided. For reference the current City of Sparks logo was provided as well.

Option A	Option B	Option C
		
		
		

- Indicate your logo preference based on the options provided. You may click the previous button to review the logo options presented.
 - Option A – 59.5%
 - Option B – 9.1%
 - Option C – 31.4%

- Final Logo



Council Member Salerno asked if a color had been chosen for the logo or if it would just be black. Mr. Curtis said the logo had to work in black as well as color. The team wanted to make sure the logo itself was satisfactory before exploring color options. The next step will be to prepare a color pallet and obtain additional input from City personnel before narrowing down the color selection. In additional discussion, Mr. Curtis noted that the implementation of the new logo will have to be in increments, due to monetary concerns; although the best way is to roll out the logo and branding effort all at once.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to accept the logo design proposed by the Brand Leadership Team as the City's official logo. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

6.2 Consideration and possible approval of Council member Ron Smith's request to reconsider Agenda Item 5.7 from the City Council meeting of November 9, 2009, concerning the possible award of the informal quote for the Larkin Circle Improvements Project, to Atlas Contractors, in the amount of \$84,100

Council Member Smith noted he requested that this item be reconsidered because he was on the prevailing side of the vote.

Council Member Salerno stated he originally supported doing the paving, per the recommendation of staff. However, after speaking with Public Works Director Wayne Seidel, it is his understanding that staff is now recommending we hold off on this project because they feel it can be accomplished in a better manner.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to reconsider Agenda Item 5.7 from the City Council meeting of November 9, 2009. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

6.3 Consideration and possible award of the Informal Quote, for the Larkin Circle Improvements Project, to Atlas Contractors, in the amount of \$84,100

Public Works Director Wayne Seidel stated that based on the weather and where the City is at in the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) cycle, staff is recommending that the Council reject all the informal quotes and direct staff to review options and available funding and bring back a recommendation to the Council through the regular CIP cycle.

Council Member Salerno asked if the road could be paved at this time. Mr. Seidel stated that even if the contract was awarded, due to the weather, the contractor would probably not be able to start the project until mid-March at the earliest.

Council Member Salerno asked if this project would definitely be on the next CIP list. He said this roadway has been in need of repair for quite some time and now the road is so bad, it has become a priority. Mayor Martini agreed that the roadway was in very poor condition. Mr. Seidel noted that Item 6.6 would augment the CIP fund.

Council Member Schmitt stated that one of the issues he had with this request was that the project was not in the CIP as approved by the Council. He asked for clarification as to whether this project had ever been on the CIP list in the past. Mr. Seidel responded that the Larkin Circle Improvement Project had never been on listed on the CIP as a specific project. Staff saw this as an emergency pavement repair project and there were savings available in the CIP preventative maintenance fund, left over from other projects.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to reject all the informal quotes for the Larkin Circle Improvements Project at this time and direct staff to review options and available funding and bring back, possibly, a recommendation to the Council through the regular CIP cycle. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

6.4 Discussion and possible action on setting federal fiscal year 2011 appropriation project requests and priorities

Government Affairs Manager Rob Joiner noted that the Council requested staff to draft a list of projects for potential federal appropriations to be presented to them for discussion and prioritization. He noted that the omnibus spending bill was approved by Congress and it should be signed by the President as presented. The bill contained \$1.084 million for the Pyramid Highway Corridor Project and \$6.724 million for the Flood Project.

At a previous meeting the Council asked that staff to reconsider the Public Safety Training Facility and the Gun Range Improvements requests. Washoe County was pleased to have us carry this request and offered a letter of support. They were also happy to take this back and have us submit a letter of support. The other letter of support from the City to the County was for the Flood Project.

Two principals from Red Development were scheduled to present a proposal for a multi-purpose event center, but because of the weather today, their flights were delayed and redirected and they are unable to attend this meeting. Staff is recommending that this presentation be postponed until the January 11th meeting.

In addition to the letters of support for the Pyramid Corridor Project and the Flood Project, staff is recommending our requests for appropriations include the Second Phase of our Co-Generation Energy Project at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF); the Larry Johnson Community Center; the Pyramid Highway Corridor and outer ring Route Early Action Items; and the Sparks Rail Yard Relocation and Economic Development Project. Mr. Joiner noted that these projects are not in a ranked priority yet. Staff is asking that the Council provide

direction on ranking these projects. He said that even though the funding for some of these projects may come from separate sources and may be considered separately, our delegation likes to have the projects submitted with priority rankings.

Discussion ensued regarding which projects were higher in priority than others. The consensus of the Council was to leave the priorities as listed in the staff report, minus the events center.

A motion was made by Council Member Carrigan, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to direct staff to coordinate and support the priorities and amounts for federal funding opportunities with Nevada's federal delegation, supporting agencies, and contract legislative representatives. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

6.5 Presentation, discussion and possible direction or approval of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Government Affairs Analyst Kathy Clewett provided an update on recent ARRA activities, noting that our Public Works recently went to bid on the photovoltaic systems. Because of the way we are doing the bidding we are getting bids much lower than other entities--\$4 per watt. The City of Sparks is the leading entity in photovoltaic retrofitting in the area and the other entities are watching to see how it works for us.

NDOT is going forward with their transportation projects. They are getting a bigger "bang for their buck" on all of their projects because the bids have been coming in much lower than expected.

6.6 Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution No. 3167, to augment the 2009/2010 Capital Projects budget of the City of Sparks

Accounting Manager Debi Hunt noted that this augmentation is being done because they are trying to change the way the City budgets for capital projects. This is the first year that staff is bring the augmentation forward for approval this early because this is the first year the City is budgeting only new money in the CIP. Staff report contains a list of projects that were not finished but that need to be added to the new budget format via an augmentation of the old money that was not previously budgeted.

Council Member Carrigan asked where the \$6.4 million that is being augmented into the budget came from. Ms. Hunt stated the funds are from projects that were already approved but not yet completed. A lot of capital projects don't get completed in one fiscal year so in the past staff estimated what portion of an approved project would be completed in the current fiscal year and then budget that amount for that year. Then staff would estimate what portion of a project will be completed in the next fiscal year and budget that amount, etc. until the project was completed. What we are changing is now we will budget the entire project as if it were already completed and if the project is not completed, then staff will come back for an augmentation at the end of the budget year.

Council Member Carrigan asked for clarification that all these projects have already been approved and that this resolution is just moving the funding forward for this year. Ms. Hunt responded in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Council Member Salerno, seconded by Council Member Ratti, to adopt Resolution No. 3167, augmenting the 2009/2010 Capital Projects budget of the City of Sparks. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

6.7 Discussion and possible action regarding the Truckee Meadows Water Authority Cooperative Agreement (or Joint Powers Agreement) among the City of Sparks, City of Reno and County of Washoe related to integration/consolidation of Washoe County Department of Water Resources water operations into Truckee Meadows Water Authority

Public Works Director Wayne Seidel stated that this is an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to facilitate the integration of the Washoe County Department of Water Resources water operations into the Truckee Meadows Water Authority. The County took action on this amendment on November 10th and the City of Reno approved the amendment on November 18th; we are the last agency to take action on this proposed amendment.

Mr. Seidel summarized some of the amendments to the agreement as outlined in the staff report and made himself available for questions.

Council Member Smith asked for confirmation that if this agreement is approved, the consolidation would not take place for another couple of years. Mr. Seidel stated that the Washoe County Board of Commissioners and the Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board Members met at a joint meeting on December 9th to approve an agreement outlining the consolidation process which should take about 12 to 18 months.

A motion was made by Council Member Carrigan, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the changes to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority Cooperative Agreement among the City of Sparks, City of Reno and County of Washoe related to integration/consolidation of Washoe County Department of Water Resources water operations into Truckee Meadows Water Authority. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

6.8 Consideration and possible approval of a Consultant Services Agreement with PBS&J for City of Sparks Basin Stormwater Master Planning – Phase II, for a total contact amount not to exceed \$550,000

Public Works Director Wayne Seidel noted these consultant services will provide the last phase of our storm water master plan for interior local drainage and will ultimately tie into the larger regional flood project.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approval of a Consultant Services Agreement with PBS&J for City of Sparks Basin Stormwater Master Planning – Phase II, for a total contact amount not to exceed \$550,000. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

6.9 Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 3168, Consenting to a Relinquishment and Land Transfer Agreement for SR-646 (Prater Way) portions along the west side and east side of North McCarran Boulevard totaling approximately 1000 feet

Real Property Agent Dave Vill stated the State of Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) is proposing to relinquish to the City approximately 1,000 feet of Prater Way at the McCarran

Boulevard intersection (State Route 646). This is part of the cooperative agreement that the City entered into with NDOT on August 25, 2008, where NDOT agreed to transfer ownership of portions of seven right-of-ways and highways located in Sparks. This is the fourth property to be transferred. Mr. Vill noted that this transfer will give the City control of the operation and maintenance of this roadway. Upon acceptance by the City, NDOT will record the transfer documents and make a maintenance payment to the City as outlined in the cooperative agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 3168, a resolution consenting to a Relinquishment and Land Transfer Agreement for SR-646 (Prater Way) as outlined by staff. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

6.10 Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 3169, Consenting to a Relinquishment and Land Transfer Agreement for IR80 (Nugget Avenue frontage road from S. McCarran Boulevard to the easterly termini, approximately 0.487 miles)

Real Property Agent Dave Vill noted this resolution will transfer the Nugget Avenue frontage road (from S. McCarran Boulevard to the easterly terminus at the cul-de-sac by the City's Denitrification Plant) into the control of the City.

A motion was made by Council Member Salerno, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution No. 3169, a resolution consenting to a Relinquishment and Land Transfer Agreement for IR-80 (Nugget Avenue frontage road) as outlined by staff. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

6.11 Update on Financial Results for the Development Services Enterprise Fund for the Period July 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009, and the status of Transfers from the General Fund

This item was continued to the January 11, 2010 meeting.

6.12 Review and possible direction on the Voluntary Separation Plan 09/10

Human Resources Manager Chris Syverson provided a summary and update of the most recent Voluntary Separation Plan (VSP). She stated there were 44 applications; 39 of which were approved. (Three applications were withdrawn prior to the deadline by the employee; one was denied; and one was determined to be ineligible). She stated that the 39 separations would provide \$3.63 million in salary savings in FY 09/10 and \$4.33 million in FY 10/11 and subsequent years. Although these fiscal results are very encouraging, we will be losing 710 years of corporate knowledge and service. This will also bring the City's vacancy rate to 196 positions or 28% fewer employees than the City had at our highest historical point. Ms. Syverson noted that the restructuring and budgetary considerations as a result of this VSP will be discussed at a retreat scheduled for January 20, 2010.

Mayor Martini stated the City's work force is about 1/3 smaller than it used to be. We have taken the steps we need to, but it is devastating to see people leave that we have counted on for so many years to take care the City.

Council Member Smith asked when these employees will be leaving employment with the City. Ms. Syverson stated two have already left and the others will work with their department heads to determine the actual date. Most will be leaving before January 14, 2010, so if they are retiring, they will be eligible to receive a retirement check for January.

6.13 First Reading of Bill No. 2615, PCN07056, A Voluntary Annexation request by the Cities of Sparks and Reno for a parcel approximately 258 acres in size. Upon Annexation, the zoning would convert from a Washoe County Designation of Public/Semi Public Facilities to a City of Sparks zoning designation of PF (Public Facility) located at 8500 Clean Water Way (Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility)

City Clerk Linda Patterson read Bill No. 2615, by title. Mayor Martini announced that the Public Hearing and second reading of this bill is scheduled for the January 11, 2010, City Council Meeting.

7. Public Hearings and Action Items Unrelated to Planning and Zoning:

7.1 Public Hearing, consideration and possible approval of the abandonment of a ten (10) foot by two hundred forty-five (245) foot, portion of road right-of-way originally granted to the City pursuant to Tract Map No. 79, entitled "Second Amended Plat of Newtown Tract, a Subdivision of East Reno" as recorded July 6, 1904

Real Property Agent Dave Vill noted the lots were located at 18th and "F" Streets. The owners of the property are requesting the abandonment to facilitate the construction of a new garage and remodeling of the current residence. He stated both roadways are 70 feet wide, which is far in excess of anything we would need now or in the future, therefore staff is recommending approval of the abandonment.

Council Member Salerno asked if there would still be a sidewalk between the streets and the property. Mr. Vill stated there is an existing sidewalk and it will be remain in place, as well as the existing fence.

Mayor Martini opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding this proposed abandonment. There being no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Schmitt asked the width of current roadway. Mr. Vill stated that with the abandonment, the road right-of-way will be 60 feet and the actual paved roadway is 35 feet wide. Mr. Schmitt asked if this abandonment had been reviewed by Community Development because it was his understanding that there was some concern regarding the amount of right-of-way in this area. He was told that we were not going to be abandoning right-of-way on a case by case basis and that it needed to be done in larger increments, i.e. an entire street at a time. Mr. Vill stated the problem is the cost; right now the City cannot afford to pay for the engineering required to abandon large areas and therefore, we are only reacting to at this time to requests from individual property owners.

Council Member Schmitt asked if it was now our policy to only do abandonments if the individual property owners paid for it. Mr. Vill responded that this was correct. Mr. Schmitt

stated that it would probably be a good idea to get together with Community Development because this is different from what he understood the policy on abandonments to be.

A motion was made by Council Member Salerno, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the abandonment of a portion of 18th Street and "F" Street as outlined by Staff. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

7.2 Public Hearing, Second Reading, and possible action on Bill No. 2614, Floodplain Management: An ordinance amending chapter 15.11 of the Sparks Municipal Code by adding provisions relating to administration of flood development permit applications; and providing for other matters properly related thereto

Civil Engineer John Martini the amendments to Chapter 15.11 are outlined in the staff report. He stated the changes are being made as a result of a meeting with FEMA and the State Flood Plain Administrator, who requested that our municipal code be changed to more closely match the state procedures and to strengthen our ordinance as to what the Flood Plain Administrator should do to prior to issuing a flood plain development permit.

Mayor Martini opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak regarding this proposed bill. There being no comment, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Ratti, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve Bill No. 2614 (Ordinance No. 2434), an ordinance amending chapter 15.11 of the Sparks Municipal Code by adding provisions relating to administration of flood development permit applications; and providing for other matters properly related thereto. Council Members Ratti, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Motion carried.

8. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items:

None.

9. Comments:

9.1 *From the Council and City Manager

City Manager thanked Mr. Vill for his professionalism in his service to the City, stating that Mr. Vill is one of the employees who has taken advantage of the VSP and therefore will be terminating his employment with the City.

Mayor Martini noted this was the last Council Meeting for 2009 and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

10. *Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

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