

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SPARKS CITY COUNCIL

November 20, 2006

3:00 p.m.

1.

Call to Order

Time: 3:04:33 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Sparks City Council was called to order by Mayor Geno Martini at 3:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada.

2.

Roll Call

Time: 3:04:35 p.m.

Mayor Geno Martini, Deputy City Clerk Lenda Ulrich, Council Members John Mayer, Ron Smith, Mike Carrigan, Ron Schmitt, City Manager Shaun Carey and City Attorney Chet Adams, PRESENT. City Clerk Debi Dolan, Council Member Phillip Salerno, ABSENT.

Staff Present: Tom Clewell, John Dotson, Steve Driscoll, Shirle Eiting, Susan Fairfield, Rob Joiner, Neil Krutz, Dan Marran, Adam Mayberry, Tom Minton, Linda Patterson, Chris Syverson and Carrie Brooks.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Time: 3:04:45

There was no invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ron Schmitt.

Comments from the Public

Time: 3:05:19 p.m.

None.

Approval of the Agenda

Time: 3:05:33 p.m.

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

Council Member Smith asked that item 5.1 be pulled.

A motion was made by Council Member Mayer, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to approve the agenda as amended. Council Members Mayer, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Salerno, ABSENT. Motion carried.

3.

Approval of the Minutes

Time: 3:06:32 p.m.

None.

4. Announcements, Presentations and Recognition Items and Items of Special Interest:

4.1

Presentation on Washoe

Time: 3:06:34 p.m.

Washoe County Manager Katy Singlaub and Washoe County

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Sparks City Council for November 20, 2006

County's 2006-2008
Strategic Plan

Commissioner Bob Larkin gave a power point presentation on the Washoe County 2006-2007 Strategic Plan. Ms. Singlaub introduced ICMA Local Government Management Fellow Nathan Branscomb and Erika Olson, who helped put the presentation together.

5. Consent Items:

Time: 3:32:42 p.m.

Item 5.1 was pulled for discussion and separate vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Schmitt, seconded by Council Member Mayer, to approve Consent Items 5.2 and 5.3. Council Members Mayer, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Salerno, ABSENT. Motion carried.

5.1

Final Subdivision Map
for Carrera @ D'Andrea

Time: 3:12:26 p.m.

An agenda item from Community Development Director Neil Krutz recommending the City Council approve a final subdivision map for Carrera @ D'Andrea. This will be the first map within the D'Andrea Phase 3 Planned Development and will create 68 lots on 57.53 acres. It will be generally located east of Vista Boulevard and northwest of North D'Andrea Parkway. The current zoning for this subdivision is PD and the developer will be Lennar Reno, LLC. The map and civil improvement drawings have been reviewed and have been found to be acceptable. A performance bond has been filed with the City Clerk to guarantee the construction of the public improvements.

Council Member Smith asked if this was formerly the Tanamara project. Mr. Krutz responded that no, it was not part of the Tanamara proposal; although it was located in the same general area. Council Member Smith asked if Tanamara was still a project. Mr. Krutz said yes, it is; however it has been put "on the shelf" at this time, at the applicant's request. He said the project will be re-activated when the applicant tells us they are ready. Council Member Smith said his concern was that the developers appeared to be attempting to get out from under the requirement that they be part of the D'Andrea homeowner's association handbook and he asked that staff be aware of this.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to approve Consent Item 5.1. Council Members Mayer, Salerno, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Salerno, ABSENT. Motion carried.

5.2

Reversion to Acreage

An agenda item from Community Development Director Neil Krutz recommending the City Council approve a Reversion to

Map for Kunert/Arndt Acreage Map for Fred and Mary Kunert and Fred Arndt, for property located at 1827 "C" Street. The total area being reverted is 9,000 square feet or 0.207 acres. The conversion is to eliminate interior lot lines conflicting with existing buildings. The total area reverted will be 6,000 square feet or 0.138 acres. The reversion map has been reviewed and found to be acceptable. The appropriate fees have been paid and a performance bond is not required to be filed, as no public improvements are associated with this map.

5.3
Approval of Procurement Card Program Vendor An agenda item from Purchasing Manager Dan Marran recommending the City Council authorize the use of a joinder contract with the City of Carson for the provision of Procurement Card Services to be provided by Bank of America. The initial contract was approved in June of 2006 as part of a State joinder contract. However, the State of Nevada has expired and the State has chosen a new vendor for their P-Card program. Staff has determined that a change of vendors would not be to the City's advantage at this time and Bank of America has offered to allow the City to use their existing contract with Carson City. This contract also provides additional benefits to the City of Sparks that were not part of the State contract. This contract will include services provided through January 1, 2009 and is subject to further extensions if agreed to by the original contracting parties. Sparks will have the option to continue to join on the agreement for the life of the original agreement or to sever the joinder provision should that action be desired or necessary at a later date.

6. General Business:

6.1
Motion to Adjourn to a Closed Attorney-Client Session Time: 3:35:13 p.m.
An agenda item from Senior Assistant City Attorney Shirle T. Eiting recommending the City Council adjourn to a closed attorney-client session to receive information regarding potential litigation involving a matter over which the Sparks City Council has supervision, jurisdiction and control (NRS 241.015(2)(b)(2), GEMS.

City Attorney Adams noted that the Council had received a confidential attorney/client memorandum from Ms. Eiting on this matter and unless they needed additional information or would like to discuss something in that memorandum in greater detail, there was really no need to adjourn to a closed session. It was determined that a closed session was not needed and the Council continued on to Item 6.2.

6.2

Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Approve a Refund from GEMS

Time: 3:36:07 p.m.

An agenda item from Senior Assistant City Attorney Shirle T. Eiting recommending the City Council authorize the City Manager to approve a refund from GEMS. Staff has successfully negotiated a very reasonable settlement with Harris Computers, the parent company of GEMS, for a refund to the City with regard to the financial system which we purchased from them, but which turned out to be incompatible with the City of Sparks' needs.

A motion was made by Council Member Schmitt, seconded by Council Member Carrigan, to authorize the refund as outlined in the confidential memo. Council Members Mayer, Smith, Carrigan, Schmitt, YES. Council Member Salerno, ABSENT. Motion carried.

7. Public Hearings and Action Items Unrelated to Planning and Zoning: NONE

8. Planning and Zoning Public Hearings and Action Items: NONE

9.1.

Comments from the Council and City Manager

Time: 3:37:00 p.m.

City Manager Shaun Carey announced vacancies on the following boards and commissions: Civil Service Commission; the Advisory Committee for the Disabled; and the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee. He noted that the terms for the following boards and commissions will expire on December 31, 2006: Airport Noise Advisory Panel and the Sparks Planning Commission. He reviewed the application process and invited all interested citizens to submit a Community Service Application on or before December 1, 2006.

10.

Adjournment

Time: 3:39:06 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

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