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Regular Meeting

Reno City Council

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 • 12:00 PM

Reno City Council Chamber, One East First Street, Reno, NV 89501

Robert A. Cashell, Sr., Mayor

Council Members:

Ward 1 – Jenny Brekhus Ward 4 – Dwight Dortch Ward 2 – Sharon Zadra Ward 5 – Neoma Jardon Ward 3 – Oscar Delgado At-Large – Hillary Schieve

A Introductory Items

- A.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- A.2 Observance of a Moment of Silence
- A.3 Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Robert Cashell	Mayor	Present	
Jenny Brekhus	Council Member	Present	
Sharon Zadra	Council Member	Present	
Oscar Delgado	Council Member	Present	
Dwight Dortch	Vice Mayor	Present	
Neoma Jardon	Council Member	Present	
Hillary Schieve	Council Member	Present	
Andrew Clinger	City Manager	Present	

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 PM.

A.4 Public Comment

J. Edward Parker, 6970 Pah Rah Drive, Sparks, Government Liaison for the Amateur Radio Relay League, discussed Governor Sandoval's proclamation naming June 2014 as Nevada Amateur Radio Month.

Mark Markel, 48 Park Street, discussed the dangers of drinking and driving.

Ronald E. Magee, 550 North McCarran Boulevard, discussed several subjects.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, presented his views on several subjects.

A.5 City Manager Announcements (Item for general announcements and informational items only. No deliberation or action will be taken on this item.)

City Manager Clinger made several announcements.

A.6 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) - May 28, 2014.

The agenda was approved with item E.5 withdrawn.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

A.7 Approval of Minutes (For Possible Action) - May 14, 2014.

A.7.1 City Council - Regular - May 14, 2014 12:00 PM 12:39 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member

SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

B Cash Disbursements

B.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Cash Disbursements Reports for April 27, 2014 through May 10, 2014. 12:39 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends to accept the attached Cash Disbursements reports.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member
SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

C Proclamations - None.

D Presentations

D.1 Economic Development Update - Mike Kazmierski, President and CEO, Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN). 12:56 PM

ITEMS L.5.1 AND L.5.2 WERE TAKEN BEFORE ITEMS D.1, D.2 AND D.3.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHIEVE PRESENT AT 12:58 P.M.

Mike Kazmierski, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN), presented the report.

D.2 Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation - Nathan A. Daniel, Executive Director. 1:08 PM

Nathan A. Daniel, Executive Director of the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation, presented the report.

Update on consolidation of Truckee Meadows Water Authority and Washoe
 County Water Resources - Mark Foree, General Manager, Truckee Meadows
 Water Authority. 1:16 PM

COUNCIL MEMBER DELGADO ABSENT AT 1:17 P.M.

Jack Byrom, Project Manager representing the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), presented the update.

COUNCIL MEMBER DELGADO PRESENT AT 1:24 P.M.

Council Member Brekhus and Mr. Byrom discussed Vidler Water Company's construction of the pipeline that delivers water to the North Valleys from the Honey Lake area north of Reno-Sparks, the commitment that there will be no rate increase due to consolidation, the likelihood that there will be no change in the TMWA governing board as a result of the merger, and water conservation and reclamation issues.

E Consent Agenda

ITEMS E.1 THROUGH E.5 WERE APPROVED WITH ITEM E.2 PULLED FOR DISCUSSION AND ITEM E.5 WITHDRAWN.

E.1 Approval of Privileged Business Licenses

E.1.a New - Alcohol

1. Boomtown Reno, Dean Christopher DiLullo, 2100 West Interstate 80 - Packaged Beer and Wine (For Possible Action) [Ward 5]

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Dwight Dortch, Vice MayorSECONDER:Sharon Zadra, Council MemberAYES:Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

2. Laughing Planet Cafe, LLC, Timothy J. Healion, 650 Tahoe Street - Dining Room Wine and Beer (For Possible Action) [Ward 1]

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

3. Fiddler Rock, LLC, Michael Sinclair, 255 North Sierra Street, Suite 2219 - Alcohol Catering (For Possible Action) [Ward 5]

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Dwight Dortch, Vice MayorSECONDER:Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

4. Party on Wheels Promotions, Franklin Velasquez, 7 Chianti Way - Alcohol Catering (For Possible Action) [Ward 4]

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Dwight Dortch, Vice MayorSECONDER:Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

5. Bristo Habanero, David Arevalo, 1196 South Rock Boulevard - Dining Wine and Beer (For Possible Action) [Ward 3]

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Dwight Dortch, Vice MayorSECONDER:Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.1.b New - Privileged

1. All About Home, LLC, Anne Knight, 3400 Lakeside Drive - Secondhand Merchandise (For Possible Action) [Ward 2]

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Dwight Dortch, Vice MayorSECONDER:Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.1.c Change of Ownership - Alcohol

 Fortune Star Cuisine, LLC, Ellen Yan Quig Woo, 6340 Mae Anne Avenue, Suite 2 - Dining Room Wine and Beer (For Possible Action) [Ward 1]

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Dwight Dortch, Vice MayorSECONDER:Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.1.d Supplemental - Cabaret

 Picasso & Wine, LLC, Alissa Woods, 146 Vassar Street - Cabaret (For Possible Action) [Ward 3] MOVER: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Highway Agreement No. PR125-13-063 (Cooperative (Local Public Agency) Agreement Virginia Street Bridge Project) with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the Virginia Street Bridge Project. 1:26 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approve Amendment No. 1 to Highway Agreement No. PR125-13-063 (Cooperative (Local Public Agency) Agreement Virginia Street Bridge Project) and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve the staff recommendation.

Council Member Brekhus and Charla Honey, Public Works Engineering Manager, discussed the purpose of the proposed amendment, which is to allow the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to proceed with the acquisition process before all of the necessary federal authorizations are secured.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the federal process itself is what is causing delays, or if the delays are being caused because the documents they are being provided with do not meet their standards.

Ms. Honey explained that the delays are being caused because there are so many regulatory agencies involved in the process (e.g., two different branches of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and NDOT).

Council Member Jardon said that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 404 permit for the Virginia Street Bridge is behind the Southeast Connector project in the permit process, which is responsible for part of the delay.

Council Member Brekhus requested that staff provide the Council with the regulatory agency punch lists, noting that project delays have consequences on ice rink and other downtown businesses.

Mayor Cashell stated that the Council, as a policy-setting body, should not attempt to micro-manage City staff, and asked that staff present an occasional brief update on the permitting process.

The Council upheld the staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.3 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Bid Award No. 030104 for Fire Department Volume Oxygen (VO2) Max testing services to Sierra Pulmonary & Sleep Institute in an annual amount not to exceed \$76,000 (General Fund). 1:26 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends the award of Bid Number 030104 for Fire Department VO2 Max Testing services to Sierra Pulmonary & Sleep Institute in an annual amount not to exceed \$76,000.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the above described Purchase Order.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.4 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Authorization to proceed with an application for the 2014 Formula Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$116,792. 1:26 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends authorization for the City of Reno Police Department to proceed with the application for the 2014 Formula Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$116,792 which is due June 10, 2014.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Dwight Dortch, Vice MayorSECONDER:Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.5 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of Cochrane Ditch Company, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company.

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council Approve the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of Cochrane Ditch Company, LLC, a Nevada Limited Liability Company and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

F Public Hearings - 12:15 PM - None.

F.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Ordinance Introduction - Bill No. ______ Case No. TXT14-00008 (Medical Marijuana Establishments) - Ordinance amending the Reno Municipal Code Title 18, "Annexation and Land Development," (1) Chapter 18.02 to remove the stay on Medical Marijuana applications; and (2) Chapter 18.08, and Chapter 18.24, to allow Medical Marijuana Establishments within the City of Reno under certain criteria together with other matters properly relating thereto. [All Wards] 1:32 PM

Recommendation: The Planning Commission recommends Council approve the proposed text amendment by ordinance.

Proposed Motion: I move to uphold the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

<u>Text</u> <u>Amendment</u>

<u>First Reading</u>: I move to refer Bill No. ______ for a second reading and adoption.

Recommendation: Planning Commission recommends City Council approve the text by ordinance.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve Planning Commission recommendation.

The Mayor asked if proper notice was given.

City Clerk Jones stated that proper notice was given and no correspondence was received.

Mayor Cashell opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. No one spoke and the Mayor closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO 12:15 P.M. ON JUNE 11, 2014.

RESULT: CONTINUED Next: 6/11/2014 12:00 PM

G Ordinances - Adoption

G.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Ordinance Adoption - Bill No. 6902 Ordinance to amend Title 2 of the Reno Municipal Code establishing appointive officer and appointive employee positions by amending Chapter 2.06.030, relating to the designation of Appointive Officers; adding Section 2.06.035 designating "Appointive Employees;" amending Section 2.06.050 relating to the Qualifications of Appointive Officers and Appointive Employees; adding Section 2.06.055, relating to Existing and Successor Appointees; and amending Section 2.14.020, relating to Salary Administration, together with other matters properly relating thereto. 1:33 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Ordinance No. _____.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Ordinance No. ______

COUNCIL MEMBER JARDON ABSENT AT 1:34 P.M.

Council Member Brekhus and Cadence Matijevich, Assistant City Manager, discussed details with respect to the establishment of appointive officer and appointive employee positions.

COUNCIL MEMBER JARDON PRESENT AT 1:38 P.M.

Ms. Matijevich said that the ordinance is intended to be reflective of the organization as it exists today.

Council Member Brekhus said that the Charter states that the positions that are appointive are those that report directly to the City Manager, and the proposed ordinance will not clean that up. We have an ordinance that is not in compliance with the Charter, she said, and we are bringing forward a new ordinance that retains that out of compliance with the Charter.

Ms. Matijevich explained that there are two different types of appointive positions within the City (appointive officers and employees), and the designations are spelled out in the Charter.

Council Member Brekhus reiterated that the ordinance is not in compliance with the Charter, and the revised ordinance does not remedy that defect.

Ms. Matijevich requested that several minor (non-material) revisions be made to the ordinance as follows: 1) strike the position of 'graphic designer' from the appointive employees list; 2) strike the word 'Chief' from the position of Building Official; and 3) correct the table to correctly place the position of Building and Safety Manager within the Community Development rather than the Public Works Department.

Bill No. 6902, Ordinance No. 6333 was passed and adopted.

RESULT: ADOPTED [6 TO 1]

MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

NAYS: Jenny Brekhus

H Resolutions

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. ______, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreements.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____ and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Council Member Brekhus and Christine Fey, Resource Development and Cultural Affairs Manager, discussed the prior loss of the City's sustainability grant funding. Ms. Fey explained that administrative and infrastructure costs can be covered with July and 365 Events Grant funding.

Resolution No. 7976 was adopted.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

SECONDER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

Resolution No. 7977: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. H.2Resolution granting 22 Arts and Culture Project Grants: \$6,500 to A.V.A. Ballet Theatre; \$6,000 to Bruka Theatre of the Sierra, Inc.; \$3,000 to Good Luck Macbeth Theatre Company; \$8,000 to Holland Project; \$4,668 to Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival Company; \$8,500 to Nevada Museum of Art; \$6,032 to Nevada Opera Association; \$6,000 to Note-Able Music Therapy Services; \$8,000 to Pioneer Center for Performing Arts; \$6,500 to Reno Chamber Orchestra; \$3,600 to Reno Jazz Orchestra; \$6,000 to Reno Little Theater; \$6,000 to Reno Philharmonic Association; \$3,000 to Reno Pops Orchestra; \$7,200 to Renown Health Association; \$6,000 to Sierra Arts Foundation; \$3,000 to Sierra Nevada MasterWorks Chorale; \$6,000 to Sierra Nevada Ballet; \$6,000 to University of Nevada Music Department; \$6,000 to University of Nevada Extended Studies; \$6,000 to University of Nevada Sheppard Contemporary and University Galleries; and \$8,000 to VSA Arts of Nevada to provide arts and cultural programs, events and services in Reno for a total of \$130,000 (Room Tax Fund). 1:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. _______, and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreements.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____ and authorize the Mayor to sign.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREKHUS ABSENT AT 1:47 P.M.

Resolution No. 7977 was adopted.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

ABSENT: Jenny Brekhus

- I Ordinances Introduction
- J Standard Department Items

Finance and Administration

J.1 **Resolution No. 7978**: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No.

______ Resolution of the City Council of the City of Reno finding it necessary to reduce staff of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and authorizing the City Manager to take all necessary and appropriate actions to implement this Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014/15. 1:48 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt this resolution, finding it necessary to reduce staff of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department and authorizing the City Manager to take all necessary and appropriate actions to implement this Resolution for FY14/15.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREKHUS PRESENT AT 1:48 P.M.

Council Member Brekhus stated that there was previously no discussion regarding what would happen to the four positions that would be eliminated when The First Tee took over the operations of Rosewood Lakes Golf Course, and she considered that to be a lack of transparency.

Julee Conway, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS), explained that the four employees who currently fill the positions that are being eliminated will be offered an opportunity to fill other vacant funded positions within the City's budget, and explained why it is necessary to complete the Reduction in Force (RIF) process.

Council Member Dortch said that there was no lack of transparency in the process; it should have been apparent to anyone that transferring the golf course to The First Tee would affect the City employees who worked there.

Council Member Brekhus said that two sentences in a staff report five or six months ago would have taken care of the transparency issue.

Council Member Zadra stated her full confidence that staff in the City Manager's Office and Human Resources Department knew their jobs and were performing their duties responsibly.

Resolution No. 7978 was adopted.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

Parks, Recreation & Community Services

J.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion, direction to staff, and possible approval of Donation Agreement (Virginia Lake Water Quality Project) between the City and SWD-NVL, LLC to provide financial assistance to the City and facilitate construction of public improvements designed to improve the water quality and circulation of Virginia Lake. 1:53 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council approve the Agreement.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Jonathan Shipman, Deputy City Attorney, provided an overview of the Staff Report.

Council Member Brekhus noted that the developer is building new residential units that will be subject to Residential Construction Tax (RCT), and asked for confirmation that this agreement was not intended to offset that fee.

Mr. Shipman confirmed that the agreement is not intended to offset the RCT fees the developer will pay to the City.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the project will be done in accordance with State of Nevada prevailing wage requirements, and Mr. Shipman replied that the project will be completed in compliance with NRS 338 prevailing wage requirements.

The Council upheld the staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

Public Works

J.3 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential direction to staff as to confirmation of approval by the Cochrane Ditch, LLC of the

Agreement with 50 South Virginia, LLC, the City of Reno and the Cochrane Ditch, LLC for Thermal Usage. 1:55 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council confirm approval of the Agreement by the Cochrane Ditch, LLC with 50 South Virginia, LLC, the City of Reno and the Cochrane Ditch, LLC for Thermal Usage. **Proposed Motion:** I move to confirm approval of the Agreement by the Cochrane Ditch, LLC with 50 South Virginia, LLC, The City of Reno and the Cochrane Ditch, LLC for Thermal Usage;

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

City Manager's Office

J.4 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation and Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with NLRK, LLC for Economic Development Services related to the Reno Accelerator Fund. 1:55 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with NLRK, LLC for economic development related to the Reno Accelerator Fund.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with NLRK, LLC for economic development related to the Reno Accelerator Fund.

Maureen McKissick, Strategic Development Administrator, presented an overview of the request to amend the contract with NLRK, LLC.

Nicola Kerslake, Executive Director and Founder of Newbean Capital, presented the results of the Reno Accelerator Fund pilot program.

Doug Erwin, Vice President of Entrepreneurship for the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN), thanked the Council for their support, and discussed the importance of this economic development tool.

Discussion ensued regarding the success of the recent Start-Up Fair, and the status of the start-up businesses supported by the program.

COUNCIL MEMBER JARDON ABSENT AT 2:09 P.M.

Council Member Brekhus and Ms. McKissick discussed start-up loans, the administrative process, and the next (second) round of funding.

The Council upheld the staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Schieve

ABSENT: Neoma Jardon

J.5 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation and discussion on the economic impact to the City of Reno by the 2013 Santa Crawl special event as presented by the University of Nevada, Reno. 2:11 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council accept the report.

Proposed Motion: I move to accept the report.

Alexis Hill, Special Events Program Manager, presented an overview of the Staff Report.

COUNCIL MEMBER JARDON PRESENT AT 2:12 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHIEVE ABSENT AT 2:12 P.M.

Malieka Landis, Research Analyst for the University Center for Economic Development, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), discussed the survey process and the general descriptive statistics.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHIEVE PRESENT 2:19 P.M.

Brian Bonnenfant, Project Manager for the UNR Center for Regional Studies, discussed how he calculated the economic impact of the Santa Crawl using Ms. Landis's survey results.

Eugenia Larmore, President of Ekay Economic Consultants, Inc., discussed how she estimated the fiscal impact of the 2013 Santa Crawl event.

The Council accepted the report.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member
SECONDER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

J.6 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the Charter Committee's preliminary recommendations for revisions to the Reno City Charter. 2:29 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council provide comments and input regarding the Charter Committee's preliminary recommendations and/or designate a Council Member to provide Council's feedback at the Charter Committee's next meeting on May 29, 2014.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZADRA ABSENT AT 2:30 P.M.

Megan Salcido, Government Affairs Coordinator, presented a brief overview of the Staff Report.

Council Member Brekus requested that staff list the Charter Committee's substantive recommendations.

Ms. Salcido listed the following as substantive committee recommendations: 1) Section 1.050 regarding converting the at-large council seat to a sixth Ward; 2) Section 1.090 regarding appointive officers and appointive employees; 3) Section 1.150 regarding having the Legislature provide a Bill Draft Request (BDR) to the Charter Committee so the Council does not have to use one of their BDRs to submit recommendations; 4) changes in Article III related to the recommended changes to the appointive officers section; 5) Section 3.020 regarding requiring that the City Manager reside in the State of Nevada; 6) Section 5.020 recommending Ward Only voting and, in light of the recent ballot question, a recommendation that the issue go back on the ballot in 2016 to allow the voters to decide the issue; 7) Article IX regarding, in part, Section 1.090 and a few changes staff brought to the Council when this process began; 8) Section 9.020 regarding a comprehensive reference to who is and who is not included within the Civil Service system; and 9) Section 9.060 and 9.180 regarding providing a review mechanism under Article IX allowing employees the opportunity to bring forward concerns regarding their classification using an internal mechanism rather than an external process.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZADRA PRESENT AT 2:34 P.M.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the recommendation that the Legislature allocate the Charter Committee their own BDR; Council opposition to eliminating the at-large council seat and putting the Ward Only voting issue back on the ballot for a fourth time; making the City Manager's residency part of the contract the City negotiates with the City Manager rather than part of the City's Charter; and Civil Service rules and regulations.

It was moved by Council Member Dortch, seconded by Council Member Zadra to direct staff to provide direction at the next meeting of the Charter Committee that the Council does not support going to a sixth ward.

Motion carried with Council Member Brekhus voting nay.

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 1]

MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

NAYS: Jenny Brekhus

Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the Charter Committee's preliminary recommendations for revisions to the Reno City Charter.

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council provide comments and input regarding the Charter Committee's preliminary recommendations and/or designate a Council Member to provide Council's feedback at the Charter Committee's next meeting on May 29, 2014.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

It was moved by Council Member Dortch, seconded by Council Member Zadra to direct staff to provide direction at the next meeting of the Charter Committee that the Council does not support putting a question on the ballot regarding Ward Only voting, or support going to the Legislature to change the Charter to Ward Only voting.

Motion carried with Council Members Brekhus and Delgado voting nay.

Council Member Zadra stated that the Legislature should be the conduit for taking their recommendations forward.

The Council agreed that staff, rather than a member of the Council, should take the direction provided by the Council back to the Charter Committee. RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 2]

MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Zadra, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

NAYS: Jenny Brekhus, Oscar Delgado

J.7 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential direction to the City Manager to re-designate the position of Chief of Police as one of critical labor shortage for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, with other matters properly relating thereto. 3:02 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council find, based upon all written facts presented in the staff report and any additional findings made by Council in its meeting, that the re-designation of the position of Chief of Police as one of critical labor shortage for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, is appropriate and necessary for delivery of services

to the public.

Proposed Motion: The Council finds based upon all written facts presented in the staff report and any additional findings made by Council in its meeting, that the re-designation of the position of Chief of Police as one of critical labor shortage for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, is appropriate and necessary for delivery of services to the public.

Cadence Matijevich, Assistant City Manager, provided an overview of the Staff Report.

Council Member Brekhus read from the Statute adopted by the Legislature regarding the policy of the State to ensure that the re-employment of a retired public employee is limited to positions of extreme need and providing several measures for determining the extreme need, and asked what staff had done to demonstrate that need.

Ms. Matijevich discussed in detail how it was determined that the position of Chief of Police should be re-designated as one of critical labor shortage for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Discussion ensued regarding the outstanding performance of the current Chief of Police and the fact that he saves the City approximately \$150,000 a year in employee benefits; the upcoming retirement of the Washoe County Sheriff and Sparks Chief of Police; and the need for leadership continuity in the region.

Tracy Chase, Chief Deputy City Attorney, said that the policy relates to extreme need, but the next sentence of the Statute states that an employer who decides to employ such a retired public employee to fill a position for which there is a critical labor shortage must make the determination of re-employment based upon the appropriate and necessary delivery of services to the public, and it is within Council's discretion to determine what that necessary delivery of services is.

City Manager Clinger discussed the additional turnover on the Reno City Council that will take place in November 2014, and the benefits of utilizing Chief Pitts' experience and expertise over the next year to help recruit the next Chief of Police.

Council Member Brekhus said that there was no effort whatsoever, internally or externally, to recruit for this position, therefore the written findings required by the Legislature cannot be produced. She said that this is not a question of performance, but a question of following the law, and staff is not bringing the Council a recommendation that follows the law.

Council Member Jardon discussed the high cost of turning over a position, and the benefits to the taxpayers and the City of retaining the current Chief of Police for an additional year.

Council Member Zadra stated that the Council is following the intent outlined in the Statute, the services the Chief provides are critical, and his skills, connectivity and experience will aid in the planning and initiation processes involved in the region's Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Matijevich said that the provision referred to by Council Member Brekhus (i.e., the history and success of the efforts to recruit for the position including efforts made to recruit outside of the state and others) does not specify that it is for a current vacancy, but rather they are looking for the history of the position over time. She said that page 3 of the Staff Report provides, in writing, that history.

Council Member Brekhus stated that the Council was not following the Legislative intent on this. There will be a Legislative hearing at the next session, she said, with someone raising up because they have a report from the Personal Employee Retirement System (PERS) of all these positions and because the City did not even recruit for the position and called it a critical labor shortage.

Council Member Delgado discussed the benefits of retaining Chief Pitts during the upcoming transitional year.

The Council upheld the staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 1]

MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

SECONDER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

NAYS: Jenny Brekhus

K City Clerk

K.1 Boards and Commissions Appointments

a. Financial Advisory Board (For Possible Action)

Andrew Flagg was appointed to the Financial Advisory Board (FAB).

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member
SECONDER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

L Mayor and Council

L.1 Identification of Mayor and Council Items for future agendas of the Reno City Council. 3:15 PM

Council Member Delgado requested that staff provide the Council Members with forms they can use to make their individual salary and benefit give-backs.

Council Member Brekhus requested a discussion and potential direction to staff regarding: 1) a Special Assessment District (SAD) analysis for providing sewer service to outlying properties; and 2) asking the Arts and Culture Commission to examine holding a design contest for housing for the next generation to which she will contribute some of her discretionary funds.

L.2 Liaison Reports

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

L.3 Reports from any conferences or professional meetings. 3:17 PM

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

L.4 Discussion and potential direction to the City Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time to review opportunities to increase usage of City Plaza (10 North Virginia Street), to include working with the Special Events Subcommittee.

[Jardon] 3:17 PM

Council Member Jardon requested that the report be expanded to include a more comprehensive examination of all the City's public properties.

RESULT: APPROVAL [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member
SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

L.5 Interstate-11 and Intermountain West Corridor Study

L.5.1 Presentation and discussion on Interstate-11 (I-11) and Intermountain West Corridor Study, and Potential Economic Impact - Sondra Rosenberg, PTP, Nevada Department of Transportation. 12:41 PM

ITEMS L.5.1 AND L.5.2 WERE HEARD AFTER ITEM B.1 AND BEFORE THE PRESENTATIONS.

Sondra Rosenberg, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Project Manager for the Interstate-11 (I-11) and Intermountain West Corridor Study, presented the report.

Discussion ensued regarding Regional Transportation Commission's (RTC's) view of the importance of having Interstate-11 go through Reno, Sparks and Washoe County rather than through Fallon; and an alternative view that putting the roadway through built communities is not prudent.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHIEVE ABSENT AT 12:52 P.M.

Council Member Zadra said that language in the proposed resolution was broadened to provide the flexibility necessary to ensure that the road can be built in the most feasible location while still ensuring that the economic benefits it will provide will be felt by Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

.5.2	Resolution No. 7975 : Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No.
	Resolution supporting Interstate 11 and future north-south
	extension through the Cities of Reno and Sparks in Washoe County.
	[Zadra] 12:54 PM
	Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No.
	and support Interstate 11 and future north-south extension
	through the cities of Reno and Sparks in Washoe County.
	Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No

Resolution No. 7975 was adopted.

RESULT: ADOPTED [5 TO 1]

MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member SECONDER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon

NAYS: Jenny Brekhus ABSENT: Hillary Schieve

M Public Hearings - 6:00 PM - None.

N Public Comment

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

O Adjournment (For Possible Action)

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:18 P.M.