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RENO
Memorandum

DATE: June 4, 2026
TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Jackie Bryant, City Manager 
FROM: Khalil Wilson, Interim Public Works Director
DEPT: Public Works
SUBJECT: Biggest Little Café Update

This memo provides an update on the City of Reno’s Business Enterprises of Nevada (BEN) contract with the Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR), and on the current status of the Biggest Little Café.

City of Reno DETR BEN Contract

The City recently executed a five-year extension (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2031) with DETR, allowing blind and visually impaired operators to continue operating a snack bar and vending facilities through the BEN program.

Biggest Little Café

Through this program, DETR contracted with an operator to run the Biggest Little Café located on the first floor of City Hall. This snack bar originally opened in January 2024. The previous operator ceased operations on April 7 and fully vacated the space by April 30.

DETR has now selected a new operator for the Biggest Little Café and plans to reopen the café on Monday, June 1. The new operator, Daddy’s Tacos, owned by Valentine Lynn Lovelace and Martin Gomez-Tapia, will operate as a sub-contractor under DETR’s blind-owned business vendor, Eugenio Chavez.

The café will initially operate Monday through Friday 9:30am-3:30pm, with plans to expand hours in the future. The operator will offer a variety of grab-and-go beverages and snacks, along with a menu featuring tacos, burritos, burrito bowls, quesadillas, nachos, tortas and aguas frescas.