MINUTES
Special Meeting
Reno City Council
Monday, April 13, 2015 ● 9:30 AM
Reno City Council Chamber, One East First Street, Reno, NV 89501

Hillary Schieve, Mayor

Council Members:
Ward 1 – Jenny Brekhus
Ward 2 – Naomi Duerr
Ward 3 – Oscar Delgado
Ward 4 – Paul McKenzie
Ward 5 – Neoma Jardon
At-Large – David Bobzien

Agenda Items
A Pledge of Allegiance
B Roll Call

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The meeting was called to order at 9:37 AM.

C Public Comment
Thomas G. Daly, 15040 Redmond Loop, discussed the need for automatic aid.

Cliff Low, 12 LWR, Washoe Valley, discussed the need for automatic aid.

D Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) - April 13, 2015.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: David Bobzien, Councilmember
SECONDER: Neoma Jardon, Councilmember
AYES: Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Jardon, Bobzien, Clinger

E Discussion and potential direction to staff regarding SB 185 (2015 Legislative Session), including but not limited to, automatic and/or mutual aid and regional fire consolidation for all fire based services. (For Possible Action)
RFD Power Point, time lines and Agenda/Minutes of June 28, 2011 meeting - Presented/Distributed at Meeting

RFD Stations as of 4-3-2015 - Presented/Distributed at Meeting

Councilmember Brekhus’ Maps of Fire Station Proximity - Presented/Distributed at Meeting

Councilmember Brekhus’ Property Calculations - Presented/Distributed at Meeting

Motion: Motion

Chief Hernandez gave a presentation on the history of fire service, benefits of a regional model, and the issue of automatic aid. The implementation of automatic aid needs to be strategic. Chief Hernandez provided examples of other communities that use automatic aid.

Council Member Duerr discussed Washington State’s model stating that they passed special legislation to set up regional fire authorities.

Council Member Duerr discussed the need to identify intermediary steps while moving toward having some kind of regional fire authority.

Council Member Brekhus discussed three areas of concern with Senate Bill (SB) 185: economics/reimbursement component; future growth and development; and the potential of having volunteer fire fighters from Truckee Meadows responding in the City of Reno. Chief Hernandez stated that those issues are not specifically addressed in the existing language of SB185. There is a section in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) handbook that speaks to how automatic aids and mutual aids should be built and they talk about indemnity, liability for injuries, reimbursement for cost services, authorization to respond, levels of staffing, types of equipment, resources to be made available, and who will be the incident commander. How the cost will be handled is something that would have to be discussed and identified in the automatic aid agreement if the legislation were to pass.

Council Member McKenzie discussed the need for a command structure with authority to move assets around as part of an automatic aid agreement.

Council Member Bobzien discussed the need for fiscal responsibility and sustainability in the future.
Chief Hernandez pointed out that SB185 speaks specifically to structure fires and brush fires, not calls for emergency medical services.

Council Member Jardon discussed the possibility of designating two Council Members to work with the Managers and the Chiefs to initiate more in-depth conversations on how to get to the best place possible in the short-term while keeping the long-term in mind.

Council Member McKenzie stated that the original Bill language was not limited to structure and brush fires. That was an amendment by Washoe County.

Scott Gilles, Legislative Relations Program Manager, confirmed Council Member McKenzie’s comment and stated that the sponsor of the Bill was fine with the amendment.

There was discussion regarding why Washoe County amended the Bill.

Mayor Schieve discussed the need for a better approach moving forward. Mayor Schieve asked Washoe County Commissioner Berkbigler if she would be willing to put full safety aid consolidation on the ballot in 2016. Marsha Birkbigler, Chair of Washoe County Commission and the Truckee Meadows and Sierra Fire Districts, could not answer that question on behalf of the fire districts. Commissioner Berkbigler discussed the need to move forward with a clean slate, and stated that she would be willing to go back to the County Commission to see if they are willing to put it on the ballot.

Mayor Schieve discussed the necessity of negotiation.

Commissioner Berkbigler discussed the County’s funding mechanism and stated that they cannot raise taxes.

Council Member Duerr suggested a motion that would direct staff to bring back proposals on the possible formation of an interim working group to discuss details of a fire authority, amended Bill language, and financial implications.

Mayor Schieve discussed the need for joint meetings rather than a working group.

Council Member Duerr suggested motion language to direct staff to establish a series of joint meetings between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Sierra Fire, the City of Reno and extending an invitation to Sparks, to meet and talk about how to move forward to improve relationships, service delivery, and partnering, and propose Bill amendment language.
Mayor Schieve suggesting focusing on one thing at a time.

Council Member Brekhus stated that the Legislature moves fast and discussed the need to react to SB185.

Council Member Bobzien discussed the need to be prepared for SB185 to pass.

It was moved by Council Member Bobzien, seconded by Council Member Delgado to direct staff to prepare a framework for full safety aid for Council’s consideration; and to provide a fiscally sustainable model for automatic aid, identifying which specific areas need to be served by automatic aid.

There was discussion regarding what this motion would mean moving forward without opposing SB185, and the need to show forward progress in addressing the issues raised by SB185.

Mayor Schieve called for public comment.

Tom Dunn, 390 Kirman Avenue, representing the Reno Firefighter's Association, discussed past studies and ballot questions on fire service delivery and consolidation.

Cliff Low, 12 LWR, Washoe Valley, discussed the importance of automatic aid and working with the Fire Board to focus on what can be done in the short-term.

John Spencer, Undersheriff, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, expressed a desire to be part of the conversation going forward.

Bob Lucey, 10778 Ridgebrook Drive, Washoe County Planning Commissioner, discussed growing development and the need to get the issues taken care of ahead of time.

The Council requested that the motion be restated.

It was moved by Council Member Bobzien, seconded by Council Member Brekhus, to direct staff to develop two plans for Council's consideration by the end of April: 1) a long-term consolidation model; and 2) information on the more immediate issue of how automatic aid can work, including geographies that need to be served under automatic aid and protocols for reimbursement.
Motion carried.

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F Public Comment

Tom Dunn, 660 Blue Skies Drive, Sparks, discussed changes that occurred after deconsolidation, including a tax increase and home insurance increase due to the decrease in levels of service.

Michael D. Brown, 1070 Country Estates Circle, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District Fire Chief, discussed the importance of initial dispatch.

Dennis Jacobsen, no address provided, agreed with earlier comments regarding deconsolidation.

G Adjournment (For Possible Action)

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:43 A.M.