MINUTES
Joint Special Meeting
Reno City Council & Redevelopment Agency Board
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 ● 9:00 AM
Reno City Council Chamber, One East First Street, Reno, NV 89501

Hillary Schieve, Mayor

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

A  Pledge of Allegiance

B  Roll Call

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The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM.

C  Public Comment

Nathan Daniel, 513 Thoma Street, discussed the importance of funding city parks.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, discussed several issues.

D  Approval of the Agenda  (For Possible Action) - April 21, 2015.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
SECONDER: Jenny Brekhus, Councilmember
AYES: Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Jardon, Bobzien

E  Budget Presentation
E.1  Regional Economic Overview - Brian Bonnenfant, Project Manager, Center for Regional Studies, University of Nevada, Reno  9:13 AM

Kate Thomas, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, provided a brief overview of the information to be presented at the meeting.

Brian Bonnenfant, Project Manager for the Center for Regional Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, presented the Current Economic Review.

Council Member Jardon and Mr. Bonnenfant discussed possible causes of the 400-job decrease in construction jobs.

Council Member McKenzie and Mr. Bonnenfant discussed the relationship between job creation and housing starts, as well as the aging population and influx of people into the area.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, presented his views on this issue.

Maureen McKissick, Strategic Development Administrator and Assistant to the City Manager, provided an overview of the results of the First Annual Citizen Survey.

Council Member Duerr and Ms. McKissick discussed community engagement issues.

Council Member Delgado discussed the importance of focusing attention on safe and livable neighborhoods as well as downtown revitalization.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

E.2  Preliminary discussions, presentation, and potential direction to staff regarding the proposed FY 15/16 City of Reno Budget.  9:47 AM

Kate Thomas, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, provided the current fiscal year 2015 budget update, including the $10.9 million in unexpected one-time revenue. Budget guiding principles, matching one-time resources to one-time expenditures, and revenue recovery issues were also discussed.

Ms. Thomas and Robert Chisel, Director of Finance and Administration, discussed the list of potential one-time strategic investments that could be made with the $10.9 million year-end balance.

City Manager Clinger said that staff is seeking guidance and final direction from the Council regarding each of the proposed strategic investments.
Council Member Brekhus suggested that staff develop a list of outstanding 'L' items (Mayor and Council items for future agendas) and the cost of completing those items.

City Manager Clinger clarified that most of the 'L' items involve staff time, and these one-time funds cannot be used to hire permanent staff. What you will see on the list today, he said, are proposals for paying off capital debt or implementing capital improvement projects.

Mr. Chisel and Ms. Thomas continued their discussion of the proposed strategic investments, and the Council Members discussed each of the proposals individually. The difficulty and cost of implementing a blight initiative was considered, as was the possibility of examining proposals for eliminating neighborhood and downtown blight.

Council Member Jardon asked what $1.4 million would achieve in the Cal-Neva Parking Garage, and John Flansberg, Director of Public Works said it is anticipated that the $1.4 would include elevator, top deck (roof), and other structural repairs, as well as aesthetic items such as painting.

Mayor Schieve, Mr. Flansberg and Council Member Duerr discussed details of the proposed Virginia Lake water quality project.

Council Member Brekhus and Jeff Mann, Parks Manager, discussed bird watching activities, and authorized uses of recreational versus residential tax revenues.

Discussion ensued regarding the extent of the proposed pedestrian safety and bicycle projects, the City facilities security system overhaul and district seed funding proposals, the purchase of the Grand Sierra Fire Station site, roof replacement at the Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, and Riverwalk design and improvements project.

Mr. Chisel outlined the proposed Midtown and River District Wifi project, and discussion ensued regarding the cost of providing quality Wifi services.

Discussion ensued regarding the lighting, restroom, Reno Arch, trash and recycling, Police Department headquarters parking and downtown dog park proposals. The Council Members suggested several projects that could be implemented with these one-time funds: water conservation measures, Community Triage Center funding, body cameras for police officers, a memorial walkway with dedicated pavers, Community Assistance Center and overflow shelter funding, and a graffiti education campaign.

City Manager Clinger reminded the Council that some of the suggestions (e.g., Community Triage Shelter, Community Assistance Center) are on-going, not one-time
projects. He requested that the Council consider what items should be removed from the list of potential one-time investments provided by staff.

Council Member Delgado suggested the need for teen centers, and suggested an expansion of the Neil Road Senior Center to accommodate that need.

Council Member Duerr and Jeff Mann, Parks Manager, discussed recreational versus residential tax issues, and discussion ensued regarding graffiti education, a mural program for the Keystone avenue underpass and funding for overflow homeless shelter operations.

Council Member Jardon and Fred Turnier, Community Development Director, discussed Community Assistance Center security issues.

Council Member McKenzie suggested that staff bring back cost estimates for completing some of the projects for which funding was not previously available in the 2014-2015 Budget, and for some of the outstanding 'L' items that could be accomplished with one-time funding.

A RECESS WAS CALLED AT 1:43 P.M. AND UPON RECONVENING AT 2:29 P.M. COUNCIL MEMBER BOBZIEN AND MAYOR SCHEIVE WERE ABSENT. VICE MAYOR DELGADO PRESIDED IN MAYOR SCHEIVE'S ABSENCE.

Mr. Chisel presented the debt update and he and Council Member Brekhus discussed capital needs issues.

Ms. Thomas presented an overview of Fiscal Year 2016 Budget development.

Council Member McKenzie and Ms. Thomas discussed reserve and contingency fund issues.

Council Member Jardon, Mr. Chisel and Ms. Thomas discussed debt reduction and Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) liability issues.

Council Member Brekhus requested a copy of the tentative budget, and said that the City Clerk, City Attorney and Municipal Court, as independent budget entities, should make their own budget presentations unless they prefer that the Office and Management and Budget do it for them. She also requested detailed information on lodging taxes and a detailed analysis of the status of Tax Increment Funding (TIF).

Council Member Duerr said that any department requesting new staff positions include a detailed organizational chart to help the Council understand overall staffing needs.
Council Member McKenzie requested that the departments present organizational charts detailing current staffing levels and staffing levels they hope to achieve as the economic climate improves, including the pay range for those unfilled positions.

Council Member Jardon and Ms. Thomas discussed whether the 2016 Budget projections correlate with the numbers in Mr. Bonnenfant's presentation.

Council Member Brekhus said that in the future the Council should be notified regarding the budget preparation process provided to the departments, and requested that staff also provide additional information regarding positions that were frozen and are currently vacant.

Council Member Duerr stated the importance of addressing the backlog of proposed ordinance amendments, and requested information regarding how to address strategic growth and staffing levels.

City Manager Clinger said that staff is attempting to balance staffing needs with Council priorities, and will address these issues at the next budget meeting.

Council Member Jardon discussed the importance of providing the Reno Police Department (RPD) with hiring/staffing predictability due to the longer lead times necessary to fill those positions.

Discussion ensued regarding temporary and permanent RPD staffing issues.

Council Member McKenzie said that more boots on the street are needed in the coming year, and ongoing training should also be built into the budget.

Council Member Brekhus noted that a 1997 audit indicated that RPD had trained officers doing what civilians could do, and that a new audit of RPD resources should be initiated.

City Manager Clinger reminded the Council of the 2 1/4% Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) increase that becomes effective July 1, 2015.

Council Member Brekhus requested a list of special services that organizations such as the Pioneer Center and Artown provide with funds provided by the City, and information regarding core services, internal audits, business fees, parking meter revenue, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding loan program and Council salaries.
Council Member Jardon requested a status update on the proposed use of the tool developed by the University of Nevada, Reno to evaluate City-sponsored special events.

Council Member McKenzie and Ms. Thomas discussed personnel needs within the departments and the necessity of revisiting the priority list of aging City of Reno infrastructure needs.

Council Member McKenzie, Assistant City Manager Bill Thomas and John Flansberg, Director of Public Works, discussed planning for future development infrastructure needs.

Council Member Brekhus requested information on Building Enterprise Fund and sewer fees, affordable housing and the sewer fee relief program.

It was moved by Council Member Duerr, seconded by Council Member Jardon to accept the report.

Motion carried with Mayor Schieve absent.

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

F   Public Comment
NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

G   Adjournment (For Possible Action)
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:46 P.M.