

**WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION  
RENO CITY COUNCIL  
SPARKS CITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

**JOINT MEETING**

PRESENT:

**Pete Sferrazza, Washoe County Commission, Chairman\***

**Jim Shaw, Washoe County Commission**

**Ted Short, Washoe County Commission**

**Dave Rigdon, City of Reno, Vice Mayor**

**Toni Harsh, Reno City Councilmember**

**Pierre Hascheff, Reno City Councilmember**

**Jessica Sferrazza, Reno City Councilmember**

**Tony Armstrong, City of Sparks, Mayor**

**Phillip Salerno, City of Sparks, Vice Mayor**

**John Mayer, Sparks City Councilmember**

**Geno Martini, Sparks City Councilmember\***

ABSENT:

**Joanne Bond, Washoe County Commission, Vice Chairman**

**Jim Galloway, Washoe County Commission**

**Jeff Griffin, City of Reno, Mayor**

**Dave Aiazzi, Reno City Councilmember**

**Sherrie Doyle, Reno City Councilmember**

**Mike Carrigan, Sparks City Councilmember**

**Ron Schmitt, Sparks City Councilmember**

The Board and Councils met in joint session at the Reno City Council Chambers, 490 South Center Street, Reno, Nevada. Also present were Washoe County Manager Katy Singlaub, Deputy District Attorney Paul Lipparelli, County Clerk Amy Harvey, Reno City Manager Charles McNeely, Chief Deputy Reno City Attorney Randall Edwards, Reno Acting City Clerk Lynnette Jones, Sparks City Manager Shaun Carey, and Sparks Deputy City Clerk Lenda Azcarate. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerks called the rolls for their respective entities, and the Board and Councils conducted the following business:

## AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Councilmember Martini, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Vice Mayor Rigdon ordered that the agenda for the Joint Meeting of the Reno and Sparks City Councils and the Washoe County Commission for September 17, 2002 be approved.

## MINUTES

On motion by Councilmember Martini, seconded by Vice Mayor Salerno, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Carrigan and Schmitt absent, Mayor Armstrong ordered that the minutes of the June 18, 2002 Joint Meeting be approved on behalf of the City of Sparks. The City of Reno approved the minutes of the June 18, 2002 Joint Meeting at their Reno City Council Meeting of October 8, 2002.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Dehne, local resident, advised of the "Sam Dehne parking meter rule" which means that when there is a Reno City Council meeting at Reno City Hall, it is not necessary to pay parking meters around City Hall. He sent his prayers to Chance Kretschmer, University of Nevada, Reno football player, concerning his injury during the game with Brigham Young University and said he admires Chance's tenacity.

Shirley Allen, local resident, asked that an attorney come forward to represent her to prove that the law is in good hands.

## **02-966      CONSOLIDATION AND/OR OTHER REGIONAL EFFICIENCIES – WORK CARD PERMITTING**

Jim Johns, Deputy Chief, Reno Police Department, discussed his staff report which was submitted to the Commissioners and Councilmembers, and said report was placed on file with the Washoe County Clerk. He said gaming cards would be supervised under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) by the Nevada Gaming Control Board beginning January 2003, and therefore he does not recommend consolidating gaming card sections of the different agencies at this time.

Sam Dehne, local resident, said he does not think work card processing operations should be consolidated if it would cost citizens tax dollars, but he would favor consolidating the Police and Sheriff Departments if that would lead to the consolidation of work cards.

**\*9:20 a.m.      Chairman Sferrazza arrived at the meeting and there was a quorum of the Washoe County Commission.**

Mr. Johns stated, if the entities wish, he would explore the consolidation of registration of sex offenders and ex-felons. He further said that currently it is very

easy for Reno Police Officers to verify where a sex offender or ex-felon should be registered and local law enforcement agencies do work together sharing this information. Mr. Johns also said that Tiburon, as well as State and Federal systems, provide the sharing of this information.

Councilmember Mayer said that every school should have a full list of sex offenders in their possession, not just the sex offenders registered in that school's particular zone. Mr. Johns stated that is a good idea and he would check into it.

Councilmember Hascheff stated he is not willing to give up on some sort of consolidation in this area, and he asked that Reno staff report back after January 2003.

### **MINUTES**

On motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried with Vice Chairman Bond and Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the minutes of the June 18, 2002 Joint Meeting be approved on behalf of Washoe County.

### **02-967      REPORT – OPERATIONS – RENO POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS (DISPATCH) CENTER**

Jim Johns, Deputy Chief, Reno Police Department, reviewed the staff report submitted to the Councilmembers and Commissioners, which report was placed on file with the Washoe County Clerk. Reno City Manager Charles McNeely said the City is committed to ensuring that the regularly held user meetings with all users of the dispatch center are functional, and issues would be addressed quickly. Doug Gist, Captain, Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, stated the users committee has worked very well and the meetings are productive.

### **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Sam Dehne, local resident, stated the Ethics Commission was created to oversee public officials, and instead they defend them. He said the Ethics Commission should not be appointed by the same people it oversees.

Chairman Sferrazza stated he would like to see the Cities' lobbyists, the County's lobbyist, and the Regional Planning Governing Board's (RPGB) lobbyist come together and Councilmember Hascheff said he agrees. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated the County has prepared a list of positions publicly taken by the Washoe Board of County Commissioners, and she would provide that list to the Cities. She also said the Interlocal Agreement between the entities has been brought forward by the Regional Planning Agency; some changes were proposed by its staff; the Cities' and County's legal counsel are presently reviewing the Agreement; and it is expected to come to the entities within the next few weeks.

## **JOINT MEETING AGENDA – OCTOBER 2002**

Sam Dehne, local resident, stated he would like the concept of the Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) on an agenda. He further said the RPGB was created by the Nevada Legislature, which is led by Las Vegas powerhouses, and he thinks the Legislature is an organization created to sabotage Northern Nevada. He stated the baseball stadium should not be agendized, and he does not support luring a team to this community.

**\*10:37 a.m. Councilmember Martini left the meeting and Sparks City Council no longer had a quorum.**

Mayor Armstrong asked that the Regional Plan lawsuit be agendized.

On motion by Councilmember Harsh, seconded by Councilmember Hascheff, which motion duly carried with Mayor Griffin and Councilmembers Aiazzi and Doyle absent, Vice Mayor Rigdon ordered that the October 15, 2002 Joint Meeting agenda include a roads report card presentation, tax cap, baseball stadium, and legislative issues.

On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried with Vice Chairman Bond and Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Sferrazza ordered that the October 15, 2002 Joint Meeting agenda include a roads report card presentation, tax cap, baseball stadium, and legislative issues.

The City of Sparks did not have a quorum and could not make a motion for the October 15, 2002 Joint Meeting agenda. The Councilmembers present for Sparks had no objections to these motions.

## **FUTURE JOINT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

Sam Dehne, local resident, said future agendas should include issues that would pique the interest of people. He suggested EDawn and the secret meetings they hold; the concept of lobbyists, such as who they are and how much they are paid; the power and creation of the Ethics Commission and Airport Authority; and the concept of the Regional Planning Governing Board.

Chairman Sferrazza asked that the Tiburon system be included on a future agenda and that employees who use the system be able to discuss their concerns, without going through the chain of command and without retribution.

Councilmember Harsh asked that a status report on the four regional consolidation items be on the November 2002 agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**PETER J. SFERRAZZA**, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission

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**AMY HARVEY**, County Clerk  
and Clerk of the Board of  
County Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

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**DAVID H. RIGDON**, Vice Mayor  
City of Reno

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**LYNNETTE R. JONES**, Acting  
City Clerk, City of Reno

**ATTEST:**

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**TONY ARMSTRONG**, Mayor  
City of Sparks

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**DEBORINE J. DOLAN**, City Clerk  
City of Sparks

*Minutes prepared by  
Melissa M. Ayrault, Deputy County Clerk*