

TUESDAY 4:00 P.M. APRIL 6, 1999

PRESENT:

- Jim Galloway, Chairman
- Ted Short, Vice Chairman (arr. 4:10 p.m.)
- Joanne Bond, Commissioner
- Jim Shaw, Commissioner
- Amy Harvey, County Clerk
- Katy Simon, County Manager
- Maureen Griswold, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

- Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

The Board met in special session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

**AGENDA**

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that the agenda for the April 6, 1999, meeting be approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no response to the call for public comments.

**99-299 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Steve Walker, Water Management Planner, updated the Board concerning AB380 and AB412, bills, and their amendments, relating to water rights and Truckee River water, stating that the proposal in 412 would make water rights recognized under the Orr Ditch Decree not susceptible to abandonment; that it is an attempt to deal with the claims of abandonment by Churchill County and the City of Fallon against water rights transfers; and that State Water Engineer Mike Turnipseed has not supported this legislation because it is specific to the Truckee Meadows. He further stated that to counter that, Janet Carson, Sierra Pacific Power Company, has brought forth an amendment to make the bill applicable statewide and explained the implications of that.

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Board supports AB412 as amended.

Mr. Walker explained the differences between 380 and 412 stating that the biggest difference is that 380 recognizes approximately 60,000 acre feet of water rights in the Newlands Project that are being contested by the Tribe.

John Slaughter, Strategic Planning Manager, updated the Board on the current status of each of the County's 17 requested bills, noting that the first crucial deadline is coming up this Friday (April 9) when all bills, except those with financial impacts, have to be out of committee. He advised that 12 Washoe County sponsored bills will make it; that they are really trying to get AB461, concerning parcel maps, past the Friday deadline; that SB311 concerning redistricting has been postponed on motion by Senator Raggio; and that the bills are moving ahead for the most part.

Mike Harper, Assistant to the Director of Community Development, distributed a listing of planning related legislation and

discussed bills that are of concern to the Community Development Department. The following bills were discussed in detail:

AB349, noticing process for land use changes, special use permits, etc.;

AB369, requiring equal time for pros and cons at public meetings;

AB424, changes to the regional planning process;

AB461, Washoe County's bill on parcel maps;

AB493, establishing a regional planning entity for Clark County and Washoe County has requested to be deleted from the provisions of this bill;

AB508, requiring 2/3's vote of elected body to increase fees;

AB563, commercial development in established neighborhoods;

AB565, requiring dedication of common open space/recreational space in certain subdivisions; AB566, encouraging traditional neighborhood development;

AB568, requiring local governments and utility companies to extend streets and utility services to new school sites;

AB569, requires written consent of property owners for zoning changes;

SB323, allows manufactured homes on any property zoned for single family residences;

SB291, use of domestic water;

SB393, land use planning requiring identification of priority funding areas and limiting master plan amendments to twice a year;

SB523, the County's bill regarding exempting local governments from paying delinquent taxes on property acquired for use as open space; and

SB542, concerning re-subdividing of land without reversion to acreage map.

Mr. Harper advised that Clark County Assemblyman Thomas has proposed a series of planning bills, some of which might create some "heartburn" for Washoe County; and that he believes the County's best approach on these is to work closely with Assemblyman Thomas, which they have been doing.

SB323 concerning manufactured homes was discussed at length and the Board took the position that there really needs to be a clarification of the CC&R's so that neighborhoods would be better able to control this within their own areas. Mr. Harper stated that if it passes, the County will need to come up with design standards and criteria.

Motions having been duly made and seconded, the Board expressed their support for staff's positions on each of these bills and, specifically, their opposition to AB369 and AB568.

Chairman Galloway requested information concerning how many bills will impact penalties for drug use not necessarily relating to a crime and the potential jail impacts of such legislation.

Mr. Slaughter then updated the Board on AB554, Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) bonding legislation. Chairman Galloway stated his understanding of the proposed legislation is that it will allow the RSCVA to issue revenue bonds without seeking approval from the County in which case the County is not obligated.

Mr. Slaughter then discussed AJR17, concerning the rollback of property taxes, stating that NACO is conducting a statewide study of the impacts of the proposed legislation and that the County is also looking at the impact on Washoe County. Ms. Simon advised that the initial assessment of the impact on Washoe County region-wide is estimated to be in excess of \$100-million and just for Washoe County alone the initial estimate is approximately \$45-million; that staff is preparing a fact sheet for the Board; and that there are still a lot of "unknowns" at this time.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Chairman Galloway advised that the Utility Corridor Task Force will be presenting their findings and final report to the Regional Planning Governing Board on Thursday (April 8).

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

JIM GALLOWAY, Chairman

Washoe County Commission

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk

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