

**WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION
RENO CITY COUNCIL
SPARKS CITY COUNCIL
AND
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JOINT MEETING**

FRIDAY

9:00 A.M.

APRIL 28, 2006

PRESENT:

**Bob Larkin, Washoe County Commissioner, Chairman
Jim Galloway, Washoe County Commissioner
David Humke, Washoe County Commissioner***

**Robert A. Cashell, City of Reno, Mayor
Dave Aiazzi, Reno City Councilmember
Dwight Dortch, Reno City Councilmember
Pierre Hascheff, Reno City Councilmember
Sharon Zadra, Reno City Councilmember**

**Geno Martini, City of Sparks, Mayor
John Mayer, Sparks City Councilmember
Judy Moss, Sparks City Councilmember
Phil Salerno, Sparks City Councilmember**

**Lezlie Porter, Washoe County School District Trustee, President
Mitch Mitchell, Washoe County School District Trustee
Barbara Price, Washoe County School District Trustee
Dan Carne, Washoe County School District Trustee
Nancy Hollinger, Washoe County School District Trustee, Clerk**

ABSENT:

**Bonnie Weber, Washoe County Commissioner, Vice Chairman
Pete Sferrazza, Washoe County Commissioner
Dan Gustin, Reno City Councilmember
Jessica Sferrazza, Reno City Councilmember
Mike Carrigan, Sparks City Councilmember
Ron Schmitt, Sparks City Councilmember
Jody Ruggiero, Washoe County School District Trustee
Jonnie Pullman, Washoe County School District Trustee**

The Board and Councils met in joint session in the Reno City Council Chambers, One East First Street, Reno, Nevada, with Reno Mayor Robert Cashell presiding. Also present were Washoe County Manager Katy Singlaub, Deputy District

Attorney Paul Lipparelli, County Clerk Amy Harvey, Reno Chief of Staff Leann McElroy, Reno City Attorney Bill Sherman, Reno City Clerk Lynnette Jones, Sparks City Manager Shaun Carey, Sparks City Attorney David Creekman, and Sparks Deputy City Clerk Lenda Ulrich. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerks called the roll for their respective entities, and the Commission and Councils conducted the following business:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Felton, local resident, read questions he submitted to Mayor Jim Gibson of Henderson, Nevada, in regard to County Commission meetings.

Joseph Earls, local resident, spoke on an incident that occurred in Sun Valley.

George Firman, area resident, commented on the health and longevity of the children of Washoe County. He suggested beverage machines be removed from local schools.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, spoke on the many lawsuits he had placed on local governments.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, commented on the settlement agreement concerning the Ballardini Ranch.

Cathy Brandhurst, Reno resident, stated she was concerned that the City of Reno was deteriorating and that there was no justice in the City.

06-460 MINUTES

On motion by Councilmember Aiazzi, seconded by Mayor Geno Martini, which motion duly carried with no quorum present for Washoe County, it was ordered that the minutes from the joint meeting of January 12, 2006, be approved with the following correction: Reno Councilman Pierre Hascheff was not present at the meeting as stated.

06-461 FINAL REPORT OF JOINT RETREAT - OCTOBER 3-4, 2005 - DICK BOWERS

Dick Bowers, R.A, Bowers & Associates, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Joint Policy Level Retreat that captured details of the comments made by the participants and interpreted the intentions of the group. He said it was a productive retreat, and the spirit of cooperation was evident throughout the two days. Mr. Bowers thanked the Board and the Councils, and he said it was a pleasure to serve the communities of Washoe County, Reno and Sparks.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, disagreed with the one-minute rule. He commented it was a good report, but he was opposed to the retreat because access to citizens was limited.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, stated the Board of County Commissioners had changed the public comment time limit to two-minutes and requested the same amount for this meeting. Mayor Cashell agreed. Mr. Schmidt said he objected to the word “retreat,” and he added it was inconvenient for the public to attend since the retreat was not held locally.

06-462 DISCUSSION - VIDLER WATER IMPORTATION PROJECT

Steve Hartman, Vidler Water Company (Vidler) Vice-President, said staff was in the process of completing a consultation with the Nevada Fish and Wildlife Department and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that would enable a record of decision to be issued. He said Vidler appreciated the efforts the City of Reno had made in attempting to work out the return flow issues with the Pyramid Lake Tribe. Mr. Hartman explained the design of the construction project was 90 percent complete, and an agreement with Sierra Pacific Power Company for construction of the sub-station necessary to power the pump station had been entered into. He said given the constraints of the regulatory environment staff was moving ahead.

In response to Councilmember Aiazzi, Mr. Hartman replied Vidler had entered into a water banking trust agreement with the County whereby the 8,000 acre-feet would be banked with the County. He said that area of the importation was defined in the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) as the North Valleys Growth Boundary Area. Mr. Hartman understood the County and the City of Reno would enter into wholesale agreements to allow the development community in those locations to obtain water and serve their customers. Councilmember Aiazzi asked if discussions were held concerning wastewater from the 8,000 acre-feet. Mr. Hartman replied Vidler held meetings with the County concerning the return flow relative to the growth in the North Valleys. He said the treatment of reclaimed water was an available way to irrigate recreational areas. Mr. Hartman commented a comprehensive, conjunctive, management approach had been discussed.

Chairman Larkin inquired if this was the first importation project the County had undertaken. Mr. Hartman replied a previous attempt had been made, but this was the first project. Chairman Larkin suggested the three entities utilize this as a learning opportunity.

Councilmember Aiazzi requested the result of the talks concerning the effluent reuse so the City of Reno could plan in the event the County made an agreement.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, spoke against the importation project.

06-463

DISCUSSION - SCHOOL FUNDING ALTERNATIVES - WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Paul Dugan, Washoe County School District (WCSD) Superintendent, and Mark Stanton, WCSD Capital Projects and Planning Administrator, presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting school construction funding sources, 2002 rollover bond programs, past, present, and future, and available school construction funding.

In response to Councilmember Hascheff, Mr. Dugan replied staff met with Senator Raggio to discuss various funding options including a sales tax increase for funding the Career Technology Academy (Academy). Councilmember Hascheff asked if there had been discussion on impact fees. Mr. Dugan said discussions had been held on several options.

Chairman Larkin asked if area industry had been approached concerning cost sharing for the Academy. Mr. Dugan said the business community had been involved in supporting the Academy, but staff had not directly approached them. He believed the business community would be interested.

Councilmember Aiazzi inquired on the major components of the Academy. Mr. Dugan replied the equipment would be the costly component. He said 22 acres were needed, and the building would be 360,000 square feet. Councilmember Aiazzi asked if the WCSD had the authority to put the sales tax issue on the ballot. Mr. Dugan said staff would need to go before the County Commission for their approval. He commented the joint meeting was a positive step and collectively could benefit the community.

***10:30 a.m.** Commissioner Humke arrived and a quorum of the Washoe County Commission was present.

Councilmember Mayer asked if it were possible to put together a package similar to one completed in Clark County to include several different taxes. Mr. Stanton replied Clark County had other revenue sources statutorily. He explained Washoe County would be unable to access those due to its size. Councilmember Mayer indicated he was a member of the Blue Ribbon Transportation Commission that was looking at revenues for State highways. He said estimations of the surplus was several million dollars and asked if the WCSD had looked into legislation that might provide school districts with revenue and surplus for construction needs. Mr. Stanton said staff had, and the response was not favorable at the time.

Amy Harvey, County Clerk, read the roll for the County Commission.

Commissioner Galloway urged the WCSD to supply the broadest survey in regard to income sources. He suggested other revenue sources be included within the survey.

Chairman Larkin acknowledged a quorum was now present for the County Commission, and he asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2006 joint meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Sferrazza and Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the minutes from the joint meeting of January 12, 2006, be approved with the following correction: Reno Councilman Pierre Hascheff was not present at the meeting as stated.

10:40 a.m. The Washoe County School District Trustees left the meeting.

06-464 **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL PLAN**

Mike Biselli, City of Sparks Maintenance Services Manager, updated the Board and Councils on the agreement that would allow regional agencies to better serve the area during major snow events as stated in the staff report dated April 28, 2006.

Chairman Larkin asked if there was any language change from the previous interlocal policy concerning the Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Biselli said this identified what each entity would follow during a declared snow emergency since there was no certain location designated for emergency operations.

In response to Councilmember Aiazzi, Mr. Biselli replied this was the first time the agreement had been updated since 1993; however, it would be updated every year due to route changes and different resources.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Aiazzi, seconded by Councilmember Zadra, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Gustin and Sferrazza absent, Mayor Cashell ordered that the interlocal agreement between the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and Washoe County, concerning Emergency Snow Removal, be approved in concept, reviewed by each entity's legal staff, and submitted to each entity for approval subsequent to the review.

For the City of Sparks, on motion by Councilmember Moss, seconded by Councilmember Mayer, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Carrigan and Schmitt absent, Mayor Martini ordered that the interlocal agreement between the City of Sparks, the City of Reno, and Washoe County, concerning Emergency Snow Removal, be approved in concept, reviewed by each entity's legal staff, and submitted to each entity for approval subsequent to the review.

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Sferrazza and Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the interlocal agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the City of Sparks, concerning Emergency Snow Removal,

be approved in concept, reviewed by each entity's legal staff, and submitted to each entity for approval subsequent to the review.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

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

ATTEST:

ROBERT A. CASHELL, Mayor
City of Reno

LYNNETTE R. JONES, City Clerk
City of Reno

ATTEST:

GENO MARTINI, Mayor
City of Sparks

DEBORINE J. DOLAN, City Clerk
City of Sparks

*Minutes Prepared by
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk*