

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

AUGUST 16, 2016

PRESENT:

Kitty Jung, Chair
Bob Lucey, Vice Chair
Marsha Berkgigler, Commissioner
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. in regular 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:

16-0715 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Kenneth Johnson proposed naming the Senior Services Center after Gene Autry. He provided a brief history of Gene Autry's life and he submitted a drawing of the Senior Services Center with Gene Autry's name above the doorway. His drawing was placed on file with the Clerk. He also displayed a painting he did of Gene Autry.

Elise Weatherly said she was still trying to get an answer as to why the chaplain at the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center was dismissed. She spoke about government accountability in regards to budgets.

Roger Puccinelli stated his home in Verdi burned down the previous week. He expressed his concerns about how the fire was handled by the various fire departments. He noted several discrepancies within the fire report regarding his home's square footage, where the fire started, and the response times. He requested to have a meeting to discuss his concerns.

Ed Pitchford spoke about another recent fire in Verdi which he believed also received an inadequate response. He expressed his concerns with the way the fire departments responded to and handled Mr. Puccinelli's fire. He said the closest fire station to Verdi was seven miles away in Mogul.

Sam Dehne expressed his concerns about the City of Reno's proposal to provide free parking on Fridays to people who had a City of Reno specialty license plate.

He proposed providing military veterans free parking. He sang a song about the City of Reno needing schools for children.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

William Gilbert spoke about the management of the region's watersheds.

16-0716 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Washoe County Board of Commissioners and Reno City Council. – see separate Notice of Joint Meeting and Agenda.

John Slaughter, County Manager, noted Agenda Item 4 was a notification of a joint meeting with the Reno City Council.

The following item only (Agenda #5) will be heard by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners and Reno City Council. (Approximately Agenda Item #4 on the Reno City Council Agenda.)

16-0717 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan - Master Plan Amendment (Sky Vista) – Hearing, discussion and possible action on a request filed by Chuck Bluth for an amendment by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners and the Reno City Council to the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan (RSCJP) by removing the subject property (APN 086-380-15) from the RSCJP. The subject property consists of a ±55.5 acre site that is located along the south side of Sky Vista Parkway, ±900 feet west of its intersection with Trading Post Road. Amending a joint plan requires a joint hearing before the Reno City Council and the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to NRS 278.02786. The subject property currently has a master plan designation of High Density Suburban/Low Density Residential (3-7 dwelling units per acre) under the RSCJP, and the applicant is requesting further action, if the subject property is removed from the RSCJP, of the City of Reno to re-designate the property as Mixed Residential (3-21 dwelling units per acre) under the City of Reno's master plan; and if approved authorize the Chair to sign the resolution to adopt the amendment to the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan Master Plan Map, after a determination of conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission. (Commission District 5.)

On the call for public comment, Sam Dehne stated he was against the rezoning. He noted the infrastructure was not set up for a higher density area.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

Paul McKenzie, Reno City Councilmember, asked how the affordable housing requirement would be met and when the traffic issues would be addressed.

Nathan Gilbert, Associate Planner City of Reno, replied the Master Plan Amendment would essentially shift the allowable density from three units to 21 units per acre to allow for greater housing opportunities and more choices. He stated any development would require a discretionary review and the housing type would be evaluated at that time. He added the traffic studies would occur at the time of development.

The City of Reno voted to approve Agenda Item 5.

Commissioner Herman requested more information regarding the issue.

Bill Whitney, Planning and Development Division Director, stated the City of Reno was asking to take a 55 acre parcel out of the Reno-Stead Joint Corridor Plan so it could be developed under their Master Plan. He believed the County's concerns would be addressed through the City of Reno's Special Use Permit and their tentative map process.

Commissioner Berkgigler moved to approve Agenda Item 5. Commissioner Lucey seconded the motion.

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, noted the recommended motion in the staff report was to approve the resolution that was contained within the Board packet. He sought clarification as to whether Commissioner Berkgigler's motion was to approve the resolution.

Commissioner Berkgigler amended the motion to approve the findings as identified in Attachment H and to approve the amendment to the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan. The seconder agreed.

On call for the question, the motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

10:41 a.m. The Board recessed.

11:00 a.m. The Board reconvened solely as the Board of County Commissioners for the remainder of the meeting.

16-0718 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Introduction of new Washoe County Employees. Human Resources.

John Slaughter, County Manager, asked the following employees to introduce themselves to the Board:

Denise Lichty	Senior Services
Cecilia Cortez	Manager's Office
Kristopher Thomas	Library
Joan Dalusung	Library

Emily Lawrence-Phalan	Technology Services
Laurie Newman	Library
Roni Branson	Social Services
Brandon Vanassche	Animal Services
Michael DePedro	Animal Services
Sandra Uriarte	Public Guardian
Jessica Gastanaga	Recorder's Office

There was no public comment or action taken on this item.

DONATIONS

- 16-0719** **7A** Accept monetary donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services [totaling \$6,944.53] for the period of April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016 to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at risk animals received; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)

- 16-0720** **7B** Accept cash donations in the amount of [\$642.74] for the period June 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016 and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Senior Services. (All Commission Districts.)

- 16-0721** **7C** Accept a one-time donation [\$25.00] from private citizen Donna Clark to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be used for operating costs, and, if approved, authorize Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Elise Weatherly thanked the people who donated funds to the Washoe County Regional Animal Services. She suggested designating some of the funds to help seniors who could not afford to take care of their pets.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Items 7A to 7C be accepted.

CONSENT ITEMS 8A THROUGH 8B

- 16-0722** **8A** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioner's regular meetings of July 12, 2016, July 19, 2016, and July 26, 2016.

16-0723 **8B** Acknowledge Washoe County Purchasing Office receipt of its 21st annual Achievement in Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Purchasing Institute for the year ended June 30, 2016. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Jung acknowledged the Purchasing Office's staff for a job well done.

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 8A through 8B be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 8A through 8B are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

16-0724 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Update, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding 2017 Nevada Legislative Session, legislation or legislative issues proposed by legislators, by Washoe County or by other entities permitted by the Nevada State Legislature to submit bill draft requests, or such legislative issues as may be deemed by the Chair or the Board to be of critical significance to Washoe County. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager, stated work continued on the issues from the previous meeting in terms of how specifications were handled and how direction would be sought from the Board. He added the next update should provide more specific details.

Commissioner Berkbigler inquired whether some sort of draft would be presented to indicate what the Board wanted to take to the Legislature.

Mr. Schiller replied yes and stated options of possible recommendations would be brought before the Board.

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

There was action taken on this item.

16-0725 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and/or Sierra Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

There was no closed session.

16-0726 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Public Comment.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

16-0727 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Announcements/Reports.

John Slaughter, County Manager, stated there was some confusion surrounding the vote regarding the change in location of a medical marijuana establishment which took place on August 9, 2016. Following the recommendation of the District Attorney, he recommended the item be placed on a future agenda and the matter be heard again to clarify the vote. He invited citizens to participate in the Walk with Washoe series of hikes which were held during the first and third Tuesdays of every month. He announced the state of the County address would be presented on September 1, 2016 at the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater in Bartley Ranch Regional Park.

Commissioner Lucey requested an update from staff regarding the traffic and speeding issues on Andrew Lane. He remarked school was back in session and he cautioned citizens to pay attention. He mentioned he recently attended the ASAE Annual Meeting and Exposition, a convention for various associations, in Salt Lake City. He added there was positive interest in the Reno and Lake Tahoe areas in terms of the new businesses and the change in perception.

Chair Jung asked staff to expedite the contract review committee she requested approximately two years ago.

Commissioner Berkbigler mentioned an email the Commissioners received referencing assignments to a school committee. She said she did not recall the Board ever addressing the issue or assigning any of the Commissioners to the committee.

Mr. Slaughter indicated committee assignments were reviewed by the Board; however, the particular committee was not correctly described. He noted future agenda items would be described correctly for the Board.

Commissioner Lucey noted a group asked about the County's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) standards and whether the County recognized the LGBT as a protected class. He asked staff to work with the Commissioners to develop an Equality or Citizen's Commission regarding the County's standards.

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11:32 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

KITTY K. JUNG, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:
Michael Siva, Deputy County Clerk*