

WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION  
RENO CITY COUNCIL  
SPARKS CITY COUNCIL

JOINT MEETING

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 21, 2003

PRESENT:

David Humke, Washoe County Commissioner, Chairman  
Jim Shaw, Washoe County Commissioner, Vice Chairman  
Jim Galloway, Washoe County Commissioner  
Pete Sferrazza, Washoe County Commissioner \*  
Bonnie Weber, Washoe County Commissioner

Robert A. Cashell, City of Reno, Mayor  
Dave Aiazzi, Reno City Councilmember  
Pierre Hascheff, Reno City Councilmember  
Toni Harsh, Reno City Councilmember \*  
Jessica Sferrazza, Reno City Councilmember \*

Tony Armstrong, City of Sparks, Mayor  
John Mayer, Sparks City Councilmember  
Ron Schmitt, Sparks City Councilmember

ABSENT:

Dwight Dortch, Reno City Councilmember  
Sharon Zadra, Reno City Councilmember  
Phil Salerno, Sparks City Councilmember, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Michael Carrigan, Sparks City Councilmember  
Geno Martini, Sparks City Councilmember

The Board and Councils met in joint session in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth 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, Reno City Attorney Patricia Lynch, Reno 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 roll for their respective entities, and it was noted that the City of Sparks and the City of Reno did not have a quorum of their memberships present. The Commission and Councils then conducted the following business:

**03-1137**      **AGENDA**

Councilmember Mayer stated he thought there would be an item concerning the fuel tax distribution on this agenda and asked if he could be assured that there would be such an item on the next joint meeting agenda.

Mayor Armstrong apologized and stated it was his fault that item did not get on this agenda. He explained the process whereby the two Mayors and the Chairman of the County Commission are meeting and determining the items to be placed on the joint meeting agendas.

Commissioner Weber said she would like to see a status report on the issue concerning Parks consolidation on the next agenda.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Mayor Armstrong, seconded by Councilmember Schmitt, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the agenda for the October 21, 2003 joint meeting be approved.

**\*9:12 a.m.**      Commissioner Sferrazza and Councilmember Sferrazza arrived at the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Mayors and the Chairman invited Bill Horn, General Manager, Incline Village General Improvement District, to sit with them.

Alana Ladd Ross, Community Relations Director, United Blood Services, stated the local blood bank is facing a critical shortage and urged the Commissioners and Councilmembers to do whatever they can as community leaders to assist them and encourage the citizens of the community to donate blood.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, expressed his concern about the advertising campaign being conducted by the Northern Nevada Food Bank.

Al Hesson, Reno citizen, criticized President George Bush.

**\*9:22 a.m.**      Councilmember Harsh arrived at the meeting and the City of Reno had a quorum.

**MINUTES**

Since there was no quorum for the City of Sparks, approval of the minutes of the joint meetings of April 15 and July 15, 2003 was continued to the next joint meeting.

Mayor Cashell requested that the staffs of the three entities get together and meet with the Federal Highway Administration (FHA), the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Corps of Engineers to determine flood control needs in the downtown Reno corridor in light of planned development, especially in the vicinity of the Mapes property. He also expressed displeasure with the Corps of Engineers wanting another five years to study this project when they have already been doing studies for the past five or six years. Mayor Cashell advised there will be a presentation on November 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the development plans for the Mapes property and requested input and assistance from the other entities concerning downtown Reno development plans and the flood control project.

Commissioner Galloway stated he agrees that another five years of study before finalizing a flood control project is too long. He also said he would like to see explicit answers to the following questions: what is the funding source(s) for projects in the flood control area; who has final approval of a project; is it the Corps of Engineers; if a local entity does spend funds on a project that is in the flood area and it turns out to be an approved component of the flood control project, can that entity be reimbursed.

Councilmember Harsh asked for an accurate appraisal of the proposed project stating that Reno City Council needs much more information prior to their November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Paul Urban, Washoe County Flood Control Manager, stated staff would put as much together as they can between now and then.

Mayor Cashell expressed a concern regarding the NDOT plans for the Virginia Street Bridge and how much time that will take. He stated the City of Reno would be putting \$4- to \$5-million into this project, but that does not take into consideration moving utility and fiber optic lines and such. Mayor Cashell said he did not see anything in the sales tax ordinance about reimbursements. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, explained that is not in the law, but is in the finance modeling that has been done regarding the cash flows that would be required to do the project and to service the debt. Mayor Cashell requested a breakdown of how much money has been raised and how it has been used to date.

Mayor Armstrong noted the tremendous impacts, financial and economic, to the region from the 1997 flood and stated flood control is vital to this region. He said the entities need to move forward on this project as quickly as possible and help each other any way they can.

Commissioner Galloway moved that the combined staffs be directed to work with NDOT, the Corps of Engineers, FEMA and all other related agencies to do all things possible to avoid any further lengthening of time in the approval and finalization process for the flood control project. Mayor Armstrong stated he would second the

motion, but requested the motion direct that this be treated as an existing emergency. Commissioner Galloway agreed to add that to the motion.

Councilmember Aiazzi requested a report from the staff working on the flood control project to help the Boards identify the key things that should be done regardless of whether the Corps pays for the project. He noted the County Commissioners recently directed their staff to move forward on purchasing property and stated there are other steps that can be taken without waiting for the Corps.

Mayor Armstrong withdrew his second to the motion because the City of Sparks did not have a quorum. Mayor Cashell seconded Commissioner Galloway's motion.

Chairman Humke clarified that the motion is to direct staff to establish an inventory of projects and prioritize the projects based on the available and anticipated funding. He stated the County is very anxious to acquire properties that will serve as detention basins in order to avoid future flooding like what occurred in 1997.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked how doing the downtown Reno segment of the project would affect the rest of the flood control project. Mr. Urban stated the downtown portion of the project could be physically isolated from areas further downstream. He explained the difference between what occurs between downtown and US 395 and between US 395 and Vista during a flood event. He said the reason the process has been kept together is because the Corps' authority for the project defines it as one project. Mr. Urban also said the projects can be separated for design, but not for the construction phase because of the federal government's rules on using federal funds.

Mr. Urban further advised the Corps anticipates having a final Chief's Report in the fall of 2005, which would mean the entities could go to Congress to request authorization and funding in 2006. He also said local money, the sales tax money, can be used; and the Corps has a process whereby projects could be pre-approved. The risk is that the entity only gets credit if that project is an element of the final approved plan.

Bill Crawford, Chief Bridge Engineer, NDOT, stated the City of Reno does have two bridges, Virginia Street and Keystone Avenue, that are eligible for replacement under a federal bridge replacement program. He stated he would expect to see the Sierra and Lake Street bridges become eligible for replacement in the next few years. He explained the modeling and studying that need to be done to determine what to do with the Virginia Street Bridge. He further stated that NDOT and the FHA would not spend any money unless they are assured the improvements will actually meet the requirements of the approved flood control project.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, stated he has been following this issue for about two years. He suggested the Cities and the County should include the Airport Authority because they seem to be able to get lots of free federal money and the airport property was a major cause of the flooding in 1997.

Daryl Drake, representing the Reno Masonic Temple Association, stated they are very supportive of increasing the flow capacity of the Virginia Street Bridge and asked the group to move as expeditiously as possible.

Chairman Humke stated he has been advised by the Deputy District Attorney that the motion on the floor by Commissioner Galloway needs to be seconded by another County Commissioner and that there should be similar motions by the other entities. Commissioner Galloway reiterated that the motion was directing the staffs of the combined entities to work together proactively with the Corps of Engineers, NDOT, FEMA and other related agencies to avoid any future lengthening of finalization and approval of the Truckee River Flood Control Project. He said the motion also included drafting an inventory of specific flood control related projects/proposals from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County, and noting which projects can be put into a plan for advance action, and treating this as an emergency situation. Commissioner Sferrazza asked if the other staff recommendations in the agenda memorandum, such as determining how projects relate to each other and affect each other and how projects could be funded are also included. Commissioner Galloway stated he would also reference that in his motion. Commissioner Sferrazza seconded the motion. Chairman Humke called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Aiazzi stated he would make the same motion for the City of Reno. Councilmember Harsh seconded the motion. Mayor Cashell called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Shaw urged the City of Sparks to bring their projects forward so they will not experience the problems of 1997 again in the future.

Mayor Armstrong stated since the City of Sparks does not have a quorum present they would not be voting.

**03-1139      DISCUSSION - RESOLUTION - GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR COOPERATIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

Michelle Poché, Assistant County Manager, reported the Resolution before the bodies is the result of a cooperative effort by the staffs of the three entities as directed by the Boards in April.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he does not agree with the second bullet point and he would rather it said, "shared services would not result in the exacerbation of fiscal inequity." He said the current language could preclude some of the things the entities have done in the past, such as the jail. County Manager Katy Singlaub suggested the addition of "except by mutual agreement", and Commissioner Sferrazza stated that would be acceptable.

Bill Horn, General Manager, Incline Village General Improvement District, stated IVGID is an informal government in Incline Village, and he believes the elected bodies of the general improvement districts should be involved in the talks concerning consolidation of services and/or governments due to possible impacts on the GID's.

Councilmember Aiazzi stated he agrees with Commissioner Sferrazza concerning the second bullet point and offered the following additional suggestions: Under the bullet point for Criteria, the first criteria should be "fairness to taxpayers," and "What an entity provides to any of its constituents, it shall provide to all of its constituents," should be added under Resolved.

Commissioner Galloway stated he could not vote for something that says "If the County provides roads for Gerlach, it will provide roads for Reno." Commissioner Weber stated she believes everyone wants fairness to the taxpayers.

Chairman Humke asked if the City of Sparks would like to vote on this Resolution, with the proposed amendments, at the next joint meeting or at one of their regularly scheduled City Council meetings. Councilmembers Schmitt and Mayer indicated their support and said it could be considered at their Council meeting.

Commissioner Galloway moved to adopt the Resolution with the amendments adding "fairness to taxpayers" as the first criteria for evaluating services for possible joint or shared service delivery and no cost shifting unless by mutual agreement. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sferrazza moved to amend the motion by adding Councilmember Aiazzi's other suggested change. The motion died for lack of a second.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, stated North and South Korea would combine before the local governments consolidate.

Mayor Cashell suggested the Resolution go back to staff for the amendments and that it be brought back to the next joint meeting for adoption.

Commissioner Galloway withdrew his motion. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning road maintenance and whether the County should be assisting Reno and Sparks in their road maintenance. Mayor Cashell stated the entities need to sit down and work this out. Commissioner Weber agreed.

On motion by Councilmember Aiazzi, seconded by Councilmember Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Mayor Cashell ordered that the Resolution Regarding Guiding Principles for Cooperative Government Services be continued.

On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the Resolution Regarding Guiding Principles for Cooperative Government Services be continued.

**03-1140      DISCUSSION - COURT CONSOLIDATION**

Mayor Armstrong stated this item was intended to be a discussion concerning consolidation of the Sparks Municipal Court and the Sparks Justice Court, but staff is not prepared to make a presentation at this time. He suggested the item be continued to the January meeting.

**03-1141      COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NO. CP03-010  
AND LDC 03-00030 - SKY VISTA PARCEL E - SILVERWING  
DEVELOPMENT**

**9:30 a.m.** This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing, published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on October 10, 2003 and mailed to affected property owners, to consider Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case No. CP03-010 (Washoe County) and LDC03-00030 (City of Reno) requested by Silverwing Development for Sky Vista Parcel E (APN 550-020-18 and -22). The request is to amend the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan to reconfigure the boundary of the Reno-Stead Joint Planning Area to exclude 3.45 acres on the southwestern boundary currently within the joint plan and to include a +/-1-acre portion of the developed North Valleys Regional Sports Complex. The entire park would be designated Park and Recreation. The boundary reconfiguration would establish Sky Vista Parkway abutting the Sports Complex as the western boundary in that portion of the Reno-Stead Joint Plan.

Chairman Humke opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked why the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) opposed the request. Sharon Kvas, Washoe County Community Development Department, stated her understanding was that the CAB wanted no changes in the Reno-Stead Joint Plan until the renewal period in the Settlement. Ms. Kvas then explained the amendment request in detail.

Karen Boldi, Summit Engineering, representing the applicant, explained the property owner's intent is to develop neighborhood commercial usage, such as a daycare center. She stated the parcel is small and constrained by drainage.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Humke closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza voting "no," Chairman Humke ordered that Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case No. CP03-010 be

approved based on the Board having made the following findings. It was noted that Commissioner Sferrazza voted in opposition because the North Valleys CAB opposed the amendment.

1. The proposed amendment to Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan will not adversely affect the implementation of the policies and action programs of the Conservation Element or the Population Element of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan. The administrative changes conform to the commitment of Washoe County to provide changes to the Comprehensive Plan when better environmental information becomes available.
2. The proposed amendment to the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan will provide for land uses compatible with existing and planned adjacent land uses and will not adversely impact the public health, safety or welfare.
3. The Washoe County Planning Commission has demonstrated that the proposed amendment to the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan respond to significant changed conditions or result in a more desirable use of land.
4. The proposed amendment to the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan will promote the desired pattern for the orderly physical growth of the County or adequately guide development of the County based on the projected population growth with the least amount of natural resource impairment and the efficient expenditure of funds for public services.
5. The proposed amendment to the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan is the first amendment to the Plan in 2003, and therefore does not exceed the three permitted amendments as specified in Section 110.820.05 of the Washoe County Development Code.
6. The Washoe County Planning Commission public hearing, prior to action on the proposed amendment to the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan, and the related changes to the text and maps of the plan, has been properly noticed in a newspaper of general circulation in the County as prescribed under NRS 278.210(1).
7. The Washoe County Planning Commission gave reasoned consideration to information contained within the staff report and information received during the public hearing.
8. The Washoe County Commission gave reasoned consideration to information contained within the reports transmitted to the Washoe County Planning Commission and the Washoe County Commission, and information received during the County Commission public hearing.

On motion by Councilmember Aiazzi, seconded by Councilmember Hascheff, which motion duly carried, Mayor Cashell ordered that Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case No. LDC03-00030 be approved based on Council having made the following findings.

- a. There has been a change in the area or in the conditions on which the current designation was based which warrants the amendment.
- b. The density and intensity of the proposed Master Plan Amendment is sensitive to the existing land uses and is compatible with the existing adjacent land use designations.
- c. The amendment will provide for orderly physical growth of the City, enhance the urban core and foster safe, convenient and walkable neighborhoods and shopping districts.
- d. There are or are planned to be adequate transportation, recreation, utility and other facilities to accommodate the uses and densities permitted by the proposed Master Plan designation.
- e. The proposed change is in substantial conformance with the goals and policies of the Master Plan and other adopted plans and policies.

**03-1142      RESOLUTION - ADOPTING AMENDED RENO-STEAD  
CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN AND NORTH VALLEYS AREA PLAN**

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza voting "no," it was ordered that the following Resolution be adopted and Chairman Humke be authorized to execute the same following a finding of conformance with the Regional Plan by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission:

On motion by Councilmember Aiazzi, seconded by Councilmember Hascheff, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution be adopted and Mayor Cashell be authorized to execute the same following a finding of conformance with the Regional Plan by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission:

**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE  
RENO CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADOPTING THE AMENDED RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN  
(RENO MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NO. LDC03-00030 AND  
WASHOE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CASE CP03-010)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 278.150 and 278.210, Nevada Revised Statutes, specifies that the City of Reno Planning Commission may prepare and adopt a master

plan for all or any part of the City of Reno, subject to Reno City Council approval, and the Washoe County Planning Commission may prepare and adopt a master plan for all or any part of the County, subject to County Commission approval;

**WHEREAS,** The Truckee Meadows Regional Plan identifies the RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN as a part of the City of Reno Master Plan and the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan - North Valleys Area Plan and, further, NRS 278.02784 and 278.02786 specify the purpose and procedure for the adoption of a joint plan consistent with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan;

**WHEREAS,** The City of Reno Planning Commission and the Washoe County Planning Commission have found that the RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN, a part of the Reno Master Plan and the amended Washoe County Comprehensive Plan - North Valleys Area Plan, and the most recent amendment, provides a long-term general plan for the development of the City of Reno and Washoe County including the subject matter currently deemed appropriate for inclusion in the City of Reno Master Plan and the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan - North Valleys Area Plan;

**WHEREAS,** NRS 278.02784 specifies that the RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN shall be submitted to the Regional Planning Commission for review of conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan pursuant to NRS 278.028; and, further, that a public hearing on review of conformance of the RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN, with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan, was originally held on June 23, 1999, with the most recent amendment to the RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN being held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2003, and the Regional Planning Commission found that the amended RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN was in conformance with and promotes the goals and policies of the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan;

**WHEREAS,** The City of Reno Planning Commission, the Washoe County Planning Commission and the Regional Planning Commission have submitted the amended RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN, a part of the Reno Master Plan and the amended Washoe County Comprehensive Plan - North Valleys Area Plan, to the City Council of the City of Reno, Nevada, and the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada, for approval and adoption;

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to NRS 278.02786(5), a joint public hearing on the adoption of the RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN, a part of the Reno Master Plan and the amended Washoe County Comprehensive Plan - North Valleys Area Plan, was originally held on July 8, 1999, by the City Council of the City of Reno, Nevada, and the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada, with the most recent amendment to the RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN being held on October 21, 2003;

**WHEREAS,** Under the provisions of NRS 278.220, the City Council of the City of Reno, Nevada, and the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County,

Nevada, find that the amended RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN, a part of the Reno Master Plan and the amended Washoe County Comprehensive Plan - North Valleys Area Plan, conserves and promotes the public health, safety and general welfare; and

**WHEREAS,** The amended RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN, an element of the Reno Master Plan and the amended Washoe County Comprehensive Plan - North Valleys Area Plan, is the desired pattern and guide for the orderly physical growth and development of the Reno-Stead Corridor based on the projected population growth, with the least amount of natural resource impairment, and the efficient expenditure of funds for public services; now, therefore, it is hereby

**RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENO, NEVADA, AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA,** That the Council and Board do hereby adopt and endorse the amended RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN, a part of the Reno Master Plan and the amended Washoe County Comprehensive Plan - North Valleys Area Plan, to serve as a guide for the orderly growth and development of the City of Reno, Nevada, and of Washoe County, Nevada;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the City Council of the City of Reno, Nevada, and the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada, do hereby agree and direct that any amendments to the RENO-STEAD CORRIDOR JOINT PLAN, a part of the Reno Master Plan and the amended Washoe County Comprehensive Plan - North Valleys Area Plan, must be approved by both the City of Reno Planning Commission and the Washoe County Planning Commission before being forwarded for adoption to the Council and Board.

**03-1143      DISCUSSION - PROCESS FOR DETERMINING AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE JOINT MEETINGS**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised that it was suggested that the two Mayors and the Commission Chairman get together and decide what items to place on the joint meeting agendas after receiving input from their fellow Board members.

Commissioner Sferrazza proposed that agenda items be submitted in writing and the entire body vote on each item as to whether to place it on a future agenda.

Councilmember Aiazzi stated under that plan, it would take six months to get an item on an agenda since the Boards are only meeting quarterly. He suggested that each entity take turns setting the agenda.

Commissioner Weber suggested following the process used by the Regional Planning Governing Board, which sets their agendas for the year.

Mayor Armstrong suggested that each entity place two items on each agenda, which would be a total of six items, three of which should be action items and

the other three would be discussion items. He stated when the Mayors and the Chairman meet after receiving input from their fellow Board members and Managers, they would determine which action items to place on the next agenda.

Commissioner Galloway stated any item that is supported by more than one body should be given priority.

Councilmember Aiazzi suggested that the future joint meetings be held in the County Commission Chambers with each entity taking turns presiding.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, cautioned the members about the Open Meeting Law.

Commissioner Sferrazza moved to approve Mayor Armstrong's suggestion of having each entity submit two items and the Mayors and Chairman setting the joint meeting agendas based on input from their Boards and Managers. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion; and, upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Aiazzi stated he would make the same motion on behalf of the City of Reno. Councilmember Harsh seconded the motion; and, upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**11:10 a.m.** Councilmembers Mayer and Schmitt left the meeting.

**03-1144** **NEXT QUARTERLY JOINT MEETING**

Commissioner Shaw suggested the City of Sparks chair the January 20, 2004 meeting. Mayor Armstrong asked if the date for the January meeting could be set after they determine when the National Conference of Mayors' meeting is being held, and the bodies agreed.

**03-1145** **DISCUSSION - STAFF REPORT - LAW ENFORCEMENT CONSOLIDATION**

Reno City Manager Charles McNeely stated, as directed, the staffs from Reno and Washoe County have met twice with representatives of the Reno Police Protective Association and the Washoe County Sheriff's Deputies Association to explore the possibility of law enforcement consolidation; and a report concerning those meetings is included in the agenda packet. Steve Watson, Washoe County Labor Relations Manager, advised they are trying to come up with a mutually acceptable agreement that might be able to reduce the cost of any consolidation. He said staff is waiting to hear back from the Associations on what they think might be workable.

Councilmember Sferrazza asked for a report comparing the salaries and benefits of the two Associations, and when the current contracts expire. Mr. Watson advised that the Deputy Sheriff's contract expires December 31, 2003, and negotiations

are scheduled to begin this week. He said there are wide disparities between the Sheriff's Deputies and the Reno Police Department. Councilmember Sferrazza stated she understood the two associations were working together to get closer to parity. Mr. McNeely stated the first item that needs to be defined is a baseline, and the next step would be to begin negotiations concerning what people are willing to give up.

Nicole Lambole, Legislative Affairs Manager, stated one of the things they will be doing is a model for collective bargaining; and the unions are working on that.

Commissioner Sferrazza suggested it might be worthwhile to have some common or joint negotiating between the unions and the City and County to try to reduce some of the disparity.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**DAVID E. HUMKE**, 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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**ROBERT A. CASHELL**, Mayor  
City of Reno

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**LYNNETTE R. JONES**, 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

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