

**WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION
RENO CITY COUNCIL
RENO SPARKS CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY**

JOINT MEETING

MONDAY

8:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 3, 2007

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Washoe County Commissioner, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Washoe County Commissioner, Vice Chairman,
and RSCVA Board Member
Jim Galloway, Washoe County Commissioner*
David Humke, Washoe County Commissioner and RSCVA Board Member
Kitty Jung, Washoe County Commissioner

Robert Cashell, City of Reno Mayor
Dan Gustin, Reno City Councilmember
Pierre Hascheff, Reno City Councilmember
Jessica Sferrazza, Reno City Councilmember
Sharon Zadra, Reno City Councilmember and RSCVA Board Member*

John Breternitz, Chairman, RSCVA
Lynn Atcheson, RSCVA Board Member
Frank Baldwin, RSCVA Board Member
Liza Cartlidge, RSCVA Board Member
Jim DeVold, RSCVA Board Member
Roberta Ross, RSCVA Board Member
Phil Salerno, RSCVA Board Member

ABSENT:

Dave Aiazzi, Reno City Councilmember
Dwight Dortch, Reno City Councilmember and RSCVA Board Member
John Farahi, RSCVA Board Member
Mark Pardue, RSCVA Board Member

The Boards met in joint session in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, with Washoe County Commission Chairman Larkin presiding. Also present were Washoe County Manager Katy Singlaub, Deputy District Attorney Melanie Foster, County Clerk Amy Harvey, Reno Assistant City Manager Sue Schlerf, Reno City Attorney John Kadlic, Reno City Clerk Lynnette Jones, RSCVA President/CEO Ellen Oppenheim, RSCVA Attorney Brett Scolari and RSCVA Executive Assistant Charlotte Anderson. The Clerks called the roll for their respective entities, and the Commission and Councils conducted the following business:

07-1373 AGENDA ITEM 3

Agenda Subject: "Approval of the agenda for the Reno City Council, Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority and the Washoe County Commission Joint Meeting of December 3, 2007."

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne spoke about approval of the agenda with respect to the Open Meeting Law.

***8:44 a.m.** Councilmember/Director Zadra arrived.

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Galloway absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3 be approved.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Gustin, seconded by Councilmember Hascheff, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Aiazzi and Dortch absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3 be approved.

For the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, on motion by Director Zadra, seconded by Director Atcheson, which motion duly carried with Directors Dortch, Farahi and Pardue absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 3 be approved.

07-1374 AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: "Public Comment (three minute time limit per person on any subject) – (Additional Public Comment on specific agenda items will be limited to three-minute time limit per person after each agenda item and must be related to the specific agenda item.) Comments to be addressed to the Chair of the meeting and to the Reno City Council, the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, and the Washoe County Commission as a whole."

James Kozera indicated he would like to see events held at the golf courses to generate revenues for rebuilding them. He suggested the RSCVA refinance bonds and spread the debt over a longer period of time. Mr. Kozera agreed with comments he attributed to Reno City Councilmember Dave Aiazzi that the golf courses should manage themselves.

Sam Dehne talked about the University of Nevada Reno's football team and mentioned the upcoming retirement of local newspaper columnist/pundit Cory Farley. He expressed disagreement with State budget cuts.

***8:49 a.m.** Commissioner Galloway arrived.

Gary Schmidt placed documents on file with the Clerk and talked about his recently filed lawsuit against Washoe County.

07-1375 AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: "Approval of the minutes for the Joint Meeting of September 10, 2007, between the Washoe County Commission, Reno City Council and the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority."

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be approved.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Hascheff, seconded by Councilmember Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Aiazzi and Dortch absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be approved.

For the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, on motion by Director Atcheson, seconded by Director DeVold, which motion duly carried with Directors Dortch, Farahi and Pardue absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be approved.

07-1376 AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: "Consideration of proposals for operation of Reno, Washoe County and Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority golf courses; and, possible direction to staff concerning same."

Doug Doolittle, Director of Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, provided a brief overview of the process to solicit proposals for the operation and management of five golf courses, as outlined in the staff report. He pointed out the proposals were recently considered at November 2007 meetings of the Reno City Council, Board of County Commissioners, and Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA). He stated that, of the seven proposals submitted, six identified various management fee arrangements that would increase the cost of operating the golf courses. On behalf of the joint staff, Mr. Doolittle requested the rejection of all proposals received by the three agencies.

The joint Board members waived any formal staff presentation.

In response to the call for public comment, Ray Isernhagen and Sam Dehne spoke in favor of maintaining the current management status for the golf courses.

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the proposals submitted for Agenda Item 6 be rejected as recommended in the staff report.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Zadra, seconded by Councilmember Hascheff, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Aiazzi and Dortch absent, it was ordered that the staff report be accepted and the proposals submitted for Agenda Item 6 be rejected as recommended in the staff report.

For the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, on motion by Director Carlidge, seconded by Director Baldwin, which motion duly carried with Directors Dortch, Farahi and Pardue absent, it was ordered that the proposals submitted for Agenda Item 6 be rejected as recommended in the staff report.

Ellen Oppenheim, President/CEO of the RSCVA, thanked those who submitted proposals for their time, thoughtfulness and suggestions. She also thanked County, City and RSCVA staff members for their tremendous effort during a compressed time frame.

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9:05 a.m. There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned:

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Gustin, seconded by Councilmember Hascheff, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Aiazzi and Dortch absent.

For the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, on motion by Director Atcheson, seconded by Director Ross, which motion duly carried with Directors Dortch, Farahi and Pardue absent.

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:

JOHN BRETERNITZ, Chairman
Reno Sparks Convention and
Visitors Authority

CHARLOTTE ANDERSON, Executive Assistant
Reno Sparks Convention and
Visitors Authority

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