



MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Reno City Council

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 • 12:00 PM

Reno City Council Chamber, One East First Street, Reno, NV 89501

Robert A. Cashell, Sr., Mayor

Council Members:

Ward 1 – Jenny Brekhus	Ward 4 – Dwight Dortch
Ward 2 – Sharon Zadra	Ward 5 – Neoma Jardon
Ward 3 – Oscar Delgado	At-Large – Hillary Schieve

A Introductory Items

- A.1 Pledge of Allegiance**
- A.2 Observance of a Moment of Silence**
- A.3 Roll Call**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Robert Cashell	Mayor	Present	
Jenny Brekhus	Council Member	Present	
Sharon Zadra	Council Member	Present	
Oscar Delgado	Council Member	Present	
Dwight Dortch	Vice Mayor	Present	
Neoma Jardon	Council Member	Present	
Hillary Schieve	Council Member	Present	
Andrew Clinger	City Manager	Present	

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 PM.

A.4 Public Comment

Cecelia Wharton, 405 Highland Avenue, discussed the high cost of sewer service to her property.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, discussed several issues.

A.5 City Manager Announcements (Item for general announcements and informational items only. No deliberation or action will be taken on this item.)

City Manager Clinger made several announcements:

Single-stream recycling begins in February 2014.

Ice rink closes February 2, 2014; operating in the black this year.

Reno TV (government access channel) is changing from channel 213 to 194 on February 7, 2014.

Council's Strategic Planning Session to be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 4, 2014, at UNR.

Reno Police Department's foot patrol program is a success.

A.6 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) - January 29, 2014.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

A.7 Approval of Minutes (For Possible Action) - January 15, 2014.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

B Cash Disbursements

B.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Cash Disbursements Reports for December 29, 2013 through January 11, 2014. 12:28 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends to accept the attached Cash Disbursements reports.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

C Proclamations - None.

D Presentations

D.1 Economic Development Update: Reno Collective - Colin Loretz, Original Founder. 12:42 PM

Bill Thomas, Assistant City Manager, said that the City of Reno was recognized by the Kauffman Foundation as a stand-out community based on the number of jobs created by Reno entrepreneurs.

MAYOR CASHELL ABSENT AT 12:46 P.M. VICE MAYOR DORTCH PRESIDED IN MAYOR CASHELL'S ABSENCE.

Colin Loretz, Original Founder of Reno Collective, presented the update.

D.2 Presentation on the newly updated reno.gov website - Deanna Gescheider, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement. 12:58 PM

Deanna Gescheider, Director of the Office of Communications and Community Engagement, and Monica Thompson, Web Services Program Manager, presented the update.

MAYOR CASHELL PRESENT AT 1:02 P.M.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

D.3 Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) Presentation - Jeremy Aguero, Principal Analyst, Applied Analysis. [1:30 p.m.] 1:31 PM

MAYOR CASHELL ABSENT AT 1:32 P.M. VICE MAYOR DORTCH PRESIDED IN MAYOR CASHELL'S ABSENCE.

Jeremy Aguero, Principal Analyst, Applied Analysis, presented the report.

Council Member Brekhus and Mr. Aguero discussed whether the model could project service demands and align them directly with employment; the Brookings Study and per household/per capita issues; and pension benefits, Reno's four medical plans, and potential alternatives.

Council Member Brekhus and Robert Chisel, Finance Director, discussed capital debt bond issues.

MAYOR CASHELL PRESENT AT 2:12 P.M.

Council Member Jardon and Mr. Aguero discussed other analyses done by Applied Analysis.

Council Member Jardon requested information with respect to what other cities were doing to better their situation.

E Consent Agenda

Aric Shapiro, 511 Cheney, presented a Public Comment Form in support of Pan Pantoja's public art project, but did not wish to speak.

Kyle Isacksen, 2055 McCloud Avenue, spoke in support of Pan Pantoja's project.

Pan Pantoja, 2275 Dickerson Road, thanked the Council for considering his public art project.

Weston Bone, 1835 1/2 McCloud Avenue, spoke in support of the desert tortoise art sculpture.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, presented his views on this issue.

Items E.1 through E.7 were approved with item E.4 pulled for discussion.

E.1 Approval of Privileged Business Licenses

E.1.a New - Privileged

1. Goodwill Industries of Sacramento Valley Northern Nevada, Inc, Lawrence Peterson, 1820 Robb Drive, Suite A - Secondhand Merchandise Sales (For Possible Action) [**Ward 1**]

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

2. Goodwill Industries of Sacramento Valley Northern Nevada, Inc, Lawrence Peterson, 9570 South McCarran Boulevard - Secondhand Merchandise Sales (For Possible Action) [**Ward 1**]

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

3. Sierra Nevada Imports, LLC, Shaji Oommen Mathew, 3060 Rustic Manor Circle - Wholesale Liquor (For Possible Action) [**Ward 1**]

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

4. SKPRimetime, 1555 Ridgeview Drive Apartment 48 - Secondhand Merchandise Sales (For Possible Action) [**Ward 2**]

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.1.b Change of Ownership - Alcohol

1. Quik Stop Market #169, 2990 Mill Street - Packaged Liquor (For Possible Action) [**Ward 3**]

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

2. Twin Dragon Restaurant, Mike Zhi Kuang, 3562 South Virginia Street, Suite C1 - Dining Wine and Beer (For Possible Action) [**Ward 2**]

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.1.c Change of Ownership - Gaming

1. Davidson's Distillery, Stephen Greenwald, 275 East Fourth Street, Suite 2 - Slots (For Possible Action) [**Ward 5**]

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

- E.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Contract and Contract Amendment with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to reimburse the City of Reno for Emergency Housing and Supportive Services for homeless veterans at the Community Assistance Center through March 31, 2014, in the amount of \$176,223.40. 12:29 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council accept the VA Emergency Housing and Supportive Services Contract and Contract Amendment and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract documents and any future Contract Amendments.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

- E.3 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Ratification of the transfer of \$6,781 from the Rainshadow Foundation to artist, Pan Pantoja; approval of \$4,000 from the Public Art Fund to artist, Pan Pantoja; and approval of an agreement with artist, Pan Pantoja, to install a Desert Tortoise sculpture in the Wedekind Road Roundabout, at Clear Acre Lane, in the total amount of \$10,781 (\$6,781 from Ward 4 Neighborhood Advisory Board Community Pride Grant given to the Rainshadow Foundation and subsequently given to artist, Pan Pantoja, and \$4,000 from Capital Improvement Program Funds). [**Ward 4 Northeast**] 12:29 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council ratify the transfer of \$6,781 from Rainshadow Foundation to the artist, Pan Pantoja, approval of \$4,000 in public art funds for the project, and approval of the agreement with artist, Pan Pantoja, in the total amount of \$10,781, and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to uphold staff's recommendation and authorize the Mayor to sign.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.4 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of the 2013 Violence Against Women STOP (Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors) Grant Award from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General to support the Victim Response Coordinator position in the Victim Services Unit of the Reno Police Department in the amount of \$70,000. 12:29 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends acceptance of the 2013 Violence Against Women STOP (Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors) Grant Award from the Nevada Office of the Attorney General to support the Victim Response Coordinator position in the Victim Services Unit of the Reno Police Department in the amount of \$70,000 and authorize the police chief to sign the necessary grant documents.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

Council Member Brekhus and Steve Pitts, Chief of Police, discussed details of the grant award, including the new position that will be created along with acceptance of the grant.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the City Attorney's Office has a victim services position, and Tracy Chase, Chief Deputy City Attorney, said that they have a DUI (Driving Under the Influence) advocate for traffic offenses and a victim advocate position. Ms. Chase said that the attorneys went with the victims through the court process. She also said that the City Attorney's Office streamlined that over the years, and both departments (City Attorney's Office and Police Department) could use additional resources in this area, especially in light of events that occurred over the past several years (e.g. the Reno Air Races accident).

Council Member Brekhus asked if the new position will begin in January 2014, and Chief Pitts said that it will begin in January 2014 and end in December 2014, but the grant is performance-based and could roll over for an additional year (2015).

Council Member Brekhus asked if the \$70,000 grant will fully cover the expenses of the new position, and Chief Pitts said that it will cover the majority of the expenses, and a percentage of it will be provided by in-kind services.

Council Member Brekhus stated that while she understands the need for the new position, she is not comfortable with creating a new position without a full discussion or comprehensive review regarding what positions are needed in the Police Department,

especially if the position were to be continued after the grant funding is no longer available. She asked if by accepting the grant the City would be obligated to maintain the position in subsequent years.

Chief Pitts said that the Reno Police Department's (RPD's) financial team is always looking for this type of periodical grant opportunity, he will take responsibility for ensuring that they continue to do so, and this type of outreach is a high priority. Chief Pitts discussed RPD's work with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), and their (RPD's) continuous analysis of their deployment. He stated that RPD deploys effectively and analyzes that deployment as much, if not more, than most departments in the county.

Mayor Cashell referred to how shorthanded RPD was at the time of the Reno Air Races accident, and stated that the small amount the City had to put with the grant to fund the position was well worth it.

Council Member Dortch stated that Chief Pitts does a phenomenal job of managing the department's limited assets, and applauded RPD staff for continuing to seek additional resources to staff needed positions. He said that it will hopefully turn out to be a two-year grant, but the City will have to deal with that when the time comes. For now, he said, we need that additional staff resource.

Council Member Zadra said that Council's past policy decisions supported granting the Chief the authority to achieve the objectives Council had assigned to him, and he should be given the flexibility to do that.

Chief Pitts said that, at Council's direction, he would be willing to having anyone (e.g. PERF representatives) examine RPD's practices.

Mayor Cashell said that the City Manager would determine whether a review of the department is necessary.

Council upheld the staff recommendation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve
NAYS:	Jenny Brekhus

E.5 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Non-Exclusive Revocable Canopy License between the City of Reno and Eric and Monique Baron, dba the Neon Dragonfly, for the maintenance and care of a canopy that encroaches into City-owned right of way adjacent to 214 California Avenue, Reno, NV. 12:29 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval of the Non-Exclusive Revocable Canopy License between the City of Reno and Eric and Monique

Baron for the maintenance and care of a canopy that encroaches into City-owned right of way, and authorization for the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

- E.6 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of purchase of masking units and ball returns from Brunswick Bowling and Billiards, per provisions of NRS 332.115.1(d), for the National Bowling Stadium in an amount not to exceed \$97,149 (\$2 Room Tax Surcharge). 12:29 PM

Recommendation: The City Council's Capital Projects Surcharge Advisory Subcommittee recommends Council approval of the purchase of bowling ball returns and masking units from Brunswick Bowling and Billiards in an amount not to exceed \$97,149 for the National Bowling Stadium pursuant to NRS 332.115.1(d) and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve The City Council's Capital Projects Surcharge Advisory Subcommittee recommendation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

- E.7 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of Amendment No. 8 to the Professional Services Agreement with American Environmental and Engineering Consultants (AEEC) for the Stead Solvent Site Remediation Project in the amount of \$187,201 with Reno's share being \$22,464 and approval of associated utility costs associated with the operation of the treatment processes of approximately \$7,500 (Insurance Settlements). 12:29 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approve the attached agreement with AEEC, in the amount of \$187,201 with Reno's share being \$22,464, and authorize the Mayor to sign and approve the expenditure of approximately \$7,500 in utility costs associated with the operation of the treatment processes.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

F Public Hearings - 12:15 PM - None.

G Ordinances, Adoption

G.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Ordinance Adoption - Bill No. 6881 Case No. LDC10-00030 (Evans Ranch PUD Amendment) - Ordinance amending Title 18, Chapter 18.08 of the Reno Municipal Code, entitled "Zoning", Section 18.08.102(b).1300, to change the text in the PUD Handbook to: 1) amend the zoning map from ±41.31 acres of UT40 (Unincorporated Transition - 1 unit/40 acres) to PUD (Planned Unit Development); and 2) amend the text and graphics of the PUD Handbook to: a) add ±41.31 acres and 123 dwelling units to the existing 5,556 dwelling units approved (5,679 total units); b) incorporate agreements into the PUD to define the timing and extent of fire, police, parks and other infrastructure improvements as the project develops; and c) modify the timing in which to construct the fire station on a ±2,166.3 acre site located to the north and west of Red Rock Road, ±5.63 miles north of its intersection with us 395 and generally north and east of the Blackjack Lane/Jackpot Road intersection, ±4,500 feet (.85 miles) north of the developed portion of Cold Springs in the PUD zone; together with other matters properly relating thereto. **[Ward 4]** 1:09 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adoption of Ordinance No. _____.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Ordinance No. _____.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHIEVE ABSENT AT 1:10 P.M.

Council Member Brekhus and Vern Kloos, Community Development Senior Planner, discussed access road issues, including whether the developer will be required to improve the Washoe County arterial road to a different standard, and whether the City can condition off-site improvements in unincorporated Washoe County. Mr. Kloos said that the County reviewed all of these issues when the project was originally approved, and would require Regional Transportation Commission approval before the project could move forward.

COUNCIL MEMBER SCHIEVE PRESENT AT 1:19 P.M.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the City was obligating itself to a development agreement in the future, and Mr. Kloos replied that the amendment would allow the developer to apply for a development agreement.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the City Council reserved the discretion not to enter

into a future development agreement, and Mr. Kloos replied that the Council reserved that discretion.

Council Member Brekhus said that the developer was going to turnkey to the City at the 1,700th unit a fire station with apparatus, and asked if the City would be, at that time, obligated to staff that fire station to a certain level.

Mr. Kloos said that assumption was that at the 1,700th unit the station would be built, dedicated to the City, accepted by the City, and the City would own, staff and operate the station for this development and any others in the service area.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the City Council reserved all discretion on fire station staffing levels even though the developer was building and dedicating it to the City.

Mayor Cashell stated that the City reserved discretion for staffing levels at all of its fire stations.

Michael Hernandez, Fire Chief, said that the Reno Fire Department (RFD) would recommend that the station be built, and command staff would make the decision regarding staffing levels at the time the station became City property. Chief Hernandez said that it was better to have it [the Evans Ranch fire station] and not need it than to need it and not have it.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the \$500 per residential unit fee for the police substation obligated the City to provide police services or to pay for any portion of the building costs that were not covered by the fees that were collected, and Mr. Kloos replied that the fire station would include office space for police officers to complete their reports, etc.

Mayor Cashell explained that these conditions were placed on the project in order to avoid having the City absorb the cost of building the necessary fire/police substation.

Council Member Brekhus said that she opposed the PUD because she did not believe that these outside impact fee negotiated service agreements were legal.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, presented his views on this issue.

Bill No. 6881, Ordinance No. 6315 was passed and adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve
NAYS:	Jenny Brekhus

G.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Ordinance Adoption - Bill No. 6882 Ordinance amending Reno Municipal Code Title 6, entitled "Vehicle and Traffic", Chapter 6.06 entitled "Rules of the Road" by adding inadvertently repealed sections, renumbering remaining sections, and providing other matters properly relating thereto. 1:23 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Bill No. 6882.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Bill No. 6882.

Bill No. 6882, Ordinance No. 6316 was passed and adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

G.3 Staff Report (For Possible Action) Ordinance Adoption - Bill No. 6883 Ordinance to amend Title 6 entitled "Parking Violations/Civil Infractions", Section 6.30 entitled "Schedule of civil fines", and providing matters properly relating thereto. 1:24 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Bill No. 6883.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Bill No. 6883, Ordinance No. 6317 was passed and adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

H Resolutions

H.1 **Resolution No. 7933:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution Accepting Streets – Sierra Canyon Village 11A (FNL12-00006), portions of Andover Trail, Callaway Trail, and Sugar Creek Trail. [Ward 5] 1:24 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adoption of Resolution No. _____.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____.

Resolution No. 7933 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

H.2 **Resolution No. 7934:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution Accepting Streets – Damonte Ranch – Village 8A (FNL13-00004), portions of Aen Way, Aidan Way, Alivia Way, Dominic Drive, Makenna Drive and Renzo Way. [**Ward 2**] 1:25 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adoption of Resolution No. _____.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____.

Resolution No. 7934 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

H.3 **Resolution No. 7935:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution Accepting Streets – Villages at Damonte Ranch – Unit 19B-6 (FNL13-00009), portions of Walnut Ridge Court, Walnut Ridge Drive and Whitecliff Drive. [**Ward 2**] 1:25 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adoption of Resolution No. _____.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____.

Resolution No. 7935 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

H.4 **Resolution No. 7936:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution of the Reno City Council extending the current moratorium on the acceptance of land use entitlement applications for the conversion of banked or static billboards to digital billboards in accordance with Ordinance No. 6258. 1:26 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution to extend the moratorium on accepting applications to convert static billboards to electronic billboards..

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Council Member Brekhus made the following disclosure:

"In discussions with a representative from the Nevada Commission on Ethics, I have developed the following disclosure related to my past association on issues with Scenic Nevada, a Reno based non-profit organization. While this item does not involve Scenic Nevada, it is general legislation proposed by staff the basis for the legislation as explained by staff, is in response to a lawsuit Scenic Nevada filed against the city along with another entity, a billboard company. A Scenic Nevada representative also provided written testimony in support of this ordinance.

I, like many Reno residents, supported the 2000 people's petition to ban new billboards within the City of Reno. I voted for the ban and also provided modest financial contribution to Scenic Nevada's ballot campaign to assist in their efforts.

After the successful people's petition spearheaded to ban new billboards within the City of Reno, I was asked by Scenic Nevada to sit on their advisory board. I did so for a brief time but then realized that as a city employee at the time I did not want to have an established relationship with an organization that conducted on-going advocacy for city policy and regulations. My tenure as a board member lasted for less than a year I estimate.

In 2011, as a public policy consultant in private practice I was hired by Scenic Nevada for a period less than 9 months to assist them with organizational development and planning issues. In this role, I assisted Scenic Nevada in reviewing early versions of the ordinance that is now being contested in court.

I have an on-going relationship with the Wray Law Office that represents Scenic Nevada in the lawsuit and the nature of that relationship is clearly reported in my campaign expense and receipts reports with the Secretary of State. While campaign activities fall outside of the ethics disclosure laws, I feel it is important to state this fact. Similarly, while I have utilized media outlets in my political activity and one or more of these outlets may have at one time or another owned billboard operations, I have never utilized a billboard myself.

I am disclosing the above so that the public will understand my association with Scenic Nevada. My ability to participate in this item or others related to billboard regulations is not clouded by this association. I am open-minded to all points of view related to the evolving role of signage in a community and capable of analyzing and coming to decisions in an unbiased matter based upon the many factors and considerations that a reasonable person would take into account in deciding how billboard signage should be regulated.

A copy of this disclosure will be given to the Reno City Clerk to maintain on file."

Council Member Brekhus and Jonathan Shipman, Deputy City Attorney, discussed whether a resolution is the appropriate instrument for extending the moratorium.

Resolution No. 7936 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

H.5 **Resolution No. 7937:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution concerning the City of Reno, Nevada, Taxable Revenue Bond, Series 2014, authorizing and directing actions by the City Director of Finance with respect to the preparation of requests to the Council for appropriation of funds for the replenishment of the Reserve Fund pertaining thereto; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. 1:30 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. _____.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____.

Resolution No. 7937 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

H.6 **Resolution No. 7938:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution approving the creation of Trust Agreement for City of Reno, Nevada Other Post Employment Benefits Trust (OPEB) Fund. 2:16 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. _____ approving the creation of the City of Reno, Nevada OPEB Trust Fund.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

ITEM D.1 WAS HEARD BEFORE THE RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED.

Council Member Brekhus and Robert Chisel, Finance Director, agreed that this set up a trust but did not fund it, and that the Council will retain discretion with respect to funding it.

Mr. Chisel presented a brief overview of the composition of the board of trustees and the investment process.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZADRA ABSENT AT 2:17 P.M.

Council Member Brekhus said that she wanted to confirm that as one of the trustees it was the City's intent in setting this [the trust] up that we will have a beneficiary, which is a retiree, as a trustee because we will make these appointments over periods of time.

Resolution No. 7938 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve
ABSENT:	Sharon Zadra

H.7 **Resolution No. 7939:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution of the Reno City Council pursuant to NRS 268.061(1)(e)(1) declaring that it is in the best interest of the City to convey two parcels (APN 011-370-22; APN 011-370-53) adjacent to the Fitzgerald’s parking garage located at 50 East Plaza Street, Reno, Nevada to Fitzgerald Virginia and Plaza LLC and other matters properly relating thereto. 2:18 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. _____.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____.

Resolution No. 7939 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve
ABSENT:	Sharon Zadra

I Ordinances, Introduction

I.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Ordinance Introduction - Bill No. _____ Ordinance creating Chapter 2.17 of the Reno Municipal Code to be titled “Charter Committee of the City of Reno” and Sections 2.17.010 to 2.17.020 of Chapter 2.17 of the Reno Municipal Code establishing the compensation for members of the Charter Committee and establishing the duties of the City Clerk as the official record keeper for the Charter Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. 2:19 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council refer Bill No. _____ for a second reading and adoption.

Proposed Motion: I move to refer Bill No. _____ for a second reading and adoption.

Eddie Lorton, 100 North Arlington Avenue #16D, discussed his opposition to paying the Charter Committee members for their service.

COUNCIL MEMBER ZADRA PRESENT AT 2:21 P.M.

Megan Salcido, Government Affairs Coordinator, provided an overview of the Staff Report.

Discussion ensued regarding whether committee members should be paid for their service on the Charter Committee, and why the compensation language was placed in the legislative bill.

It was moved by Council Member Jardon, seconded by Council Member Schieve to refer Bill No. 6884 for a second reading and adoption with a zero dollar amount as compensation for committee members.

Motion failed with Council Members Brekhus, Dortch, Zadra and Delgado and Mayor Cashell voting nay.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 5]
MOVER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Neoma Jardon, Hillary Schieve
NAYS:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch

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Recommendation: Staff recommends Council refer Bill No. _____ for a second _____ reading _____ and _____ adoption.

Proposed Motion: I move to refer Bill No. _____ for a second reading and adoption.

It was moved by Council Member Dortch, seconded by Council Member Brekhus to refer Bill No. 6884 for a second reading and adoption as submitted.

Motion carried with Council Members Jardon and Schieve voting nay.

RESULT:	FIRST READ [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Jenny Brekhus, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch
NAYS:	Neoma Jardon, Hillary Schieve

J Standard Department Items

Finance & Administration

J.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion, potential approval, and potential direction to staff regarding the Downtown Management Company, LLC's Marketing Plan, Annual Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for the Ballroom Facility for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014. 2:38 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council accept the Marketing Plan, Annual Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2014 for the Ballroom Facility.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Jill Olsen, Assistant Finance Director, provided a brief overview of the Staff Report.

Stephanie Lepori, Chief Financial Officer for Silver Legacy Resort and Casino, presented the marketing report.

Council Member Brekhus and Ms. Lepori discussed how many events the Ballroom was hosting in January and February 2014.

Ms. Lepori presented the operating report and forecast.

Council Member Brekhus and Ms. Lepori discussed Ballroom operating losses and the importance of having the facility available to visitors.

Council Member Jardon and Ms. Lepori discussed non-profit events that are held in the Ballroom.

Council Member Brekhus asked how much the General Fund is paying in debt on this building each year.

Robert Chisel, Finance Director, said that the bonds that pay for the Ballroom are associated with the Downtown Events Center and the National Bowling Stadium, and are primarily paid with room tax and back-stopped with C-tax (Consolidated Tax). Mr. Chisel said that staff could run some calculations and percentages and report back to the Council with an amount.

Mayor Cashell noted that the casinos raised their room tax for the facilities.

Council Member Brekhus requested that next year's report include a copy of the agreement and a better understanding of the annual General Fund obligation to the Ballroom.

Council accepted the report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

City Manager's Office

J.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Update, discussion and potential acceptance of staff's recommendation regarding actions taken to address blighted commercial properties and other nuisance issues within Downtown Reno. 3:18 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council accept the staff report.

Proposed Motion: I move to accept the staff report.

Alex Woodley, Code Enforcement Manager, presented the update.

Council thanked staff for their work and accepted the report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

J.3 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Presentation, discussion and potential approval of the City of Reno's FY 14 Federal Platform. 3:42 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council approve the City of Reno's FY 2014 Federal Platform, as attached.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve the City of Reno's FY 2014 Federal Platform.

Council Member Brekhus and Megan Salcido, Government Affairs Coordinator, discussed Other Post Employee Benefit (OPEB) issues.

Council approved the City of Reno's Fiscal Year 2014 Federal Platform.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Council Member
SECONDER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

J.4 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding items for the Charter Committee to consider during its review of the Reno City Charter. 3:43 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council provide direction on items related to the City Charter that Council would like the Charter Committee to consider.

Proposed Motion: I move to direct staff to request the Charter Committee to consider the following items related to the City Charter:

_____.

Eddie Lorton, 100 North Arlington Avenue #16D, presented his views on this issue.

Council Member Brekhus and Megan Salcido, Government Affairs Coordinator, discussed the need for examining all the City's structural and relational roles.

Council Member Delgado asked whether it was necessary for the Charter Committee to determine whether it would be more efficient for the City Clerk to report to the City Manager.

Cadence Matijevich, Assistant City Manager, clarified that the intent was not to recommend necessarily that it is less efficient the way it is currently structured, but to have the Committee review the City's administrative structure to determine if it would in fact be more efficient and effective for the City Clerk to report to the City Manager.

Council Member Delgado asked if other structural relationships would also be examined, and Ms. Matijevich said that there are currently only two positions that report directly to the City Council, those being the City Manager and the City Clerk. She said that while the City Attorney is an independently elected City official, that role also could be considered by the Committee.

Council Member Delgado and Ms. Matijevich discussed the Charter Committee's organizational activities and reporting timelines. Ms. Matijevich said that the scope of the review would be determined by the Charter Committee itself.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of holding a joint meeting with the Committee, having staff provide an update to the Council, or having the Committee Chair make a presentation to the Council after the Committee had determined their scope of work and processes.

Council Member Jardon and Ms. Matijevich discussed the difficulty of determining the intent of the Legislature when they added language to require monetary compensation to Charter Committee members.

Council Member Brekhus said that the Committee was seeking some direction from the City Council, although the Committee's autonomy was clear, and the Staff Report seemed to indicate that the Council's number one priority was to examine whether the City Clerk should report to the City Manager. She said that what needed to be examined was whatever fallout there was about the body from the Court's decision, and the role of the Manager versus the Council and the City Attorney's Office. Ms. Brekhus said that Henderson's charter was more detailed about the council and manager's authority, and she would like to have not only the City Clerk's role but also the Manager's, Council body's, and City Attorney's roles examined, along with the checks and balances. She said that she would add that to a motion of adopting this to bring forward as an amendment.

Ms. Matijevich said that staff's recommendation was only to request that the Committee review the administrative structure established under Section One of the Charter for positions reporting to the City Council and City Manager, including whether it would be more efficient and effective to have the City Clerk appointed by and report to the City Manager. Having them look at that amongst these other things is important to us, she said, but the message should be clear that we have not already made that determination, or are recommending that outcome.

Mayor Cashell agreed that the Committee should examine all of the administrative roles for their efficiency and effectiveness.

It was moved by Council Member Brekhus, seconded by Council Member Schieve to direct staff to request that the Charter Committee consider the following items related to the City Charter: 1) the roles and responsibilities of the different elected positions; 2) the payment issue; 3) the limitation in Section 1.090 on appointive officers; and 4) revising Section 1.100(3) to eliminate the ability to require security from employees of the City other than officers.

Ms. Matijevich clarified the rationale for recommending a revision of Section 1.100(3) to eliminate the ability to require security from employees of the City other than officers (recommendation number 3 in the Staff Report).

Council Member Delgado noted that the Court's decision would affect all of the positions.

Motion carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

K City Clerk

K.1 Boards and Commissions Appointments

a. Civil Service Commission (For Possible Action)

Mayor Cashell recommended that Darrin Georgeson be appointed to the Civil Service Commission.

Council confirmed the appointment of Darrin Georgeson to the Civil Service Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

b. Financial Advisory Board (For Possible Action)

Veera Murugappan was reappointed to the Financial Advisory Board.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Neoma Jardon, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

c. Historical Resources Commission (For Possible Action)

Joseph Rodriguez was appointed to the Historical Resources Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Council Member
SECONDER:	Oscar Delgado, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

d. Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission (For Possible Action)

Kevin Weiske was reappointed to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

e. Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (For Possible Action)

Vanessa Dixon was reappointed to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
SECONDER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

f. Youth City Council (For Possible Action)

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

L Mayor and Council

L.1 Identification of Mayor and Council Items for future agendas of the Reno City Council. 4:09 PM

Council Member Zadra requested a staff update on the cable 'box' and what the City's franchise agreement can and cannot do with respect to Charter's operations.

Council Member Schieve requested an update on the digital billboard lawsuit.

Council Member Delgado requested a discussion and potential direction to staff to: 1) work with the Director of Military and Veterans Policy of the Governor's Office and Veterans Administration (VA) staff to implement a veterans community outreach project; and 2) to work in conjunction with others (e.g. Director of Military and Veterans Policy, City of Sparks and Washoe County) to create a veterans regional commission (a hub of information for veterans coming to the area).

L.2 Liaison Reports

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

L.3 Reports from any conferences or professional meetings. 4:11 PM

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

L.4 **Resolution No. 7940:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution donating Council Donation Funds to the Holland Project to support their all ages music and art venue for youth and young adults in the amount of \$1,500 (General Fund). **[Brekhus]** 4:11 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. _____ and approve the request to allocate a Council donation to the Holland Project in the _____ amount of _____ \$1,500.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____.

Resolution No. 7940 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Council Member
SECONDER:	Oscar Delgado, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

L.5 **Resolution No. 7941:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution donating Council Donation Funds to the Nevada Opera to provide live opera performances, education and outreach programs in the amount of \$500 (General Fund). **[Brekhus]** 4:12 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. _____ and approve the request to allocate a Council donation to the Nevada Opera in the amount _____ of _____ \$500.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____.

Resolution No. 7941 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Council Member
SECONDER:	Oscar Delgado, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

L.6 **Resolution No. 7942:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution donating Council Donation Funds to the Reno Bike Project to create a nationally recognized, cycling friendly community through advocacy and education in the amount of \$500 (General Fund). **[Brekhus]** 4:12 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. _____ and approve the request to allocate a Council donation to the Reno Bike Project in the _____ amount _____ of _____ \$500.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____.

Resolution No. 7942 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Council Member
SECONDER:	Oscar Delgado, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

L.7 **Resolution No. 7943:** Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No. _____ Resolution donating Council Donation Funds to Urban Roots to provide opportunities to plant and harvest fresh garden foods to grow healthy minds, bodies and communities through hands-on learning in the amount of \$1,000 (General Fund). **[Brekhus]** 4:12 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. _____ and approve the request to allocate a Council donation to Urban Roots in the amount _____ of _____ \$1,000.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____.

Resolution No. 7943 was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jenny Brekhus, Council Member
SECONDER:	Oscar Delgado, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

L.8 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of reallocation of Council Donation Funds to the City of Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department to fund the Ginsburg Clock plaque engraving in the amount of \$1,200 (General Fund). [Dortch, Zadra] 4:13 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the request to allocate a Council donation to the City of Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services in the _____ amount _____ of _____ \$1,200.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve the staff recommendation.

Council approved the reallocation of funds.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

L.9 Discussion and potential direction to the City Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time to draft ordinance regarding puppy mills. [Zadra] 3:01 PM

COUNCIL MEMBER BREKHUS ABSENT AT 3:01 P.M.

Council Member Zadra discussed the volume of responses she received after asking to have this item placed on the agenda. She said that when she first proposed the study she referenced puppy mills and issues with the City's ordinance and Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), but the study should be broadened to include retail pet store's operations. Ms. Zadra said that the City and Washoe County (Animal Control) needed to take action to ensure that these types of operations are not abusing animals or selling sick animals to customers.

COUNCIL MEMBER BREKHUS PRESENT AT 3:10 P.M.

Heather Walker, 9075 Rising Moon Drive, documented animal abuse and disease prevalent at puppy mills and area pet stores.

Mayor Cashell said that Code Enforcement needed to be given the tools they need to effectively respond to the issue.

Council Member Zadra said that Ms. Walker had a large volume of statements she had received from people who experienced the same kind of loss she did, and noted that the timing could be gratuitous because the Washoe County Sheriff's Office no longer wants to manage Animal Control and the County Commissioners would be examining other alternatives for managing the services.

Council Member Schieve stated that it was imperative that the City demand answers and work collaboratively to formulate an agreement.

Mayor Cashell stated that the inspectors need to go much further than the front door of these establishments.

Council Member Zadra said that the review should include all retail sales of pets in the community, as well as puppy mill operations, recognizing that cooperative work with the County and potentially the State would be necessary.

Council authorized the use of two or more hours of staff time to examine the issue.

RESULT:	APPROVAL [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

L.10 Discussion and potential direction to the City Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time to draft ordinance regarding escort services. [**Zadra**] 4:13 PM

Council Member Zadra requested to use of two or more hours of staff time to examine strengthening, similar to what was done with pawn shop operations, the business license validation process for escort services after they are up and running to ensure that no illicit behavior is being conducted.

Council Member Brekhus said that, in her previous experience, unlicensed escorts were more of an issue than those who were licensed, and escort services were usually non-sexual social engagements, or dates, and included activities such as taking transgender people shopping. Ms. Brekhus said that she did not envision finding a solution to the problem through the zoning or business licensing processes, and requested more information regarding what staff believed could be gained through the validation process.

Council Member Zadra said that it may be necessary to provide some cautionary language and restrictions to ensure that sex trafficking was not occurring under the auspices of escort services and, even though they were unsuccessful five years ago, staff now had more experience that might help them determine some action that could be taken, specifically through the validation piece.

Council Brekhus said that this might potentially be within the scope of their [the Police Department's] vice operations, and Council Member Zadra agreed.

Council Member Brekhus asked staff how they envisioned the process of validating escort service licensing.

Deputy Chief Mac Venzon, Reno Police Department (RPD), said that the police, in a regional operation, currently run on average two sting operations per month utilizing both escort services and on-line advertisements for escorts, and constantly monitor those websites to ensure that as activity increases or citizen complaints increase, additional operations are run. He said that staff could examine those types of efforts, mentioned their partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to investigate sex trafficking, and said that staff was constantly evolving to try to stay a step ahead of the game.

Council Member Dortch asked if the City's current ordinance in any way hindered staff, and Deputy Chief Venzon replied that the current ordinance was adequate.

Deputy Chief Venzon said that staff often used the State ordinance to prosecute solicitation for prostitution cases. The ordinance for escort services, he said, is a business license issue that does not really apply to the criminal realm of sex trafficking or engaging in prostitution.

Council Member Dortch asked what staff envisioned doing if they were directed to move forward with drafting an ordinance regarding escort services.

Deputy Chief Venzon said that RPD would review the current ordinance in relation to prostitution, advertisement for prostitution services, and how business licensing applies to escort services. Once those reviews are done, he said, we would come back with any recommendations related to those ordinances.

Council Member Dortch asked how Business License staff envisioned the process, and if they would add enforcement items to the ordinance.

Fred Turnier, Community Development Director, said that Business License staff would work with RPD (as the lead) to examine the illegal activities and determine what, if any, additional measures could be taken to strengthen the Business License Code and help RPD in their enforcement efforts.

Council Member Dortch clarified that direction to staff would not be to begin rewriting the ordinance, but to determine whether changes to the ordinance were necessary and bring back recommendations to the Council. Mr. Dortch said that Council could then, if necessary, initiate amendments to the ordinance.

Council Member Brekhus said that an earlier option to eliminate escort services as a use had been discussed, but would not really address the problem.

Council authorized the use of two or more hours of staff time to examine the issue and return with recommendations.

RESULT:	APPROVAL [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
AYES:	Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

L.11 Discussion and potential direction to the City Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time to review bath salt issues relating to manufacturers mimicking illegal drug components. **[Jardon]** 4:20 PM

Council Member Jardon said that her intention was not to produce an ordinance that conflicted with State law, but rather to find out if there were any problems with the City's ordinance from a police perspective.

Deputy Chief Mac Venzon, Reno Police Department (RPD) discussed RPD's close relationship with the Pharmacy Board and other statewide agencies to analyze and 'schedule' these compounds, and stated that the process currently in place works well for RPD.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

L.12 Discussion and potential direction to the City Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time regarding an Emergency Preparedness Resource/Volunteer project. **[Jardon]** 4:23 PM

Council Member Jardon discussed the need for emergency preparedness resources.

Mayor Cashell, and Deputy Chief Mac Venzon, Reno Police Department, discussed the March 13-14, 2014, privately supported program to be held at the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority.

Council Member Delgado said that this type of information should also be available on the public access channel.

Mayor Cashell suggested that parts of the program could be videotapes and played on the public access channel.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

M Public Hearings - 6:00 PM - None.

N Public Comment

Dan Kennedy, 2305 Sagittarius Drive, representing Stan and Dan's Hot Dogs, said that they were just asking to get what they had last year. We were parking our hot dog cart on Third Street next

to the Eldorado, and the City came up to us and told us we could not park on a City street anymore because the rules had changed. We have a mobile food vendors license, so we asked where we could park and were told we could park on top of the ReTRAC trench, so we went up there. The following week the same man that told us to park there came and wrote us a citation for being there; he told us we had to rent the space from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Department, so we went Peggy in PRCS and rented space for all of 2013. We applied for 2014 in November 2013, it was approved and signed off on by everybody except the City Manager's Office, and Alexis told us that she would sign off on it after she got the dates of when Hot August Nights, Street Vibration and several other events would be held, and we said 'okay'. She [Alexis] came back to us and said it was now City and not PRCS property, and we needed to reapply, and we reapplied. We had hours until 2:00 a.m. and they denied us, and then today they gave us another package to reapply again for the same thing. We are just asking to get the space like we had it in 2013 so we can sell our hot dogs. We do not want to cause any trouble, we have had good response from the public and most of the City, and we do not understand where the problem is.

Mayor Cashell stated that staff would look into the issue and get back to him [Mr. Kennedy].

Council Member Brekhus disclosed that she spoke with Mr. Kennedy and viewed the operation herself, and noted that the issue brings up other issues about the ReTRAC properties and the kinds of activities and events the City wants to bring downtown.

Mr. Kennedy said that they had plans to bring in other vendors like they did several times last year, and to make it grow as an event with other food trucks and perhaps farmers' markets, but they kept hitting brick walls.

Council Member Schieve said that there seemed to be a disconnect between the Business License, PRCS and Special Events departments, and noted that earlier in the day Colin Loretz, founder of the Reno Collective, had mentioned how difficult it was to open his business in Reno. Ms. Schieve discussed the need for the City to move forward with Reno Business Direct, a one-stop shop for business owners, and a place they can go for answers to their questions.

Mayor Cashell said that staff should examine the ordinance to see what is allowed.

Mr. Kennedy said that they had the option of becoming a street vendor, but that would restrict them from operating their business in a variety of ways (they could not be on the ReTRAC trench or have a table or tent, etc.).

Donna Clontz, 1940 Daylin Court, Chair of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, discussed the upcoming senior games.

Mark Markel, 48 Park Street, discussed the dangers of drinking and driving.

O Adjournment (For Possible Action)

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:41 P.M.