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A special meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, May 19, 2003, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 12 noon.

PRESENT:	Ray Masayko	Mayor
	Pete Livermore	Supervisor, Ward 3
	Robin Williamson	Supervisor, Ward 1
	Shelly Aldean	Supervisor, Ward 2
	Richard S. Staub	Supervisor, Ward 4

STAFF PRESENT:	Andrew Burnham	Acting City Manager
	David Heath	Finance Director
	Joe McCarthy	Redevelopment/Economic Development Mgr.
	Melanie Bruketta	Deputy District Attorney
	Katherine McLaughlin Recording Secretary (B.B.O.S. 5/19/03 Tape 1-0111)	

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Masayko convened the meeting at 12 noon. Roll call was taken. The entire Board was present, constituting a quorum. Mayor Masayko lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (1-0128) - None.

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (1-0134) - Mayor Masayko then recessed the Board of Supervisors session and passed the gavel to Chairperson Williamson who convened the Redevelopment Authority. For Minutes of the Redevelopment Authority, see its folder.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (1-0158) - Following adjournment of the Redevelopment Authority, Chairperson Williamson returned the gavel to Mayor Masayko who reconvened the Board of Supervisors session. The entire Board was present, constituting a quorum.

A. ACTION TO APPROVE CARSON CITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 (1-0162) - Supervisor Williamson moved to approve the Carson City Redevelopment Authority Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 as presented. Supervisor Livermore seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

B. ACTION TO APPROVE THE CARSON CITY TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 (1-0180) - Mayor Masayko displayed the binder containing the budget and explained that the document included the actions taken during four budget hearings. The Carson City tax rate, if the Legislature does not add anything to the State tax rate, is \$2.6101. This is up from last year's \$2.5825 for a net of \$.0276 per 100 dollars of assessed valuation. The rate does not include \$.015 cents for the State medical indigent fund. The Legislature had funded it for this year. There may be adequate funds in that amount for next year. Discussion between Finance Director Heath and the Board explained a levy made for the China Springs Youth Center and its reception at the

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Legislature. If the levy is not adequate, it may be necessary for the City to tap the contingency funds. Mr. Heath felt that the operating rate will be established in June. The worse case scenario may increase the budget by two-tenths of a cent. The City does not have an opportunity to review China Springs' budget but the State does. Attempts are being made to try and get the State to take over more of the State costs. The State had originally agreed to handle 50 percent of the costs. Supervisor Aldean encouraged the Board to discuss the matter with the Legislature. The City is required by Statute to pay a portion of the cost for China Springs and Aurora Springs Youth Facilities. A commitment was made to provide Supervisor Aldean with copies of the notices for these hearings. Public comments were solicited.

John Wagner, representing the Burke Consortium of Carson City, indicated that he had given each Board member a copy of the Consortium's position regarding the City budget. He also indicated their concern about the Board's refusal to reopen the budget. He felt that bad advice had been given when the City was forced to keep the Fairgrounds. He urged the Board to relocate the Fairgrounds, sell the former Fairgrounds, and stop the revenue leakage. Discussion among Mr. Wagner, Mayor Masayko and Mr. Burnham explained that the budget had contained ongoing funding for the 17 service organizations in the amount of \$405,000. All one shot funding had been removed from the community service organizations. The one shot funding had totaled approximately \$100,000 and was used for other purposes. Community service support was also reduced by three percent. Mr. Wagner felt that these reductions had been made by a committee and urged the Board to make the three percent reduction permanent. Acting City Manager Burnham indicated that all vacant positions are scrutinized and that one position will be coming to the Board in the near future for consideration. Mr. Wagner indicated that there had been lots of debate regarding the Library. It should find outside sources of support for its funding. Book sales were suggested as an example of such a source. Mayor Masayko responded that the Library does its fair share of fundraisers as indicated by examples which he cited. Mr. Wagner encouraged the Parks and Recreation Department to privatize its lawn mowing services, avoid tree trimming and reduce irrigation. Mayor Masayko explained the Board's direction to staff to obtain bids and compare the cost of hiring temporary employees. Mr. Wagner felt that the City should not subsidize the wants of others. Mayor Masayko indicated that this is a political matter. Mr. Wagner suggested that a tax force be established to study employee costs. Mayor Masayko indicated that the Personnel Director has that as her action plan. Ninety-five percent of the employee positions are unionized and must go through the bargaining process. The other positions are being reviewed. Mr. Burnham indicated that Personnel is looking at the long term benefits. Mayor Masayko also explained the Board's direction to management that the employees' total compensation package increase be held at five percent. Discussion indicated that a strategic review of the City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions will be pursued by the new City Manager. A copy of the budget is being sent to her. Mr. Wagner felt that the auto mall will be a good deal for the City. He also explained his decision to refuse to buy from Douglas County businesses and that he will acquire his vehicles from Reno or Fallon. He was concerned about the auto mall's request for a \$27.5 million incentive and suggested that other options be pursued as an auto mall is needed. He questioned the need for an Open Space Manager. His salary should be used to acquire more property. The Parks and Recreation Department should handle his duties. Mayor Masayko explained that the Open Space Advisory Committee had recommended the retention of a manager. The Board reviewed it and approved its recommendation. The Board could, if desired, change its mind. Mr. Wagner felt that the Redevelopment District will not cure the economic ills found within the district. Its authority should be limited and property owners' rights should not be touched. The days when Carson City had money from sales taxes are gone. He hoped that the City would get back on track and institute an austere budget. He complimented the Board on its

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efforts to hold the line. Discussion indicated that a consultant is looking into privatization of vehicle maintenance. Its report should be to the Board in June. Mr. Wagner felt that the City had too many vehicles for staff's use and suggested that the City pay staff to use his/her private vehicle or provide a car allowance to staff for a vehicle. He also suggested consideration be given to providing a light rail transit system similar to one in Sacramento. Mayor Masayko thanked him for his comments and stressed the need to have residents participate in the process. Mr. Wagner indicated that his Committee members were willing to volunteer and assist if the City needed help. They intend to provide constructive criticism and did not intend to appear to be harsh in their statements. Mayor Masayko indicated that his comments had not been taken in that vein and again thanked him for his comments. Additional public comments were solicited but none were given.

Mayor Masayko noted that funding for transit is included in the budget. PRIDE's request will be considered at the next regular Board meeting. Mayor Masayko again displayed the budget document. The document is entitled tentative until after the Legislature adjourns.

Supervisor Livermore moved to approve the Carson City Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-04 with a tax rate of \$2.6101 mils. Mayor Masayko indicated that a "mil or two" may be added as a result of Legislative actions. Supervisor Staub seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

C. ACTION TO APPROVE SIERRA FOREST FIRE PROTECTION TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 (1-0552) - Acting Regional Forester Tim Rochelle, Western Division Financial Officer Ronan Thornhill, and Mayor Masayko explained the funding request for ten cents which will generate \$76,184 from the City's portion of the District. Mayor Masayko noted for the record that the western portion of the City is part of the District including Lakeview, Timberline, and upper Clear Creek Canyon. The ten-cent rate had been maintained for a long time. It is possible for the District to increase its tax rate to a maximum of 30.8 cents. Mr. Rochelle indicated that there are nine firefighters and that one 38,000 gallon water tender will be acquired. Shared funding for a battalion chief and a full-time fire fighter was noted. The fire station near the Western Nevada Community College will be manned during the summertime as has been the past practice. Public comments were solicited but none were given. Supervisor Williamson indicated that she lives in the District and pays the tax. Lots of fuel management efforts have been undertaken. She hoped that they will not be impacted by a wildland fire. Supervisor Williamson moved to approve the Sierra Forest Fire Protection District Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-04 with an impact of ten cents ad valorem. Supervisor Livermore seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

D. ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 (1-0645) - Discussion between Extension Director Joann Skelly and Mayor Masayko indicated that the rate is normally set between one and five cents. The proposed rate is 1.28 cents which is the same as last year's rate. It will generate \$137,000 a year based on the current assessed value. Board discussion with Ms. Skelly indicated that the cold weather is keeping the Lilacs from blooming. Ms. Skelly thanked the Board for its support and the partnership. Public comments were solicited but none were given. Supervisor Aldean moved to adopt Resolution No. 2003-R-16, A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FOR FY 2003-2004 at the rate of 1.28 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Supervisor Livermore seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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E. ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO LEVY THE CARSON CITY FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 AD VALOREM TAX RATE AS CERTIFIED BY THE NEVADA TAX COMMISSION (1-0705)

- Mayor Masayko explained that the overall rate could not be set until after the Legislature adjourns. The item will be back in June. He ruled the item deferred. No formal action was taken.

F. ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 (1-0725)

- Mayor Masayko explained that there are 17 organizations listed in the resolution for a total of \$405,274. This amount had been reduced three percent with the Carson Access Television been the exception. Its amount is per contract. Supervisor Staub explained that CDBG had not approved the Boys and Girls Club request for \$15,000 for its bus program. The Club's HVAC grant was approved. The Board's foresight in approving this request was commended. Discussion between the Board and Mr. Heath pointed out that the Board had directed staff to distribute \$100,000 in discretionary funds among the other organizations which had previously received one shot funding. The community service organizations' ongoing funding was reduced by three percent. Mayor Masayko felt that, as there will not be any more one shot funds, the document appears as if the funds are all ongoing. Supervisor Williamson congratulated staff, the community, and the Board on its efforts to balance the budget. The process had been more congenial than she had envisioned. This was due to staff's ability to be creative and still provide funding to good organizations who contribute to the community. The organizations will have to be more aggressive in their fund raising activities in the future. The Board had not hurt any of the organizations with the reductions. Public comments were solicited. None were given. Supervisor Staub moved to adopt Resolution No. 2003-R-17, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPEN-DITURES OF FUNDS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR FY 2003-04 in the amount of \$204,274 as allocated in the attached list. Supervisors Williamson and Livermore seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(1-0810) There being no other matters for consideration, Supervisor Livermore moved to adjourn. Supervisor Williamson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Masayko adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

The Minutes of the Special May 19, 2003, Carson City Board of Supervisors Budget Session

ARE SO APPROVED ON August 21, 2003.

/s/
Ray Masayko, Mayor

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/s/

Alan Glover, Clerk-Recorder