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A special meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, May 28, 1998, at the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 12 noon.

PRESENT: Ray Masayko Mayor

Tom Tatro Supervisor, Ward 1 Jon Plank Supervisor, Ward 2

STAFF PRESENT: John Berkich City Manager

Mary Walker Finance & Redevelopment Director

Katherine McLaughlin Recording Secretary

(S.B.O.S. 5/28/98 Tape 1-0001.5)

NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, each item was introduced by staff's reading/outlining/clarifying the Board Action Request and/or supporting documentation. Staff members present for each Department are listed under that Department's heading. Any other individuals who spoke are listed immediately following the item heading. 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.

**CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -** Mayor Masayko convened the meeting at 12 noon. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present although Supervisors Smith and Bennett were absent. Mayor Masayko lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (1-0013.5) - None.

- A. REVIEW AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 (1-0015.5) Supervisor Plank moved to adopt Resolution No. 1998-R-24, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99, fiscal impact is \$356,010; and the funding source is General Fund and Capital Acquisition Fund. Supervisor Tatro seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- **B.** REVIEW AND ACTION ON SIERRA FOREST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 (1-0039.5) Supervisor Plank moved to approve the Sierra Forest Fire Protection District Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99 as submitted. Supervisor Tatro seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- C. REVIEW AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION SETTING COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 (1-0053.5) Supervisor Plank moved to adopt Resolution No. 1998-R-25, A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99, fiscal impact is \$1.28 cents ad valorem, and the funding source is Cooperative Extension Fund Budget. Supervisor Tatro seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- **D. REVIEW AND ACTION ON CARSON CITY FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 (1-0070.5)** Supervisor Plank moved to approve the Carson City Final Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99 as submitted. Mayor Masayko seconded the motion. Supervisor Tatro indicated he would vote against the budget due to his feeling that the Board had spent a lot of money without addressing the priorities, was ignoring the biggest issue which the Board had faced, and that when he had voted to increase the franchise fee, he had done so in the belief that it was needed to fund what he considered a budget deficient for public safety. He was not comfortable with the expenditures substituted for those public safety expenditures which he felt had been essential. Due to these reasons he indicated he would vote against the budget. Mayor Masayko indicated that he was not attempting to belabor the point nor stir up additional controversy but that he looked at the budget in three different categories knowing that the total rate in Carson City had been reduced by approximately 6-1/2 cents or 2.6 percent. Six-and-a-half cents equals approximately \$32-33 a year savings in the total tax bill of the average \$150,000 home in

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Carson City. He was, for the record, very comfortable with the budget. In his view of the tax there are three categories--the State, the City, and the School District--in addition to the special districts. The City's total rate actually increased approximately 1.4 percent. The School District rate dropped 5.9 percent. There is no change in the special districts as the reduction is so slight. The end result is that the total tax rate went down 2.6 percent which is a benefit to the residents of Carson City. The motion to approve the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99 was voted and carried 2-1-0-2 with Supervisor Tatro voting Naye and Supervisors Smith and Bennett absent.

**E. REVIEW AND ACTION ON TRI-COUNTY RAILWAY FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99** (**1-0126.5**) - Supervisor Plank moved to approve the Tri-County Final Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99, and the fiscal impact is \$288,225. Supervisor Tatro seconded the motion. Mayor Masayko noted that the City is the fiscal officer. The \$288,000 is not specifically tax funds. It contains some public monies which are Storey County sales taxes and a grant from the Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau. The motion to approve the Tri-County Final Budget was voted and carried 3-0.

**REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** (1-0150.5) - Mayor Masayko then recessed the Board of Supervisors session and immediately reconvened the session as the Redevelopment Authority. For Minutes of the Redevelopment Authority, see its folder.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** - Following adjournment of the Redevelopment Authority, Mayor Masayko reconvened the Board of Supervisors session. A quorum was present although Supervisors Smith and Bennett were absent as indicated.

F. REVIEW AND ACTION ON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998-99 (1-0238.5) - Supervisor Plank moved to approve the Carson City Redevelopment Authority Final Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99 as submitted. Supervisor Tatro seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**OTHER MATTERS** (1-0252.5) - Mr. Berkich noted this is the ninth budget which he and Ms. Walker had presented. The City's history and her involvement were briefly described. He commended her on her hard work, dedication, commitment, and contributions to the City and Redevelopment. He acknowledged that he would personally miss her participation in the future and that she would leave large shoes for her replacement to fill.

Supervisor Tatro also commended her on the budget process and the growth which had occurred in that process over the last nine years. He then explained that his reasons for voting against the budget had not been due to a need to change the process. All of the budget process had been under the public's scrutiny with public imput. Staff had had an opportunity to participate and be heard. Anyone wishing to take the time and energy during the budget process could have brought forward any item(s) for consideration throughout the entire process. This ability is not found in all of the other areas. The documentation is adequate to provide an understanding of the process and yet not be overburdening. He was proud to have been a part of this process. Mary Walker had been a huge part of getting the City to its present financial status and this budget process. He thanked her for making it an easier task than it could have been and a better final product. He emphasized that she deserved a lot of credit for this process.

Mayor Masayko noted that this is only his second budget but he had observed from afar for several years. He believed that as a Carson City resident that the City is "light years" ahead of where it had been nine years ago both in quality and ability to meet the needs of the citizens. The process is open, as Supervisor Tatro had indicated. There had been eight nights spent going over all of the functions with plenty of imput and opportunity for discussion/debate--which is as it should be. On the final night the policy makers are afforded the opportunity to express their decisions--which is also as it should be. If the vote is not unanimous, this is okay as everyone is, certainly, entitled to his/her opinion(s). This is how the process works and works very well in Carson City. It is done in front of television and the citizens and is well reported in the newspapers. This is a very good process. Even without Ms. Walker next year, which will be a large gap to fill, he knew that there would be a good process which will continue to involve the citizens and decision-makers of Carson City in the discussions and priorities.

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This is the right way to do it.

Ms. Walker thanked the Board for its support and confidence over the years. The City's open government marked it as being different from the other communities. A process had been established which would allow everyone an opportunity to have a say. Neither she nor Mr. Berkich had ever attempted to stifle anyone or the discussion which should take place between the Board and Department Heads. In fact, they had encouraged this dialogue to occur with sound fiscal management programs. All of the Departments and elected officials have accepted the process. This has created a fantastic process. She then noted that the presentation made to the Board is the culmination of work behind the scenes. The CIP program and the opening of the Public Safety Complex were cited as examples to illustrate the cooperation and cohesiveness of the process. The process treats all of the participants equally and fairly. She encouraged the Board to maintain this process so that the program will remain fair and respected by all of the participants. Programs in other entities were described to illustrate the fighting and problems encountered elsewhere. Her regard for the elected officials and Department Heads was expressed.

Mayor Masayko expressed his feeling that this is due to the professionalism, trust, leadership, and teamwork created in the community. Both she and Mr. Berkich were prime examples of how to make this program/process work. The Department Heads and elected officials were part of the process which at the time may seem long and laborious particularly as the evening meetings drag on. Again, he thanked her for her service.

There being no other matters for consideration, Supervisor Plank moved to adjourn. Mayor Masayko seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and Mayor Masayko adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

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_/s/	 Ray Masayko, Mayor
ATTEST:	
_/s/ Alan Glover, Clerk-Recorder	