

VII. RESOLUTIONS (1-0560)

B. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR NEVADA HOME HEALTH SERVICES INC.

Mr. Hamilton explained the request for funding which was discussed at the last meeting. He requested guidance concerning whether the Board was interested in fund the Agency due to the need to add it to the budget if so desired. The request was for \$13,500. Deputy Finance Director Mary Walker had reviewed the last three financial statements. While indicating that the Agency did have financial problems, she felt that steps had been taken to correct this situation. Additional financial support had been received from some of the participating Counties, however, others had declined to support the Agency in any amount. If the Board wishes to fund the Agency, funds could be taken from the General Fund or a Community Services grant. The grant is for low or moderate income residents as well as indigents. Use of these funds would mandate that the Agency keep strict accounting records. He felt that the entire sum could not be taken from this grant but would help reduce the impact on the General Fund.

Supervisor Feticc expressed his willingness to support the Agency particularly if the financial situation was being addressed.

Deputy Finance Director Walker explained the ending balances which had occurred since 1985. Although the records reflect a negative ending balance for this year, there were adequate reserves available to show that there was still a positive working capital. The budget cutting measures were briefly explained. Community support for contribution of the program was quite apparent.

Supervisor Chirila, while acknowledging the service provided by the Agency, questioned whether this was the best use of City funds and whether there were other Agencies providing the same service. She suggested that these Agencies be combined as she felt that other options should be included in the discussion.

Mr. Hamilton explained that there are currently four home health agencies providing this service to Carson City. Nevada Home Health is the largest of these agencies. The Agency had been serving the public for at least 20 years. He also questioned the wisdom of putting City funds into an Agency which may close its doors within the year.

Supervisor Feticc and Mayor Flammer expressed a desire to see other options also.

(1-0792) Thelma Calhoun explained her involvement with the Agency since 1975. The Agency is a non-profit organization. During its 25 year history it had always been embroiled in a financial crisis. She felt that the Agency had been providing an excellent service for the community at a rate which low and moderate income families could afford. She cited a personal experience for an example of the service provided. She felt that if insurance companies, including Medicare and Medicaid, made their payments on time, the Agency was solvent. If the influx of Senior Citizens continues, it may be possible that the City may be faced with the tremendous financial burden of providing medical care for these individuals who cannot afford the private agencies. She noted that Elko County had doubled its contribution due to the value it felt the Agency provided. She urged the Board to increase the amount if at all possible.

Mayor Flammer explained that the Board was well aware of the services provided by the Agency and felt that the issue would be addressed if at all possible.

NOTE: This was an informational item only and no formal action was taken.

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The foregoing is a draft excerpt from the formal Minutes of the April 2, 1987, meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors. The Board members present were: Ron Swirczek, Tom Fetic, Marilee Chirila, and Mayor Dan Flammer. Supervisor E. M. "Doc" Scrivner was absent, however, a quorum was present. Staff members present included: City Manager L. H. Hamilton, Clerk-Treasurer Ted P. Thornton, Recorder Alan Glover, Chief Deputy District Attorney Charles P. Cockerill, Deputy Finance Director Mary Walker, and Recording Secretary Katherine McLaughlin. These minutes are not yet completed. The foregoing excerpt will be included in those Minutes when they are presented to the Board for approval.

August 21, 1987

/s/
Katherine McLaughlin, Recording Secretary (Seal)