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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Romaine Gilliland

FROM:

Lawrence A. Werner, P.E., P.L.S.

City Manager

DATE:

June 13, 2013

SUBJECT:

Environmental Service request for Douglas County

On July 7, 2011, the Carson City Board of Supervisors directed staff to seek delegation from the state to assume environmental health services currently provide by the State of Nevada Department of Health to Carson City and Douglas County.

Based on the Board's direction, a formal request was sent to the Governor on July 18, 2011 request the transfer of the environmental health services by Carson City, Douglas County, Storey County and Lyon County.

You are hereby authorized to speak on behalf of Carson City and Douglas County before the Nevada Legislature's Interim Finance Committee on this matter.

Marena Works, Deputy City Manager



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July 18, 2011

The Honorable Brian Sandoval Governor of Nevada Capitol Building 101 N. Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701

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Re: SB 471 Revises provisions relating to public health. An act relating to public health; requiring counties to pay an assessment to the Health Division for the cost of providing various services.

Dear Governor Sandoval:

The 2011 session of the Nevada State Legislature passed SB 471 which requires countles to pay an assessment to the Health Division for certain services provided in that county by the Health Division or the State Health Officer. Carson City is requesting permission, through its Health and Human Services department, to carry out environmental health services that would otherwise be provided by the Health Division, for Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County and Storey County in accordance with NRS 444, 446 and 583.

For more than 40 years, Carson City has performed the enforcement of environmental health services including inspections of restaurants, bars, pools, septic system, schools, jails, hotels, motels and RV parks. We have trained staff and the expertise to uphold the requirements and intent of the law. Since officially convening our county Board of Health and thus becoming recognized as a local health authority in 2004, we believe the quad county region will benefit from this collaborating partnership and increase the local capability to address a wider scope of public health issues.

Carson City, Lyon County, Douglas County and Storey County have formed a workgroup to discuss an implementation plan for environmental health. This group is working collaboratively with each other and the State Health Division and we anticipate a smooth transition of services. The specific transfer of duties includes, but is not limited to:

- Carson City: 6 food establishments,
- Douglas County: 524 food establishments, 19 schools, 84 public pools and spas,

Lyon County: 265 food establishments, 19 schools, 17 public pools and spas,

 Storey County: 74 food establishments, 4 schools and 10 public pools and spas.

Advantages to this request include the adoption of consistent regulations in all four counties and enhanced local access by bringing the service closer to the residents. During the time this request is made, and if approved by the Interim Finance Committee, the Health Division has suggested a plan with Carson City to house a State Environmental Health Specialist with us during the six month waiting period. This serves a dual purpose of assisting with the transition of the program and possibly the employee.

Carson City and its county partners appreciate your consideration and hope we can count on your support.

Sincerely.

Lawrence A. Werner, P.E., P.L.S.

City Manager

Enclosures:

1. Letter from Lyon County manager, Jeff Page

2. Letter from Storey County manager, Pat Whitten

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Redevelopment Authority item. Supervisor McKenna seconded the motion. Mayor Crowell entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. Motion carried 4-1.

RECESS AND RECONVENE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (11:48:18) - Mayor Crowell recessed the Board of Supervisors at 11:48 a.m. and reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

26. CITY MANAGER - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF ON THE IMPACTS OF THE 2011 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET AND LEGISLATION THAT TRANSFERS SERVICES PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY THE STATE AND THE ASSESSMENTS AGAINST THE CITY FOR CERTAIN SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE STATE (2:01:48) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item. Mr. Werner provided an overview of the presentation and reviewed the agenda materials in conjunction with displayed slides. Mr. Werner, Mr. Munn, Finance Department Director Nick Providenti, and Health and Human Services Department Director Marena Works responded to questions of clarification, and discussion ensued, regarding the information outlined in Mr. Werner's June 29th memo included in the agenda materials.

Discussion took place regarding the WNC athletic and arts / theater programs. In response to a question, Supervisor Abowd advised that the Cultural Commission will be providing a report to the Board in the near future. Supervisor Walt noted the number of youth sports and performing arts programs in the community, and discussed the importance of WNC becoming involved as a partner "so that we're all surviving together." Mayor Crowell agreed. Supervisor McKenna suggested that any performing arts center built in the community should be done in partnership with WNC and the School District.

Mr. Werner and Mr. Providenti reviewed a summary of the impacts and "four scenarios of a five-year plan," copies of which had been distributed to the Board members, City staff, and the citizens as late material. He and Mr. Providenti responded to corresponding questions of clarification, and extensive discussion ensued.

Supervisor McKenna expressed a preference for providing the subject information to the public to provide the opportunity for feedback. He requested to have the City's representatives "address us on why this happened and what we can do to mitigate it and what they'll do for us in the future to mitigate it if it's something that they're willing to do." He suggested having a meeting to "vote on what to do." He expressed no problem "raising taxes for this," but expressed concern over "voting for other projects," including the MAC, "spending more money, incurring more debt when we have no reserves. ... none of this creates reserves."

Supervisor Abowd discussed the importance of a sustainable community. She agreed with Supervisor McKenna's suggestion to provide the information to the public, but noted the time sensitivity of the matter. "We can take the input, assess it, and go from there." She noted the importance of a long-term vision for the benefit of the community.

Supervisor Aldean expressed appreciation for Sandi Hoover's coverage of the Board of Supervisors meetings, and suggested an open letter from the City Manager. She agreed with receiving input, but noted the importance of expedience relative to the subject matter. Mr. Werner advised of the urgency associated with meeting with the employee labor groups after receiving appropriate direction from the Board. Supervisor McKenna discussed his position on the subject information. Mayor Crowell discussed the importance of community sustainability and investment. Discussion took place regarding the appropriate

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action, and Supervisor Aldean discussed the importance of incorporating economic development into capital improvement projects.

Mr. Werner reviewed the Board's direction, as follows: Direction to pursue the assumption of state services, where appropriate; discuss and draft a letter regarding a transitional plan; start negotiations with the labor groups; and return to the Board with the beginning of the franchise fee process for further discussion. He advised that he would discuss with City staff the method by which to incorporate economic development into the capital projects. Supervisor McKenna commended City staff and the previous Board on financial decisions made in the past, but expressed concern over future changes. "There's not going to be anybody there to bail us out because we just bailed the state out." Mayor Crowell provided direction with regard to drafting the letter relative to the provisions of NRS 353, and a brief discussion followed.

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (4:07:04) Maurice White cautioned the Board against underestimating "the amount of heads in beds that the community college programs bring in through their sports. They bring a ton of people in here and they stay for multiple days." He expressed the opinion that if there isn't "at least one pretty major community meeting, this whole process of what you're trying to do will be clouded in a back room, smoky deal and we might not have room here in the Sierra Room, but we do have the pavilion ..." Mayor Crowell commented on no knowledge of any backroom deals, and noted the importance of creating dialogue with the community.

27. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NON-ACTION ITEMS:

STATUS REVIEW OF PROJECTS - None.

INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - None.

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - None.

STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (4:09:24) - Supervisor Abowd encouraged participation in the upcoming concert.

STAFF COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORT (4:09:56) - Public Works Department Director Andrew Burnham distributed to the Board members, City staff, and citizens present a status report on the Water System. In response to a comment, he advised that since the new budget year has started, "we can start filling pot holes again."

- 28. PUBLIC COMMENT (4:10:44) Mayor Crowell entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.
- 29. ACTION TO ADJOURN (4:11:09) Supervisor Aldean moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m. Supervisor Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the July 7, 2011 Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting are so approved this 4th day of August, 2011.

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ROBERT L. CROWELL, Mayor	ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder