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A regular meeting of the Carson City Board of Supervisors was scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2013 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert Crowell  
Supervisor Karen Abowd, Ward 1  
Supervisor Brad Bonkowski, Ward 2  
Supervisor John McKenna, Ward 3

**STAFF:** Larry Werner, City Manager  
Alan Glover, Clerk - Recorder  
Randal Munn, Chief Deputy District Attorney  
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

**NOTE:** A recording of these proceedings, the Board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the Clerk during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Clerk's Office, during regular business hours.

### **1 - 4. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

(8:32:02) - Mayor Crowell called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Mr. Glover called the roll; a quorum was present. Supervisor Shirk was absent. Mayor Crowell introduced St. Teresa's Catholic School Eighth Grade Class Vice President Margaret Rich and Secretary Alejandro Escobar. Mayor Crowell provided background information on the students' attendance, and thanked Jean Perpich for her donation to the WNC Wildcats. Mayor Crowell welcomed Ms. Perpich and St. Teresa's Catholic School Principal Chris Perdomo. Mayor Crowell invited Salvation Army Lieutenant Mark Cyr to provide the invocation. Mayor Crowell led the pledge of allegiance.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION** (8:36:05) - Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (8:36:17) In reference to the Downtown Carson Street Parking and Pedestrian Improvement Plan, Jed Block discussed the importance of compromise.

(8:37:41) Charlie Abowd discussed the importance of a comprehensive plan for the downtown, "to drive people from out of town to downtown Carson City to enjoy the fruits of what we have to offer; not just a parking plan. It has to have elements of pedestrian, bicycles, cars, small business; and then we have to have an aggressive campaign to help bring in ... small business to Carson City. Mr. Abowd commended the Northern Nevada Development Authority on "bring[ing] in the commercial aspect of this ..." He advised "we are already at 1972 levels for traffic flow. What do we have to lose if there is a plan?" Mayor Crowell thanked Mr. Abowd and Mr. Block for their community involvement. Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

**6. POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA** (8:35:25) - Mayor Crowell advised that he would be recessing the meeting following item 7(D), and that item 7(E) would be deferred until such time as Mr. Dunkelburger could be present. (8:45:21) Mayor Crowell entertained additional modifications to the agenda. At Mr. Werner's request, item 14 was deferred to a future meeting. Mayor Crowell entertained additional modifications and, when none were forthcoming, a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. **Supervisor Bonkowski moved to adopt the agenda, as amended. Supervisor McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

(10:44:05) Mayor Crowell modified the agenda to address items 13(A), (B), and (C) together.

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**7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

**7(A) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION COMMENDING HAROLD JACOBSEN**

(8:47:04) - At Mayor Crowell's request, the Board members and student guests convened at the podium. Mayor Crowell invited former Mayor Harold Jacobsen and his family members to join him at the podium. Mayor Crowell provided background information on this item, read into the record the language of the Proclamation included in the agenda materials, and presented the original Proclamation to Mr. Jacobsen. (8:50:07) Mr. Jacobsen reflected on his service as Carson City Mayor, and the accomplishments during his two terms. The Board members, City staff, and citizens present applauded.

**7(B) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 14 - 20, 2013** (8:54:20) - Mayor Crowell invited Phyllis Patton to the podium, and read into the record the Proclamation included in the agenda materials. Mayor Crowell presented Ms. Patton with the original Proclamation. (8:56:34) Ms. Patton advised that she was present instead of Library Director Sara Jones, who was committed to attending another meeting. Ms. Patton encouraged everyone to participate in National Library Week, and reviewed the schedule of activities. The Board members, City staff, and citizens present applauded.

**7(C) PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION FOR NEVADA MOVES DAY, APRIL 24, 2013** (8:58:23) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, invited Health and Human Services Department Director Marena Works and Western Regional Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator Cortney Bloomer to the podium, and read into the record the language of the Proclamation included in the agenda materials. (9:00:28) Ms. Bloomer provided background information on Nevada Moves Day, reviewed scheduled activities, and invited everyone to participate.

**7(D) PRESENTATION OF LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES** (9:01:34) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and reviewed the agenda materials. He presented length of service awards to Firefighter / Paramedic Curtis Baker for five years of continuous, dedicated service to Carson City; and Deputy Sheriff Terry Parodi for fifteen years continuous service. The Board members, City staff, and citizens present applauded. Mayor Crowell recessed the meeting at 9:03 a.m. and reconvened at 9:12 a.m.

**7(E) PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE, HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST SUPERVISOR BILL DUNKELBURGER** (10:26:57) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Open Space / Property Manager Juan Guzman requested Mr. Werner to reagendaize this item as Mr. Dunkelburger had been called away from the meeting.

**7(F) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF PROVOST CARMAN'S PROPOSAL TO MERGE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BIOTECHNOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, UNDER ONE DEAN** (9:12:22) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and welcomed University of Nevada, Reno President Marc Johnson to the podium. President Johnson provided background information on this item, and discussed the mission of the Cooperative Extension to "carry the results of our research out to the communities, interact with the communities, be fully engaged, ... answer questions from the community, and help the communities develop." He described implementation of various budget cuts throughout the University system over the past several years, and reviewed details of the subject proposal.

Mayor Crowell thanked President Johnson for his presentation. Supervisor Abowd inquired as to how the proposed merger will enhance the quality and the quantity of Cooperative Extension programs delivered

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to the local and rural counties. President Johnson discussed the “idea ... to have a very close connection ... [between] the Dean of the College of Agriculture on campus ...” and Cooperative Extension personnel. In reference to the number of talented Cooperative Extension personnel who have contributed a great deal to Carson City, Supervisor Abowd expressed concern that the proposed merger will involve layoffs. President Johnson advised “there will be no more layoffs,” and explained the function of the University’s “bridge fund.” He further advised “there are no more identified budget cuts to come and we have no intention of taking people out of the communities. Our intention is to be more planful [sic] in the way that we draw resources from the University campus and elsewhere for the [purpose] of serving the local communities. So we’re not drawing people out of here; we’re trying to bring more expertise to here.”

Supervisor Bonkowski thanked President Johnson for his presentation. In response to a question, President Johnson further clarified the synergy between the College of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension. In response to a further question, President Johnson discussed the importance of communication in improving University and Cooperative Extension effectiveness. He acknowledged that the College of Agriculture and Cooperative Extension budgets will remain separate. In response to a further question, he advised “we do not anticipate saving money in this move. This is not a cost-saving move. We’ve done our budget cutting. This is an effectiveness move where having people work more closely together in teams, across the three functions of the land grant university, can be more effective in communication and planful [sic] construction of teams to serve the needs of the community.” In response to a further question, President Johnson discussed collaborative efforts between the University of Nevada, Reno and area community colleges.

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (9:33:21) Vicky Fogelman, advised that she would speak “as a citizen of Carson City, a veterinarian, the 4-H leader for poultry, and a former military member ...” She discussed her “passion for cooperative extension and 4-H, in particular ...” She discussed her concern to “have the local people in place in those rural counties to assist the multitude of volunteers that we have working in areas of cooperative extension, particularly 4-H ..., where everyone is a volunteer. But if we don’t have that support, from the people that are on the ground, ... in the counties, it’s not going to work because volunteers can’t just do it alone ...” Ms. Fogelman pled with the Board, “no matter how we do it ... it be done with the outreach function as a prime focus, certainly in Northern Nevada.” Mayor Crowell thanked Ms. Fogelman for her community service.

(9:36:50) Marie Bresch and Jan Miller introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Bresch discussed her association with the Cooperative Extension since 1986, and advised that she had become involved with the Gardeners Reclaiming Our Waysides (“GROW”) organization “because of Cooperative Extension and Master Gardener Program. And GROW is the reason we have our beautiful, landscaped freeway and multi-use path in this City.” Ms. Bresch was uncertain as to the benefit of merging the Cooperative Extension with the College of Agriculture, and provided historic information with regard to the same. She expressed concern that “we’ll lose ... critical personnel and ... programs, such as “Living With Fire,” and things that are very important to our whole area.” She displayed a GROW brochure and offered to provide additional information through the Cooperative Extension office. Mayor Crowell thanked Ms. Bresch and Ms. Miller for their attendance and participation. President Johnson acknowledged that the College of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension were separate until the mid-1950s, consolidated from the mid-1950s to 1998, and then separated again in 1998.

(9:40:15) University of Nevada Regent Ron Knecht thanked the Cooperative Extension personnel and expressed his continued support. He thanked the Board members for their interest in the subject issue. He advised that he was not yet supportive of the proposed consolidation, and explained “that issue does not

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rise to the Board of Regents unless and until, in the budget process, we reach down and grasp it. So far, we haven't done that." Mr. Knecht discussed concerns relative to budget cuts at Western Nevada College.

Mayor Crowell discussed the importance of not favoring one jurisdiction over the other or "pitting north versus south in terms of how we do our education system." He "implore[d] everyone to say, '... we're Nevadans' and ... we pride ourselves on local control, to a degree, and you can't just dictate, from on high, what's going to happen at the local level. You need to have our input on those things and, you not only have to have our input but you need to respect that input." Mr. Knecht expressed complete agreement.

(9:54:22) Tom Baker introduced himself, provided background information on his state and community service, and read prepared remarks into the record. He requested the Board to oppose the proposed merger "for the good of our community and the good of the State of Nevada."

In response to a question, Mr. Werner provided an overview of the April 10, 2013 memo from Parks and Recreation Department staff which was included in the agenda materials.

(10:05:10) Harold Jacobsen expressed agreement with President Johnson's position and provided historic information on the Cooperative Extension.

(10:07:19) Open Space / Property Manager Juan Guzman thanked President Johnson for his presentation, and provided additional detail from the April 10, 2013 memo included in the agenda materials. He expressed grave concern that "this relationship that we presently enjoy will be lost; that the emphasis will change ..." He expressed appreciation for President Johnson's efforts "in trying to find efficiency and ... synergy; also in trying to figure out how to bring more expertise to us. However, there is a really broad concern that we're going to lose what we have and we really appreciate what we have."

(10:11:27) Dean and Director Emeritus of the Cooperative Extension Karen Hinton provided background information on her experience. She advised "there really was a difference being merged and Cooperative Extension being its own separate college." In response to a question, Ms. Hinton clarified that "how it's been described is one person presiding over the three functions, but it being in one combined college ..." She read prepared remarks into the record, and distributed to the Board members and the Clerk a graph demonstrating Cooperative Extension collaborations with every college of the University.

(10:19:36) Sarah Mercereau Adler, a member of the Cooperative Extension Advisory Committee, underscored Ms. Hinton's remarks. She discussed concerns relative to budget cuts and overlap.

(10:24:56) Cooperative Extension Educator JoAnne Skelly advised that the City allocates approximately \$155,000 to the Cooperative Extension. The last Cooperative Extension annual report demonstrated the in-kind and grant value returned to Carson City was estimated at \$1.5 million. "... that means that we have hundreds of thousands of face-to-face, phone, email, mailing contacts with the people of Carson City."

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment, and thanked the University of Nevada, Reno and Cooperative Extension representatives and the citizens for their attendance and participation. In response to a question, Mr. Werner offered to re-agendize the item for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA** (10:27:02) - Mayor Crowell entertained requests to hear items separate from the consent agenda. At Supervisor Bonkowski's request, he agreed to separately hear items 8-1 and 8-4. Mayor Crowell entertained additional requests and, when none were forthcoming, a motion to approve the

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consent agenda. **Supervisor McKenna moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of one item from Finance; one item from Purchasing and Contracts; one item from Fire; one item from the City Manager. Supervisor Bonkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**8-1. TREASURER - POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AND ACCEPT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF UNPAID ACCRUED LANDFILL FEES WITH CAPITAL DRYWALL, PURSUANT TO CITY POLICY REGARDING A NEGOTIATED COMPROMISE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00, IN SATISFACTION OF A \$5,195.00 LANDFILL AGREEMENT OBLIGATION (10:28:27) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item. In response to a question, Treasurer Al Kramer provided background information on the negotiated compromise. He acknowledged that the payment had been received, and emphasized the hope to never see another negotiated compromise. In response to a further question, he explained that contractors often have landfill accounts. At Supervisor Bonkowski's request, Mr. Werner agreed to return with information relative to the length of time account balances are allowed to accrue.**

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Supervisor Bonkowski moved to authorize and accept a negotiated settlement of unpaid, accrued landfill fees with Capital Drywall, pursuant to city policy, regarding a negotiated compromise, in the amount of \$2,500.00, in satisfaction of a \$5,195.00 landfill agreement obligation. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**8-2. FINANCE DEPARTMENT - POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF EACH FUND IN THE TREASURY AND THE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, THROUGH APRIL 9, 2013, PURSUANT TO NRS 251.030 AND NRS 354.290**

**8-3. PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS - POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE QUARTERLY SUMMARY REPORT OF ALL ACTIVE GRANTS MADE TO CARSON CITY AS WELL AS A LISTING OF ALL PENDING GRANTS**

**8-4. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AND APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND THE NEVADA TAHOE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING ASSISTANCE (10:34:17) - Mayor Crowell introduced this item. In response to a question, Mr. Werner explained the Community Support Services Grant process associated with the subject item. Mayor Crowell entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. Supervisor Bonkowski moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-R-18, and approve an interlocal agreement, between Carson City and the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, for the purpose of providing stormwater management planning support. Supervisor McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**8-5. FIRE DEPARTMENT - POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE CARSON CITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A STATE OF NEVADA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INTERMODAL PLANNING / TRANSIT SECTION GRANT, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$44,300**

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**8-6. CITY MANAGER - POSSIBLE ACTION TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL OF BILLS AND OTHER REQUESTS FOR PAYMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER, FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 12, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 8, 2013**

**ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER ITEMS**

**9. ANY ITEM(S) PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME** - Please see the minutes for items 8-1 and 8-4.

**10. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, BETWEEN THE CARSON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (“CAMPO”), REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (“RTC”), AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (“BOS”), WHICH DEFINES THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH BODY IN TRANSPORTATION-RELATED MATTERS IN CARSON CITY (10:35:40)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Transportation Manager Patrick Pittenger reviewed the agenda materials. He noted the erratum sheet, submitted as late material. Mayor Crowell entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming. In response to a question, Mr. Pittenger clarified the purpose of the subject agreement is to simply detail the relationship between the three bodies.

Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. **Supervisor Abowd moved to approve an amended interlocal cooperative agreement between the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (“CAMPO”), Regional Transportation Commission (“RTC”), and the Board of Supervisors, which defines the roles and responsibilities of each body in transportation-related matters in Carson City. Supervisor Bonkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**11. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BUILDING DIVISION - POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT, ON SECOND READING, BILL NO. 106, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 15, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, CHAPTER 15.05, BUILDING CODE, SECTION 15.05.020, ADOPTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BUILDING CODES, BY ADOPTING THE 2012 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE, UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE, UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE, AND INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING POOL AND SPA CODE, THE 2011 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, THE 2012 NORTHERN NEVADA AMENDMENTS, THE 2011 NORTHERN NEVADA ENERGY CODE AMENDMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO (10:39:10)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item, and Planning Division Director Lee Plemel acknowledged no revisions or comments since introduction, on first reading. Mr. Plemel advised that Chief Building Official Kevin Gattis was attending a training session. Mayor Crowell advised of having talked with Builders Association of Western Nevada Government Affairs Director Sheena Shrum who expressed continued support.

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Supervisor Abowd moved to adopt, on second reading, Bill No. 106, an ordinance amending the Carson City Municipal Code, Title 15, Buildings and Construction, Chapter 15.05 Building Code, Section 15.05.020, Adoption and Administration of Building Codes, by adopting the 2012 Editions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Mechanical Code,**

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**Uniform Mechanical Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Existing Building Code, and International Swimming Pool and Spa Code; the 2011 Edition of the National Electric Code; the 2012 Northern Nevada Amendments; the 2011 Northern Nevada Energy Code Amendments; and other matters properly related thereto, effective September 1, 2013. Supervisor McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**12. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PLANNING DIVISION - POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (“HUD”) APPROVAL OF THE CARSON CITY 2013 - 14 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) AND TO FORWARD THE PLAN TO HUD (10:41:06) -** Mayor Crowell introduced and provided an overview of this item. Planning Division Director Lee Plemel reviewed the agenda materials, and advised of having received no public comment during the 30-day comment period. He responded to questions of clarification relative to the final CDBG budget.

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Supervisor Bonkowski moved to recommend to the Department of Housing and Urban Development approval of the Carson City 2013 - 14 Annual Action Plan to implement programs associated with the Community Development Block Grant and to forward the plan to HUD.** Following a suggestion by Supervisor Abowd, Supervisor Bonkowski agreed to amend his motion to indicate approval, based on the funding allocated, and agreement with the decreased funding, as proposed. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**13. FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**13(A) POSSIBLE ACTION TO INTRODUCE, ON FIRST READING, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF ITS “CARSON CITY, NEVADA GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS (ADDITIONALLY SECURED BY PLEDGED REVENUES), SERIES 2013A,” FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COST OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY; RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN TOWARD ISSUING THE PROPOSED BONDS, AND EFFECTING THE PURPOSE OF THEIR ISSUANCE; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; 13(B) POSSIBLE ACTION TO INTRODUCE, ON FIRST READING, AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATED BY THE SHORT TITLE “2013B V&T REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE;” AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF ITS NEGOTIABLE “CARSON CITY, NEVADA GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) V&T RECREATION REFUNDING BONDS (ADDITIONALLY SECURED BY GROSS PLEDGED REVENUES), SERIES 2013B,” FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING THE FORM, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF THE BONDS, AND OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ANNUAL GENERAL (AD VALOREM) TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; ADDITIONALLY SECURING THEIR PAYMENT BY A PLEDGE OF REVENUES DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND BY A PLEDGE OF CERTAIN LICENSE TAXES AND ROOM TAXES FIXED AND IMPOSED BY CARSON CITY; PROVIDING OTHER COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS, AND DETAILS AND MAKING OTHER PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE BONDS, SUCH FACILITIES, THE GENERAL TAX PROCEEDS, AND THE REVENUES PLEDGED FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS; RATIFYING ACTION**

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**PREVIOUSLY TAKEN TOWARD ISSUING THE PROPOSED BONDS; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; and 13(C) POSSIBLE ACTION TO INTRODUCE, ON FIRST READING, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, BY THE CITY, OF ITS “CARSON CITY, NEVADA GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) PARK REFUNDING BONDS (ADDITIONALLY SECURED BY PLEDGED REVENUES), SERIES 2013C,” FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFINANCING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS PREVIOUSLY ISSUED FOR PARKS, TRAILS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES; RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN TOWARD ISSUING THE PROPOSED BONDS, AND EFFECTING THE PURPOSE OF THEIR ISSUANCE; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO (10:44:08) - Mayor Crowell introduced these items, and Finance Department Director Nick Providenti reviewed the agenda materials. Bond Counsel Jennifer Stern and Mr. Providenti responded to questions of clarification regarding the provisions of the bonds. In response to a further question, Mr. Providenti estimated that the 2013A bonds will be paid off in 2030.**

**Mayor Crowell entertained a motion for item 13(A). Supervisor McKenna moved to introduce, on first reading, Bill No. 107, an ordinance authorizing the issuance by the City of its “Carson City, Nevada General Obligation (Limited Tax) Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues), Series 2013A,” for the purpose of financing the cost of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the City; ratifying action previously taken toward issuing the proposed bonds and effecting the purpose of their issuance; and providing other matters related thereto. Supervisor Abowd seconded the motion. Mayor Crowell entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming. Supervisor McKenna thanked Ms. Rich and Mr. Escobar for their participation, noting they would be the ones “to pay for these bonds.” Mayor Crowell called for a vote on the pending motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Mayor Crowell entertained a motion for item 13(B). Supervisor Abowd moved to introduce, on first reading, Bill No. 108, an ordinance designated by the short title, “2013B V&T Refunding Bond Ordinance;” authorizing the issuance by the City of its negotiable “Carson City, Nevada General Obligation (Limited Tax) V&T Recreation Refunding Bonds (Additionally Secured by Gross Pledged Revenues), Series 2013B,” for the purpose of financing the costs of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the City; providing the form, terms, and conditions of the bonds, and other details in connection therewith; providing for the levy and collection of annual general (ad valorem) taxes for the payment thereof; additionally securing their payment by a pledge of revenues derived from the operation of certain recreational facilities and by a pledge of certain license taxes and room taxes fixed and imposed by Carson City; providing other covenants, agreements, and details, and making other provisions concerning the bonds, such facilities, the general tax proceeds, and the revenues pledged for the payment of such bonds; ratifying action previously taken toward issuing the proposed bonds; providing other matters relating thereto; and providing the effective date hereof. 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 4-0.**

**Mayor Crowell entertained a motion for item 13(C). Supervisor Bonkowski moved to approve, on first reading, Bill No. 109, an ordinance authorizing the issuance, by the City of its “Carson City, Nevada General Obligation (Limited Tax) Park Refunding Bonds (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues), Series 2013C,” for the purpose of refinancing certain outstanding bonds previously issued for parks, trails, and recreational facilities; ratifying action previously taken toward issuing the proposed bonds, and effecting the purpose of their issuance; and providing other matters relating**

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thereto. Supervisor McKenna seconded the motion Mayor Crowell entertained discussion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**14. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**14(A) POSSIBLE ACTION TO FIND THAT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9, SECTION 9.04.040 - PERMITS, APPROVALS, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS, TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE, UPDATE FEE LANGUAGE, ADD FEES FROM TITLE 12 INTO TITLE 9, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO, DOES IMPOSE A DIRECT AND SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BURDEN ON A BUSINESS OR DIRECTLY RESTRICT THE FORMATION, OPERATION, OR EXPANSION OF A BUSINESS; THAT A BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED, ACCEPTED, AND IS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; AND THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT HAVE BEEN MET -** Deferred.

**14(B) POSSIBLE ACTION TO INTRODUCE, ON FIRST READING, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 9, HEALTH AND WELFARE, CHAPTER 9.04 - HEALTH DIVISION PERMITS AND FEE SCHEDULE, AMENDING SECTION 9.04.010 - DEFINITIONS, TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND DEFINITIONS AND ADD A DEFINITION OF INVENTORY, AMENDING SECTION 9.04.020 - PERMITS REQUIRED, UPDATING THE LANGUAGE OF THE SECTION TO CLARIFY THE TYPE OF HEALTH PERMITS THAT ARE ISSUED, AMENDING SECTION 9.04.030 - DUTIES OF THE PERMIT HOLDER, TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE, AMENDING SECTION 9.04.040 - PERMITS, APPROVALS, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS, TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE UPDATE, UPDATE FEE LANGUAGE, ADD FEES FROM TITLE 12 INTO TITLE 9, AMENDING SECTION 9.04.050 - REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION, TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE, AMENDING SECTION 9.04.060 - PENALTIES, ADDITION OF LANGUAGE FROM SECTION 9.04.065, DELETING SECTION 9.04.065 - ADDITIONAL FEES, DELETING SECTION 9.04.070 - SEVERABILITY, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO -** Deferred.

**14(C) POSSIBLE ACTION TO FIND THAT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, CHAPTER 9.05 - FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, UPDATING THE LANGUAGE OF THE SECTION TO UPDATE INSPECTION FREQUENCIES AND BY AMENDING THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS AND BY UPDATING MOBILE UNIT REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO, DOES NOT IMPOSE A DIRECT AND SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BURDEN ON A BUSINESS OR DIRECTLY RESTRICT THE FORMATION, OPERATION, OR EXPANSION OF A BUSINESS; THAT A BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED, ACCEPTED, AND IS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; AND THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT HAVE BEEN MET -** Deferred.

**14(D) POSSIBLE ACTION TO INTRODUCE, ON FIRST READING, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARSON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 9, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, CHAPTER 9.05 - FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, UPDATING THE LANGUAGE OF THE SECTION TO UPDATE INSPECTION FREQUENCIES, AND BY AMENDING THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS, AND BY UPDATING MOBILE UNIT REQUIREMENTS, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO -** Deferred.

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**15. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

**LEGISLATIVE MATTERS (10:56:11)** - Mayor Crowell advised that the Assembly passed the bill to preserve the Nevada State Prison. He further advised that AB 312 would be heard today. He expressed the view that said bill “would substantially alter the manner in which our Charter Review Committee and process is done.” Supervisor Bonkowski expressed the understanding that the Silver Plume bill is expected to pass, and expressed an interest in quantifying the financial impacts for discussion at a future Board meeting. He advised of having expressed opposition to the bill at yesterday’s legislative hearing. Mayor Crowell advised that the City’s opposition to AB 312 had also been expressed. He further advised that SB 486 was also passed, and provided an overview of its effect on ward voting in Carson City. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Bonkowski advised that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board sent a combined letter to California Senator Pavli, expressing their concerns at the prospect of the formation of a California-side TRPA, as proposed in SB 630 in the California Legislature. Supervisor Bonkowski noted the implications for Carson City. Mr. Werner advised of a couple pending bills, the details of which will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

**STATUS REVIEW OF PROJECTS**

**INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (11:02:58)** - Mr. Werner reminded the Board members of the special meeting scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**STATUS REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (11:03:42)** - Supervisor Abowd reviewed the interview schedule relative to the new Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Director.

**STAFF COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS**

**RECESS AND RECONVENE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (11:04:05)** - Mayor Crowell recessed the meeting at 11:04 a.m. He welcomed Ms. Rich and Mr. Escobar to return for the 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. sessions. Mayor Crowell reconvened the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

**16. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - POSSIBLE ACTION ON PRESENTATION OF A RATE ANALYSIS BY FCS GROUP, RATE CONSULTANTS, REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF (2:03:48)** - Mayor Crowell introduced this item and Public Works Department Director Andy Burnham introduced FCS Group Principal Karyn Johnson and Senior Analyst Krista Shirley. At Supervisor McKenna’s request, Mr. Burnham discussed the significance of the presentation relative to future charges and the City’s capital and revenue needs. He provided an overview of FCS Group’s compilation and analysis of the City’s data.

(2:05:15) Ms. Johnson narrated the PowerPoint presentation, copies of which were provided to the Board members and the Clerk prior to introduction of the subject item. Ms. Johnson, Mr. Werner, and Mr. Burnham responded to questions of clarification, and discussion took place, throughout the presentation. Mayor Crowell recessed the meeting at 3:48 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Johnson continued narrating the PowerPoint presentation, and additional discussion followed.

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Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (4:55:24) Dwight Millard discussed uncertainty as to the reason for including multi-family residential in the commercial rate structure, and expressed the opinion that “the apartment house person that’s using the water domestically ... should pay the same amount.” He pointed out that almost all apartment houses have two meters, one for the domestic use and one for the commercial landscaping. He expressed the opinion that, “historically, ... the water use by an apartment unit has been ... documented to be exactly one half of that of a single family residence. That’s how we ... got to where the hook up fees were.” He discussed a preference to reinstitute hookup fees. In response to a question, extensive discussion took place to clarify the rate study recommendations relative to multi-family residential.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, Board member comments. In response to a comment, Mr. Burnham discussed the method by which implementation will be phased. Supervisor McKenna expressed a preference to review scenarios for “zero depreciation funding and ten year depreciation funding.” He commended the study but expressed concern that a sufficient number of the customer base was not present to comment. Discussion followed, and Mayor Crowell requested staff to bring back scenarios C and D. Additional discussion took place with regard to reinstating connection fees. Supervisor Bonkowski expressed a preference to divide large commercial into “large commercial manufacturing” and another category to include the prison. In consideration of connection fees, he expressed the opinion that large multi-family residential and high water use manufacturing should be protected. Additional discussion followed.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, Supervisor Bonkowski thanked Ms. Johnson and City staff for their presentation.

**RECESS AND RECONVENE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** - Mayor Crowell recessed the meeting and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

**17. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE DOWNTOWN CARSON STREET PARKING AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO REDUCE TRAVEL LANES FROM FOUR TO TWO AND STRIPE PARKING SPACES ON CARSON STREET, GENERALLY BETWEEN FIFTH STREET AND ANN STREET** - Mayor Crowell announced that Supervisor Shirk was absent due to his attendance at his daughter’s graduation from U.S. Navy bootcamp. Mayor Crowell introduced the subject item, and provided direction with regard to the format for public comment.

(6:35:58) Planning Division Director Lee Plemel provided an overview of staff’s presentation, in conjunction with displayed slides. (6:53:32) City Engineer Jeff Sharp commended Mr. Plemel’s presentation, and oriented the Board members and staff to the project area boundaries, in conjunction with displayed slides. He reviewed details of the conceptual plan which was displayed in the meeting room. (6:58:33) Transportation Manager Patrick Pittenger advised of having evaluated the proposed project, from a transportation perspective, for the past several years. He reviewed details of 2006 and 2011 Travel Demand Models, and responded to questions of clarification regarding traffic counts on Carson Street. In response to a question, Mr. Werner advised that Fire Department and Sheriff’s Office personnel have advised that response times may increase, but “not to the point that you totally put the community at risk.” In response to a further question, Mr. Pittenger advised that NDOT is currently working on the freeway phasing plan. Mr. Pittenger and Mr. Sharp responded to additional questions of clarification regarding traffic volumes, traffic queuing, signal timing, and a no-parking section on the east side of Carson Street between Fifth and Musser Streets. In response to a further question, Mr. Pittenger discussed the ongoing

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evaluation process if the project is accomplished. Mr. Pittenger and Mr. Sharp responded to questions regarding costs associated with constructing the project and with removing it.

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (7:28:21) Doreen Mack introduced herself for the record, and read a prepared statement into the record. In response to a question, she provided background information on her downtown business, and discussed the 20-20 Vision group's mission to strengthen the downtown core.

(7:38:20) Darrell Reedy, owner of Arby's, described a petition which had been submitted to the Planning Division. He discussed opposition to narrowing Carson Street in consideration of the impacts to his and other, similar businesses as a result of a reduction in traffic counts. He responded to questions of clarification.

(7:47:31) Carson Nugget General Manager Star Anderson advised that the Carson Nugget remains neutral on the question. "... if a good plan comes up that is written and we feel like it's something we can stand behind and something we believe in; if it's not, we remain neutral. We are here to help the community."

(7:48:40) Ron Allen advised that he was born and raised in Carson City, and expressed the belief that "those islands are a detriment. Those should go away and that you could still have one lane each direction and a turn lane and some parking. And you could still probably even widen the sidewalks a little bit."

(7:51:52) Bill Horn, of the Carson Mail Depot, objected to the proposal in consideration of the lack of "a large pedestrian population." In response to a question, he expressed the belief that "Carson City needs traffic to generate business to generate tax revenues." He expressed confusion over "how reducing the traffic to an area will bring more pedestrians ... because if people aren't willing to go to adequate parking ... but if you shunt them off Stewart Street, Roop Street and so on, ... we don't have a destination yet. We don't have a reason yet for people to be in the downtown area." He suggested that "if the business group in downtown is as dynamic as they say they are ..., they will bring the traffic in first."

In response to previous comments, Mr. Pittenger clarified the forecast reduction in traffic. "As was indicated previously, this project ... by itself, would result in a decrease of traffic on Carson Street of about 35 percent. If this project is not implemented and the freeway is completed, that by itself, would result in about a 19 percent decrease in traffic. ... The cumulative effect is about a 42 percent decrease if this project is implemented and when the freeway is completed."

(8:03:16) John Rutledge, of Rutledge Law Center, characterized previous comments as fearful. "Rather than changing their business model and approach to doing business, they're choosing to wish for folklore, wish for what if." He noted the certainty that "the freeway will be finished ... and when it [is], the traffic count reduction will occur." He suggested that "we should behave more proactively and intelligently instead of emotionally and regressively." In reference to his travels, he expressed the opinion that "you would find very few, if any," of the towns which have implemented "these street diets, ... have even a smidgen of regret." He further suggested that "so many of the reactions here are based upon lack of information."

(8:05:38) Linda Barnett discussed a recent experience traveling from the north side of town to Red's Old Highway 395 Grill, and advised that she will not drive through downtown "if you're going to slow traffic down." She suggested methods by which to draw people downtown, and displayed photographs she had taken the previous day.

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(8:09:17) Jim Phelan, of High Sierra Brewing Company and Firkin & Fox, advised of having lived in Carson City since 1989 and described various alternate routes to avoid construction on Carson Street. He further advised that he is a member of the 20-20 Vision group, and expressed support for the proposed project. He suggested attaching a “timetable” to removal of the medians, “try[ing] to get to the diagonal parking,” installing “entrance gates at the south end and the north end entrance[s] to downtown.” He expressed the opinion that the proposed project will generate “creativity for the other businesses.” He agreed with previous comments relative to the importance of attracting people to the downtown. He disagreed with previous comments relative to “more time to think about this,” noting that “it’s been since 2006. He further disagreed that the proposed project represents “an experiment,” noting that “there have been dozens and dozens of cities that have done this and have been successful.” He expressed strong support for the proposed project, and offered his assistance. In response to a question, he discussed the concept of a “bid district,” ideas for downtown events, and traffic counts. Mr. Pittenger responded to questions of clarification regarding traffic counts and routes. Supervisor McKenna offered the assistance of the Rotary Club, and thanked Mr. Phelan.

(8:24:26) Victor Honein, owner of the Arco station, discussed the importance of timing and expressed the opinion that “eventually, one day, narrowing Carson Street and downtown will be the right idea. Not today, not tomorrow, but someday, it will be the right step.” He discussed reasons for narrowing streets, including congested traffic, pedestrian safety, and the lack of parking, and suggested that Carson Street has none of these problems. He commended the concept behind the proposed project, but reiterated, “it’s not the right timing.” He discussed the importance of “mak[ing] downtown a destination.” In response to a question, Mr. Pittenger reviewed information regarding vehicle destinations. Supervisor Abowd reviewed statistical information compiled by Linda Ritter for the week ending April 13, 2013.

(8:36:37) Michael Johnson advised that he had moved to Carson City within the last two years and works at Northern Nevada Coin. He discussed ideas for various events to draw people to downtown Carson City, and expressed concern with regard to the impact of the proposed project on emergency services response times. He responded to questions of clarification.

(8:45:38) Heather Cooney expressed support for the proposed project and for making downtown Carson City a destination. She described the redevelopment project accomplished in her former hometown of Livermore, California, noting that the “first thing they did was re-route Highway 84, restricted commercial traffic, because it used to have semis, reduced the traffic lanes down to one in each direction, and provided on-street parking. Minor beautification projects were taken on by the businesses themselves, not by the City, and new downtown traditions were born. And the rest is history.” Ms. Cooney described the Livermore, California project as “a tremendous transformation.” She stated, “According to a visual preference survey, conducted for the New Jersey Department of Transportation, one of the attributes that significantly affects how people view main streets includes the number of travel lanes with streets having more than two lanes being perceived as having higher speeds even if they’re not, ... longer crossing distances, and being generally less attractive.” Ms. Cooney suggested no reason to “reinvent the wheel; ... research has already been done. The reports have already been done, the statistics are already in. There are charts and graphs and they’ve tied it all up with a bow and given it to us, ... but we’re choosing not to look at it.” She stated, “Reducing through-traffic on ... any main street is a tried and true step to driving people, not cars, to downtown Carson City.” She acknowledged the existence of fear and opposition in consideration of the unknown outcome, but pointed out that “the research supports that we’re going to be thrilled.”

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(8:52:37) Tom Johnson thanked the Board of Supervisors for scheduling the public meeting, and advised that he owns several buildings in the downtown area and has participated in various redevelopment groups since the mid-1980s. He expressed support for the proposed project, stating, "We've reached our goal. The goal was simple. We recognized a beautiful downtown area, ... but, one problem, we had a U.S. freeway, really, going right through the middle of town." Mr. Johnson reviewed historic information on the progress of the freeway and the resulting reduction in traffic. He advised that the goal has always been to create a "pedestrian-friendly place for people to come. ... The last part of that ... is to get the City back in charge of that section of [Highway] 395 so we can make our own decisions about what can be done. ... All those components ... [are] all here." He noted "in all that time, there's never been a group like this put together of downtown business people, merchants, property owners that are so excited ... and want to see this thing happen." Mr. Johnson urged the Board to approve the proposed project, and provided Mr. Werner with a letter.

(8:56:05) Bob Lamkin, of Bob's Shell Station, advised that "gas sales, since 2007, are down six million gallons a year in Carson City. We collect ten cents a gallon, so that's \$600,000 ... we've lost since the freeway opened." Mr. Lamkin advised of having talked with nine service station owners along Carson Street, and reviewed tax revenue figures collected. "If the traffic goes off 35 percent, that's \$150,000 more dollars gone in taxes. If it goes off 50 percent, that's \$250,000, and that's not this year. That will be every year." Mr. Lamkin expressed concern over diverting traffic to Nevada, Division, and Mountain Streets. He responded to questions of clarification, and discussed concerns over decreased traffic resulting in decreased revenues to the businesses and to the City. He expressed the opinion "there's not one thing that the 20 - 20 group couldn't do and Carson City couldn't do by leaving the street like it is ..."

(9:03:10) June Joplin, owner of Comma Coffee, expressed agreement with Heather Cooney's comments. She compared the downtown to a heart which, when healthy, extends health to the rest of the body. She encouraged the Board to "take a holistic, organic look at it," and suggested the logic of the proposed project even without knowing "all the dotted i's and crossed t's before you start." She encouraged the Board to "take a step."

(9:08:26) Roy Semmens advised of having discussed the proposed project during his service as a Planning Commissioner. Consensus, at the time, was to "table it until the freeway got done so that we could get the major vehicles off Carson Street." He expressed concern over "a public safety issue with having vehicles parked in front of the store." He expressed opposition to implementing the proposed project until the freeway project is complete.

(9:11:19) Mark Schmidt, of Carson Jewelry and Loan, expressed understanding for the concerns associated with "a road diet." He discussed the benefits of the proposed project, including fewer traffic accidents due to slower traffic, new businesses, increased property values, and an increase in community pride. "Nobody ever really wants to go on a diet, but everybody really loves the results that a good diet can bring."

(9:15:00) Maurice White suggested that the central issue is "whether [the proposed project] is appropriate at this time." He questioned the safety concerns associated with Carson Street, and related information compiled from a day he spent observing traffic on Carson Street. He suggested "narrowing the four lanes to the absolute minimum width that we can get by with, add a bike path in each direction. That will give you the buffer for the pedestrians." He further suggested "dressing up the east / west streets within this corridor. Fix the sidewalks, do some painting, and put in some lights." He expressed support for removing the Carson Street fence.

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(9:22:22) Dana Lee Friend, Horseshoe Casino Marketing Director, provided background information on her work experience and advised that she is a member of the 20 - 20 Vision Group. She read the group's mission statement into the record. As a former fire fighter, she advised that emergency responders would be the first to oppose such a project in consideration of risk to life and safety. She further advised that the Horseshoe Casino is the official site for the Poker Run and Lunch Stop activities scheduled for the Street Vibrations event. She provided historic information on the event, and described various other activities. She encouraged the Board to support the proposed project and reiterated the 20 - 20 Vision Group's offer of assistance.

(9:32:38) In response to a question, Horseshoe Club Owner Jeannette Kelly provided background information on her residence and experience in Carson City. She read a prepared statement into the record, and expressed the belief that the proposed project would increase the Horseshoe's business. She advised that the Horseshoe Club "rel[ies] on the locals."

(9:36:33) Steve McIntyre, manager of the South Carson Street AM / PM expressed no objection to "helping businesses in Carson City," and the opinion that the Board's "job is to help all the businesses in Carson City, not the 49 downtown." He expressed the further opinion that impacts to the businesses "from the hospital to the new freeway" should be considered. He expressed the further opinion that the proposed project should only be considered upon completion of the freeway. He encouraged the Board to "get it right the first time. Don't cause the other businesses to lose more business to help a few. Help these guys promote downtown. ... all of us that are on the outskirts want everybody to survive. Everybody survives, everybody's happy."

(9:39:31) Darrin Berger, a local architect, advised that he is a fourth generation Carson City native and provided background information on his family's residence and property ownership. He discussed the benefits of the proposed project, and expressed a preference for "get[ting] past this discussion and ... talk about widening the sidewalk, planting street trees ..." He further discussed the importance of attracting young professionals with families to Carson City, and described the prime location of his current office space in the heart of downtown.

(9:46:17) Bruce Kittess suggested allocating redevelopment funding to the 20 - 20 Vision Group for downtown events.

(9:47:28) Jeff Moser advised that he had recently become a member of the 20 - 20 Vision Group, discussed the importance of the downtown area as a "public space, ... not just a corridor that we need to drive through." Mr. Moser further advised that he was speaking on behalf of Muscle Powered, and advised that he is a "full-time bicycle and walking commuter." He pointed out that he is "traffic too. [He's] on a bike, [he's] walking, [he's] traffic, [he's] downtown spending money ..." He discussed safety issues associated with the four lanes on Carson Street and NDOT's Zero Fatalities campaign. He suggested that the City also adopt a zero fatalities policy. He expressed support for the proposed project in consideration of bicycle and pedestrian safety, and expressed the opinion that removal of the fencing will improve bicycle and pedestrian safety. He advised of having promoted bicycle tourism over the past several years, and discussed the Muscle Powered's trail building efforts. He encouraged the Board's support of the proposed project.

(9:52:46) Fred Jones expressed support for the proposed project, and suggested installing appropriate signage.

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(9:54:10) Steve Brown, Owner of Carson Cigar Company and former owner of Cactus Jack's Casino, discussed his involvement with downtown redevelopment since 1988. He suggested that the real issue is "what we want downtown Carson City to be. ... downtown Carson City should be the cultural, historical, civic, and governmental center of the City and the State. That's it. And this is only one of many things that need to be done to make it that way." He expressed support for the proposed project, and encouraged the Board of Supervisors to approve it in consideration of vision.

(9:59:09) Mark Beauchamp, of Shaheen - Beauchamp Builders, suggested that the lane reduction will result in redistribution of traffic and that completion of the freeway will result in lost traffic. Mr. Pittenger acknowledged the accuracy of the statement. Mr. Beauchamp suggested that redistribution of traffic could benefit other businesses around town. He disagreed with comparing the proposed lane reduction to the traffic issues normally associated with construction. He expressed support for the proposed project.

(10:02:08) Maziar Majuby, owner of Sharam's Fine Persian Rugs, advised of having operated his store for the past ten years. He expressed support for the proposed project, and a desire to "see this City come out of survival mode and go into expansion ... and thriving mode. ... survival mode doesn't make anybody happy. Nobody is ever happy surviving so why continue wanting to survive rather than thrive?" He commended the Board of Supervisors on their leadership.

(10:03:20) Sheriff Ken Furlong advised that the Board's decision on the subject item "does not affect the Sheriff's Department whatsoever." He further advised that the Sheriff's Office "is very, very neutral on this. If you build it, we'll get to it."

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, Supervisor McKenna reviewed public comment relative to this item which was offered earlier in the day. He expressed concern over "divid[ing] the town by pitting one group of businesses against another," and the opinion that "this is a Pony Express Pavilion type of plan." Supervisor McKenna moved that the fence be removed from Carson City and that Carson Street remain four lanes until the freeway is finished; additionally, direct the City Manager to create a budget that would reserve sufficient funds to be available to allow for the reconstruction of the area on Carson Street, between William and Fifth, in a manner described in the master plan when the freeway is completed. Motion died for lack of a second.

Supervisor Abowd expressed support for the entire Envision Carson City plan "as it was drawn up and worked on in 2006." She expressed a preference "to have an in-road to get there and ... [for] staff to review what is possible within the outline of that plan so that we can move forward on our downtown and what needs to happen." She expressed a further preference to explore, "as a Board, the eighth of a cent sales tax because the reason ... for the BID formation is to get government out of redevelopment. ... Redevelopment doesn't have any money for any of this and, with property values going down, there is no tax increment to draw from." Supervisor Abowd expressed concern over waiting until the freeway is completed, and a preference to "see every business in this town, including the gas stations and the fast food places, survive; but we have to have a plan to go forward." She expressed a preference to apply the eighth cent sales tax revenues "to the entire City so every quadrant can succeed and that these BIDs work forward towards ... a match program ..." She reiterated the preference to consider the whole plan, and requested staff to return to the Board within 90 days "with various points outlined; [for] the City Manager to look at the capital plan in terms of what we can do for events on Capitol grounds, and also what we can do for ... taking back some property on our main street."

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Supervisor Bonkowski read a list of terms and phrases used by both proponents and opponents to the proposed project, including “something’s wrong; work together; vision; need a plan; public input; destination; time table; timing; change; experience; adapt; appropriate; get it right; redevelopment; and steps.” He expressed the opinion that the proposed project represents “a step,” and a preference to see “the full plan and where this fits into that plan as a step.” He expressed agreement “that it needs to be done quickly; ... we should have input come back in the next 60 - 90 days.” He expressed the opinion “it’s critical that the public have buy-in and input into this process.” He expressed a preference for “public workshops or charettes that look at the 2006 master plan and update it so that it’s appropriate for today. ... When that is updated with the public’s help so we get the public buy-in, that we break it down into steps that can be implemented and measured so that we can adapt this plan moving forward if there’s a step that doesn’t work and also so that we can afford the steps and implement the steps. ... it does us no good to go through this process again and again and again and then put it on the shelf and not implement it.” He suggested that the “grand proposals in the 2006 plan” can be reduced to “smaller steps so that we can accomplish them, set out the time table, measure those steps and, if they’re not successful, change them. If they are successful, build on them.” Supervisor Bonkowski noted the importance of the “public buy-in from both sides of this.” He suggested that the similar terms and phrases used by both opponents and proponents of the project indicate “there’s not as much disagreement here as we may think; that the parties can work together and it seems to be a matter of ... talking through the issues and figuring out what we do, when we do it, how we do it.”

Mayor Crowell expressed appreciation for the engagement of the business community in the process, and for Supervisor Bonkowski’s comments. He suggested finding a way to harness the energy “to bring people together,” and expressed agreement with “doing something within 60 to 90 days.” Mayor Crowell commended the citizens for their attendance and participation.

Mr. Werner discussed the importance of the direction for the project coming from the citizens and the Board of Supervisors. He emphasized the City’s role to participate, facilitate, provide expertise, and funding “to some extent.”

Mayor Crowell entertained public comment from Linda Ritter. (10:14:28) Ms. Ritter advised of having volunteered to assist downtown businesses in creating a business improvement district. She explained the process to develop an overall plan.

Mayor Crowell entertained a motion. Supervisor Abowd moved to incorporate and analyze the Envision Carson City 2006 plan with the 20 - 20 Vision mission statement, presented at this meeting; how much can be accomplished and in what priority to move forward on the City’s downtown plan. Motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Crowell entertained a motion, and discussion followed. Mayor Crowell suggested the following direction to staff: to work with the downtown businesses, project proponents and opponents, to develop a plan to implement the 2006 Envision Master Plan; the plan should include narrowing the streets to two lanes, taking the fences down, in a step-by-step process, and how the plan will be implemented in terms of continued business involvement to ensure the step-by-step implementation process. The Board members concurred with the direction. Following additional discussion, **Supervisor Abowd moved to take the fence down right away. Supervisor Bonkowski seconded the motion.** Mayor Crowell entertained discussion on the motion. When no discussion was forthcoming, Mayor Crowell called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**18. PUBLIC COMMENT** (10:24:10) - Mayor Crowell entertained public comment. (10:24:23) In consideration of previous comments, Doreen Mack advised that the 20 - 20 Vision Group “has come

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together to form a group to support the downtown core.” In response to a question, Mayor Crowell suggested that the 20 - 20 Vision Group could represent a template for other business groups.

Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment. (10:25:47) Steve Brown provided background information on the purpose for forming the redevelopment district. In response to a comment, Supervisor Bonkowski explained his intent “to show everybody in the City that, if you have a group of people that are willing to stand up and get engaged, that they can create an example and a template for the other groups to follow that feel that they are not getting recognized.” Supervisor Bonkowski clarified he didn’t “expect anybody to be given anything. [He] expect[s] them to ... stand up, get engaged, and ... allow us to help them help themselves.” He advised of no interest in helping “somebody that just wants to complain,” and an interest in “helping somebody that’s going to be a participant and help move this City forward in a positive way.” Mr. Brown thanked Supervisor Bonkowski for the clarification. Supervisor Abowd noted the importance of each quadrant of the City identifying “who they’re going to be. Downtown knows who they want to be and ... that’s why they’re best geared to do this and, hopefully, they will set an example so the other quadrants can identify what they want to look like as well.”

(10:28:16) Dana Friend thanked the Board, and advised of a meeting scheduled with Linda Ritter. She thanked the Board for authorizing removal of the fence. Mayor Crowell entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

**19. ACTION TO ADJOURN** (10:29:02) - Mayor Crowell adjourned the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

The Minutes of the April 18, 2013 Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting are so approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2013.

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ROBERT L. CROWELL, Mayor

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ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder